



Hindus, who have lost their homes to an attack in Thakurpara of Rangpur on Friday, have breakfast in classroom of Brahmanpara Govt Primary School yesterday.

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Influential

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village chanting "Allahu Akbar". They torched several houses of the Hindus, vandalised others, looted their valuables and cattle.

A number of elders were also beaten up. About the Facebook post, Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of Rangpur police, said he sought help of IT experts to look into the matter. "How and where was the Facebook ID opened and who made the post? Everything will be investigated by the police," he said.

Around 60 people had been arrested until yesterday, said Zinnat Ali, officer-in-charge of Gangachara Police Station. A case was also filed with the police station accusing 2,000 people on Saturday.

Ziton Bala, mother of Tito Chandra Roy, said, "My son's name is Tito; people are telling me his name is Titu and it's not true."

Tito has been away from home for the last four years. He did not maintain contacts with his family members since he left home, said villagers.

He last visited his home seven months ago but left soon after. Since then, he has been traceless.

The Daily Star correspondent obtained a mobile phone number which was used for opening the Facebook ID around two months ago. The phone number was found unused and police could not verify who the number was registered to.

The owner of the Facebook account generally shared posts or uploaded screenshots of others' posts.

The Hindus of Thakurpara village are still in panic. Most are preferring to stay inside the village. They are having their meal at Brahmanpara Government Primary School.

Hired labours have already begun rebuilding their homes.

Meanwhile, Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan) organised a protest rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, demanding exemplary punishment of the people involved in the attack on the religious minority community in Rangpur.

Sujan members urged people to be united in resisting such attacks.

A tale of turkeys

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green vegetables including cabbage, varieties of spinach and hyacinth. I also give them poultry feed to increase their weight."

Native to the Americas, a one-year-old turkey can weigh up to 15 kilograms. The male is larger and more colourful than the female. Turkey meat has high protein value with a lower fat content than other poultry. As long as the meat is not overcooked and dry, the flavour is a little stronger and creamier than chicken.

"Turkeys can adapt to almost all environments," says Alauddin, "and the Bangladeshi climate is certainly favourable."

Without an established market for the bird, he currently sells most of his turkeys to another farmer in Dhaka. He also sells turkeys to various restaurants.

"The eggs and chicks I can sell to other small landholder farmers too," he says.

At the current time, Alauddin is able to sell each kilogram of turkey meat for Tk 600, while four eggs will fetch a similar amount. A pair of one-month-old chicks will sell for Tk 1,500 while at the age of six months a pair can sell for Tk 8,000.

"Turkey farming is easy and profitable," says the upazila agriculture officer in Sakhipur, Oakil Uddin. "Production costs are low and turkeys are hardy birds, with low susceptibility to disease. Many unemployed people in this area are showing great interest in Alauddin's farm."

Yet despite an increasing demand for turkey meat, the industry is growing slowly, in particular due to the lack of established markets and loan facilities. "I went to the bank for a loan to expand my farm," says Alauddin, "I was really surprised at the long list of conditions they impose."

Nonetheless Alauddin is pleased with his farm, with which he supports his wife, two school-going sons and his parents. He also farms guinea fowl, pigeons, cattle, fish and various crops.

200,000 more to arrive

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over the next two months, with occasional peaks (as many as 20k in one day)," Trincia told The Daily Star in a WhatsApp message last night.

"Assuming this continues with peaks and surges, by end of year we will have at least 200k extra arrivals, adding further demand on already strained resources."

The Rohingyas continue to flee Rakhine despite the world leaders' call to stop violence, allow access to aid agencies and ensure their security.

The UN Security Council has issued a statement condemning the atrocities, but taken no concrete action against Myanmar because of opposition from veto power China though the UN termed the military campaign "text-book example of ethnic cleansing".

Amid worldwide criticism, Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi had earlier said there was no conflict in Rakhine since September 5.

Yet, the persecuted minority group continues to flee from the Myanmar state.

The new arrivals say they had no sense of security there as they saw their homes or those of neighbours burning, men killed and women raped. They also spoke of severe food and cash crisis.

Hundreds of Rohingyas were feared killed in Myanmar army's clearance operations that began in response to insurgent attacks on August 25, forcing over 613,000 Rohingyas to stream into Bangladesh.

There were shortages of life-saving supplies in Rakhine as Myanmar had blocked all UN aid agencies from delivering vital supplies of food, water and medicine to thousands of civilians after the military campaign began.

Late October, Myanmar agreed to allow the World Food Programme to distribute food there, but it is not known how far it could reach to the people in distress.

The Red Cross, which has been operating in Rakhine, says it is often difficult to reach the people who stayed back in Myanmar.

"The nature of the terrain is very difficult, you have mountains, rivers, wetlands, and people are scattered," said Fabrizio Carboni, head of delegation of the Red Cross in Myanmar.

When they go to these remote villages, the first thing they do is listen to people's problems, Carboni told Beijing-based CGTN television channel on Saturday.

"I mean, there is this isolation of

Some MPs

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Experts say the plying of both low and high-speed vehicles on the same road remains a major reason for road accidents that claim many lives every year.

Last month, the government asked Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to keep those vehicles, incapable of doing 60km per hour, off the highways.

According to section 4 (ga) of the Highway Rules 2001, vehicles incapable of doing 60km an hour cannot ply highways.

In August 2015, the government banned all three-wheelers on 22 highways. Locally-made Nasimon and Karimon were banned on all highways.

Bangladesh has 3,812.78km national and 4,246.97km regional highways, shows data on the Roads and Highways Department website.

At least 3,608 people, including 423 women and 465 children, were killed and 7,786 others injured in 2,926 road accidents in the last 10 months this year, according to the National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways.

At yesterday's meeting, the National Road Safety Strategic Action Plan was approved with an aim to reduce road accidents by 50 percent within 2020.

As per the plan, stakeholders led by the secretary of the Road Transport and Highways Division will hold a meeting every two months to reduce the number of accidents, said a press release of the road transport and bridges ministry.

community, this psychological impact of the violence."

The Red Cross says its humanitarian aid is essential now, but adds that its help is not a long-term solution.

"It's not just a humanitarian responsibility, this is a political responsibility for the people to go back to their normal life," Carboni said.

"There is obviously a need to reconcile communities to create a political environment which allows people to go back to their normal life," he added.

SHOCKING LEVEL OF MALNUTRITION

A recent survey conducted by humanitarian agencies in Cox's Bazar has revealed shocking levels of malnutrition amongst Rohingya children.

It is further deepening fears of an impending and very serious public health crisis awaiting the world's most vulnerable group of refugees, according to International Rescue Committee (IRC).

The severe acute malnutrition rate of children is 7.5 percent, nearly four times the international emergency level.

"This means that a quarter of Rohingya children between six months and five years of age -- almost 40,000 -- are already malnourished and in urgent need of life-saving help," the IRC said in a statement, fearing the malnutrition rates to be higher with the aid agencies struggling to provide adequate food and other services.

Nearly three-quarters of the Rohingya people in Cox's Bazar lack enough food as well as sanitary living conditions, while 95 percent of them drink water contaminated with faecal matters.

"The conditions we are seeing in Cox's Bazar create a perfect storm for a public health crisis on an unimaginable scale," said Cat Mahony, IRC's emergency response director in Cox's Bazar.

"The situation will only deteriorate with more arrivals and a greater strain on already overstretched resources."

Judiciary

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Court means all judges of the division, not the chief justice only. The matter was settled the day other judges of the Appellate Division expressed their reluctance to sit with the chief justice to dispose of cases. Against that backdrop, I said that his reassuming the charge of chief justice on return was a far cry."

The chief law officer of the state also said Justice Sinha had no choice but to step down.

Asked for comment, Law Minister Anisul Huq said, "I have not talked to the president about it. I don't know who will be the new chief justice. Nothing regarding the resignation of Justice SK Sinha or appointment of new chief justice has come to my office from the president's office."

The minister on Saturday told this correspondent that the appointment of the chief justice is an absolute prerogative of the president under the constitution.

The minister also said Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, the senior most judge of the Appellate Division after Justice Sinha, would continue to carry out the responsibility of the chief justice, under Article 97 of the constitution until a new chief justice was appointed.

Criminals

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On hearing his screams a neighbour called Sohrab Hossain came to his rescue. The miscreants then beat Hossain with iron rods, injuring him before fleeing the spot.

Other locals rescued Mallik and Hossain and rushed them to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital. Mallik was shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital after his condition deteriorated further.

Bagerhat Model Thana Officer-in-Charge (OC), Mahtab Uddin said police have visited the spot where the attack took place and are trying to arrest the miscreants.

The cause behind the attack on Mallik could not be known.

Atrocities of the millennium

Says Brazilian ambassador about the cruelties inflicted on the Rohingyas

UNB, Dhaka

Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior has described the persecution of the Rohingya by Myanmar security forces as "atrocities of the millennium".

"This is something difficult to understand. This is unthinkable. Rohingya persecution is atrocities of the millennium," he said at a views-exchange meeting at the Daily Sun office yesterday.

The diplomat said although the displaced Rohingyas were leading a safe and better life at camps in Cox's Bazar, situation might worsen for want of relief and other supplies.

"More than 6,000 Rohingya children in Cox's Bazar are reportedly orphans. They are innocent. Yet they are exposed to many atrocities because of identity," he said.

Replying to a query, he said Brazil is shocked and concerned over Rohingya crisis, and it would like to work with Bangladesh and other countries to resolve the crisis.

The meeting was held during Tabajara's visit to the English daily office at East West Media Group Ltd complex in Bashundhara Residential Area. Daily Sun acting editor Enamul Hoque Chowdhury presided over it, said a press release.

The Brazilian ambassador said he would like to visit Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar after completion of necessary formalities in this regard.

Tabajara said his country would like to boost trade and commerce with Bangladesh.

Since trade is the key to all relations in the modern world, an initiative will be taken to put business leaders of the two countries to discuss trade and exploit each other's potentials, he said.

Tabajara also held a meeting with Bashundhara Group Vice-Chairman Shafiat Sobhan Sanvir at its industrial headquarters-2 in Bashundhara Residential Area.

Language hero Joynal Abedin passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Language movement hero and freedom fighter Joynal Abedin Khan passed away early yesterday at a hospital in Savar on the outskirts of the capital.

He was 80. Joynal had been suffering from old-age complications.

His namaz-e-janaza was held yesterday in Savar upazila at 4:00pm and he was laid to rest with honors at Talbag graveyard around 4:30.

Born on 1932, in the Mohokuma of Pabna, Khan joined language movement when still a student of Pabna Edward College and became one of the prominent leaders of the movement. He completed his MA degree in Law and International Relations from Dhaka University.

Khan was jailed several times for his political activities. He later took part in the Liberation War in 1971.

He served as worked as a metropolitan magistrate of the government. After his retirement in 1992 he worked in various social organisations including Transparency International, Bangladesh and Sanak.

Man abducts

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Chotopool with Nasir. He recently took out a loan of over Tk 30,000 from an association.

Failing to repay his instalments, Rafiq plotted to kidnap his brother-in-law's son to get Tk 10,000, the DB official said.

Around 3:00pm Saturday, Rafiq took Jobayer to his aunt Samsun Nahar's house. He then called his brother-in-law Nasir several times from a different number and demanded Tk 10,000 for Jobayer's release. Rafiq also gave Nasir a mobile-banking number to send the money, added ADC Polash.

Rafiq, a rickshaw-puller from Chandanish upazila, then returned to his father-in-law's house and looked for Jobayer with the family. But he fled when police started its investigation.

Jubayer Sayed, inspector (investigation) of Halishahar Police Station, said based on mobile-banking number, detectives and Halishahar police in a joint drive arrested Rafiq and rescued the boy.

A case was filed against Rafiq with the police station.

Trump backs US spies

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His public pronouncements on Pyongyang over the last week have veered from denouncing it as a "cruel dictatorship" to offering a hand of friendship to Kim.

Yesterday, his tone shifted back to one of hostility.

Citing descriptions by North Korean officials and state media of him as an "old" man, Trump suggested he was disappointed by what he took as a personal attack from the North's young leader.

"Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me "old," when I would NEVER call him "short and fat?" Trump wrote.

"Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen!" he added.

He later insisted he hadn't been joking about eventually befriending a man he denounced last week as a "twisted" dictator.

"It's certainly a possibility. If that did happen, it would be a good thing," he told reporters.

In another tweet yesterday, Trump said Chinese leader Xi Jinping had agreed to toughen sanctions against North Korea, whose impoverished economy is hugely reliant on trade with its giant neighbour.

"President Xi of China has stated that he is upping the sanctions against (North Korea). Said he wants them to denuclearise. Progress is being made," he wrote.

The US administration thinks China's economic leverage over North Korea is the key to strong-arming Pyongyang into halting its nuclear weapons and missile programmes.

Trump is in the Philippines for a gathering that includes leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which marked its 50th anniversary Sunday with a lavish dinner.

Several members of the group, including Hanoi and Manila, claim part of the resource-rich South China Sea, a key trade route over which Beijing says it has dominion and in

Dhaka Literary

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festival will launch the British literary Journal Granta and host Gemcon Literary Awards, the highest monetary value literary prize in Bangladesh.

There will also be cultural performances, writing workshops, interactive panel discussions, book launches and creative sessions for children, including much more for literary enthusiasts.

The festival will host over 200 talents this year from 24 different countries and they will take part in the event with over 90 sessions, all of which will be free and open to all.

Speaking at the press conference, Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy, said the literature of the country is rich but they do not get enough patronage in introducing it to the global arena.

"However such a platform will provide the opportunity," he said, adding that more translation for the Bangla literature is necessary for the international audience.

Sadaf Saaz, director and producer of DLF, said that they are keeping both Bangla and English sessions, so that audience from both languages can participate.

Poet Adunis will launch the festival at 10:00am and it will be open for the next three days from 9:00am to 7:45pm.

The DLF is being produced by Jatrik, with Bangla Academy as the co-host and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs as special partner.

which it has built militarised artificial islands.

Vietnam has sought support from Washington in the dispute, and dealmaker Trump said yesterday he could help solve the conflict.

"If I can help mediate or arbitrate, please let me know... I am a very good mediator," Trump told Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang.

Khaleda's speech

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chief's remarks at the Suhrawardy Udyan rally.

The AL general secretary said Khaleda would have to offer an apology before the nation for her destructive politics before and after the 2014 elections.

On Khaleda's demand for deployment of army with magistracy power ahead of the elections, he said the AL also wants the army during the polls, and it should happen in accordance with the law.

"Khaleda Zia was the prime minister for 10 years. How many elections were held during her tenure giving magistracy power to army?" Quader said.

Calling upon the BNP to return to "positive politics", the AL leader said they would welcome the BNP if the party returned to "positive politics".

Quader said Khaleda was now staging a "drama of forgiveness" as she knew that she might be convicted in the cases filed against her.

About Khaleda's demand for stopping the use of Electronic Voting Machine in the polls, he said EVM is a modern system, but as Khaleda wants a "mechanised" election like of 2001, she talks against the EVM.

Privacy fears over artificial intelligence as crimestopper

AFP, Washington

Police in the US state of Delaware are poised to deploy "smart" cameras in cruisers to help authorities detect a vehicle carrying a fugitive, missing child or straying senior.

The video feeds will be analyzed using artificial intelligence to identify vehicles by license plate or other features and "give an extra set of eyes" to officers on patrol, says David Hinojosa of Coban Technologies, the company providing the equipment.

"We are helping officers keep their focus on their jobs," said Hinojosa, who touts the new technology as a "dashcam on steroids."

The program is part of a growing trend to use vision-based AI to thwart crime and improve public safety, a trend which has stirred concerns among privacy and civil liberties activists who fear the technology could lead to secret "profiling" and misuse of data.

US-based startup Deep Science is using the same technology to help retail stores detect in real time if an armed robbery is in progress, by identifying guns or masked assailants.

Deep Science has pilot projects with US retailers, enabling automatic alerts in the case of robberies, fire or other threats.

The technology can monitor for threats more efficiently and at a lower cost than human security guards, according to Deep Science co-founder Sean Huver, a former engineer for DARPA, the Pentagon's long-term research arm.

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