

# UN cannot rule out genocide

Rights chief on Rohingya issue; UNHRC resolution says Myanmar likely committing 'crimes against humanity'



UN member states said yesterday that Myanmar was likely committing "crimes against humanity" against its Rohingya minority, while the UN rights chief voiced alarm over possible "elements of genocide".

Following a special session of the UN Human Rights Council, the nations overwhelmingly voted in favour of a resolution expressing grave concern over widespread abuses committed against the largely Muslim minority.

Thirty-three of the council's 47 members backed the text listing a long line of horrific abuses, including summary killings of children, rape, torture and large-scale forced displacement, which it said indicated "the very likely commission of crimes against humanity."

The resolution also called on the government to ensure justice for victims and access for UN investigators and aid workers.

Brought by Bangladesh, it was passed by 33 votes. Nine countries, including India, refrained from voting while three others -- China, Burundi and the Philippines -- voted against it.

Addressing the special session, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



"How much do people have to endure before their suffering is acknowledged and their identity and rights are recognised, by their government and by the world?"

**ZEID RA'AD AL HUSSEIN**  
UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Police launched baton charges to disperse BNP men in the capital's High Court area yesterday. Leaders and activists of the opposition party had gathered there to organise a procession around 2:50pm to go to a special court at Bakshibazar where BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was to appear. The court later granted bail to the BNP chief in two graft cases.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



## BNP men, police clash in city

Dozens of cars vandalised, 25 hurt; people suffer for traffic disruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agitated BNP men vandalised around 70 vehicles and torched a police motorbike in the city's High Court and Bangabazar areas yesterday after police foiled their bid to bring out a procession.

The opposition activists gathered at Doyel Chatter that granted bail to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in Zia orphanage and Zia charitable trust graft cases.

The BNP men clashed with law enforcers for around half an hour, leaving at least 25 people, including three cops, injured, said witnesses and police.

Commuters suffered delays as huge tailbacks were created on the roads in and around the HC area following the incident.

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## Human rights defenders feel insecure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers harass people by filing false cases and picking them up, rights defenders alleged yesterday at a discussion on the country's human rights situation.

In the past, people's biggest fear used to be extremists but now that has been replaced by fear of enforced disappearances or being killed in crossfire by the law enforcement agencies, Abdur Rahman, a rights defender from Jhenidah, observed.

"Whenever any incidents of crossfire happen in my

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## Now ex-ambassador goes missing

Car found abandoned in Khilkhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Bangladesh ambassador to Vietnam Maroof Zaman remains missing since Monday night after he left his Dhanmondi home in his private car to pick up his daughter from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

The 61-year-old's youngest daughter Samiha Zaman was scheduled to land at the airport at 7:30pm, said Rifat Zaman, the ex-diplomat's brother.

"Around 7:30pm, he rang the land phone at his house and told the house help to allow a person to take away his laptop," Rifat told The Daily Star last night.

Three well-dressed, tall men then entered his home and took away his laptop, desktop and camera. They also searched different drawers, he added.

After landing at the airport, Samiha called her father, only to find his



Maroof Zaman

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আমাদের বাবা আনিসুল হক, চিরকাল ভালোবাসতেন কাজ।

তিনি তাঁর কর্মময় জীবনে বিভিন্ন সংগঠন এবং বিজিএমইএ, এফবিসিসিআই ও সার্ক চেম্বারের নেতৃত্ব দিয়েছেন।

তাঁর প্রতিটি সাফল্যে ও ব্যর্থতায় মানুষের ভালোবাসা তাঁকে দিয়েছে নতুন করে কাজ শুরু করার প্রত্যয়। জীবনের নানা পর্যায়ে তাঁর সঙ্গে যারা কাজ করেছেন, তাঁকে সমর্থন দিয়েছেন, ভালোবেসেছেন, বন্ধুত্বের হাত প্রসারিত করেছেন, বাবা তাদের সবাইকে নিয়ে গড়তে চেয়েছেন বৃহত্তর পরিবার।

সবশেষে ঢাকা নগরীর দায়িত্ব পালনের সময় তিনি পেয়েছেন নগরবাসীর অকুণ্ঠ দোয়া ও ভালোবাসা।

তাঁর কুলখানির আয়োজন করা হয়েছে আজ বুধবার ৬ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৭, আসরের নামাজের পর, আজাদ মসজিদ, গুলশানে। আপনাদের সকলকে সেখানে উপস্থিত থাকতে আন্তরিক অনুরোধ করছি।

"জীবনের কে রাখিতে পারে।  
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তাঁর প্রিয় কবিতার শেষ চরণের মতো তিনি চলে গেছেন বিশ্বপথে, বন্ধনহীন।

জীবন চলার পথে বহুমানুষ তাঁর সাথে ছিলেন। কাজে ডুবে থাকা আনিসুল হক সবসময় সবাইকে কৃতজ্ঞতা জানানোর সময় পাননি। আমাদের মা রুবানা হকের পক্ষ থেকে আমরা আপনাদের আন্তরিক কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাই। আপনারা আমাদের বাবার জন্য দোয়া করবেন।

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