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Crimes grow in state's silence



"The state should show respect for human rights -- not only in words but also through actions."



"Whenever we ask for any probe report, police say it's still under investigation. Six months to one year go by, but the report never comes."

FORMER NHRC CHAIRMAN
PROF MIZANUR RAHMANNHRC CHAIRMAN
KAZI REAZUL HOQUE

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RAFIUL ISLAM

KM Shamim Akhter was forced into a microbus near his Paltan home on the morning of September 29, 2011 by five to six armed men claiming to be members of a law enforcement agency.

His wife Jhorna Khanam and other family members left no stone unturned to find him out. But he still remains traceless.

Having received no positive response from police and Rab, Jhorna lodged a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), which sent her letters, only to inform that it was yet to get any answer from the state.

"The commission at one stage stopped writing to me finding no further response from the home ministry. Nobody communicates us anymore," Jhorna told The Daily Star on Friday.

She is not the only one.

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Risking their lives, four women, one not in frame, travel to Narayanganj from Kamalapur Railway Station on the coupling of carriages of a train. The photo of them on the moving train was taken at Titipara recently.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

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Onions selling at Tk 120 a kg

Locally grown, they sold at Tk 85-95 a kg in city retail markets a week ago



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Onion prices shot up to Tk 120 per kg in the kitchen markets of the city, an average rise of 28 percent from last week.

Yesterday, locally-grown onions were selling for Tk 110-Tk 120 per kg at retail in kitchen markets while the same quantity sold for Tk 85-95 a week ago.

Prices of imported onions also rose and were being sold

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Refugees must not be sent to camps

Global aid groups ask Myanmar to allow Rohingya returnees to settle in their homes

AFP, Yangon

Global aid groups yesterday warned Myanmar that they would boycott any new camps for Rohingya returnees to Rakhine State, saying refugees must be allowed to settle in their original homes.

The joint statement, signed by more than a dozen humanitarian organisations including Save the Children and Oxfam, said the groups were "concerned" by recent announcements that Myanmar would begin repatriating Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh in two months.

More than 640,000 of the Muslim minority have fled into Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar since late August, when the Myanmar army launched a sweeping crackdown on Rohingyas in Rakhine.

After inking a repatriation deal with Myanmar last month, Bangladesh said returnees would initially live in temporary shelters in Rakhine.

That announcement raised fears that the refugees would face a repeat of the situation endured by more than 100,000 Rohingya in central Rakhine, who have been trapped in squalid camps ever since they were displaced by a 2012 outbreak of violence.

"There should be no form of closed camps or camp-like settlements. INGOs will not operate in such camps if they are created," aid groups said yesterday, adding that all returns must be voluntary.

The UN has said the army campaign, which saw hundreds of Rohingya villages razed to the ground, likely amounts to

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ACC to go after big names next year

Says the chief of anti-graft body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is likely to bring the high profile corrupt individuals to book next year, said its Chairman Iqbal Mahmood yesterday.

"The Anti-Corruption Commission, through its resources and intelligence, will make the highest efforts to bring to book the big fish in the world of corruption next year," he told a discussion marking the International Anti-Corruption Day.

Expatriates accused of corruption, will be brought back with the help of Interpol, he said at the event in the capital's National Theatre Hall.

ACC Chairman Mahmood said corrupt individuals had crossed all lines in misappropriating bank money, taking bribes for public services and leaking question papers.

"We want to break the gang of corrupt people," he said, according to an ACC press statement.

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Defy all odds to fulfill your potential

PM urges women on Begum Rokeya Day

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon women to discover their potentials and values defying all odds and obstacles.

"Women always think how they can flourish their merit and potentials... they have to take their own initiatives; they must not be dependent on others," she said.

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