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MYANMAR ARMY CRACKDOWN

6,700 Rohingyas killed in 1 month

MSF finds in survey on Rakhine violence since Aug 25, says the figures are 'most conservative'



Victims include at least 730 children
Gunshots caused 69pc deaths
9pc were burned alive; 5pc died of beating
Of the children, 60pc died after being shot

AGENCIES

At least 6,700 Rohingyas were killed in the first month of a Myanmar army crackdown on rebels in Rakhine State that began in late August, Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said yesterday.

The medical charity said the first major survey on the scale of mortality was the "clearest indication yet of the widespread violence" that began on August 25, which has driven some 647,000 Rohingyas across the border to Bangladesh.

Based on interviews at refugee settlements in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar region,

MSF estimated at least 6,700 Rohingyas -- including some 730 children below the age of five -- were killed by violence between August 25 and September 24.

The charity, also known as Doctors without Borders, said the figures were "the most conservative" estimates.

"At least 6,700 Rohingya, in the most conservative estimations, are estimated to have been killed, including at least 730 children below the age of five," MSF stated.

Its medical director Sidney Wong said, "We met and spoke with survivors of violence in Myanmar, who are now sheltering

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This iconic picture of Govinda Chandra Dev on display at Martyred Intellectual Memorial in the city's Rayer Bazar. Martyred Intellectuals Day was commemorated yesterday. More on page 5. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

FORMING JT GROUP

Naypyitaw, Dhaka miss deadline

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Myanmar are going to set up a Joint Working Group next week to facilitate the repatriation of thousands of Rohingyas who fled violence in Rakhine State.

As per an initial agreement, signed on November 23, the two countries were supposed to form the JWG within three weeks.

But they failed to set it up by December 14 due to some procedural complexities.

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ATROCITIES AGAINST ROHINGYAS

Punish those responsible

European Parliament members urge EU to slap punitive sanctions

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union and its member states, as a matter of urgency, should adopt targeted punitive sanctions against individuals responsible for perpetuating widespread human rights abuses in Myanmar, European Parliament members recommended yesterday.

They also called for extending the scope of the existing EU arms embargo against Myanmar.

The European Parliament members urged the EU foreign policy chief to significantly increase pressure on the

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NY attack 'our worst nightmare'

Says accused bomber's family in Bangladesh

REUTERS, Dhaka

Zulifkar Haider hoped his daughter would live the American dream when she married a fellow Bangladeshi living in the United States, but that dream turned into a nightmare when the family saw pictures of her husband wounded after allegedly trying to set off a bomb in a crowded New York commuter hub.

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ALLEGED 'LEADER OF QUESTION LEAK GANG'

He got govt job also thru' the backdoor

MUNTAKIM SAAD

One of the alleged leaders of a question-paper leaking gang, who helped many cheat their way into universities, also got a government job allegedly through the backdoor.

Alip Kumar Biswas, a former activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Dhaka College got the job of assistant director (admin) at Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan (BKSP) last year.

He was 15th in the written test for the job but managed to sway the selection board with influence as he was blessed by a state minister, said several BKSP officials requesting not to be named.

According to the CID, Alip is one of the masterminds of the question-paper leaking racket and he made a hefty amount supplying small

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Rackets busted

Printing press worker abetted leak, police find

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The question papers of Dhaka University's "Gha" unit admission test in 2015 and 2016 were leaked from a printing press in the capital's Indira Road.

"A printing press worker used to help a racket leaking questions hours before the exam," Molla Nazrul Islam, special superintendent of Criminal Investigation Department, told a press briefing at the CID headquarters in the capital yesterday.

Police tracked down this racket following a series of arrests over the past three months. Since October, law enforcers arrested 24 people in connection with leaking question papers, 15 of them DU students.

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A long line of trucks wait to cross the Padma River in Munshiganj's Shimulia Ferry Ghat. The ferry services remain suspended as winter fogs descend on the river, making navigation risky. Trucks have to wait till the fogs clear, resulting in the long tailbacks. The photo was taken recently.

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ATTACK ON JOURNOS

Jubo League expels land minister's son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Jubo League has expelled land minister's son Shirhan Sharif Tomal from the organisation for violating its discipline and tarnishing its image.

"Jubo league President Omar Faruk Chowdhury and General Secretary Harunur Rashid issued the expulsion order on

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