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# ROHINGYA A forgotten people

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It has been exactly six months when the Rohingyas started streaming into Bangladesh to escape the ethnic cleansing in Myanmar and it took exactly that many months for the world to forget them, to make them truly nobody's children.

The uproar that rose from one corner of the world to the other over the cruel genocide of the Rohingyas, who the UN sees as

the most persecuted people of modern time, is no more heard.

There are new areas of interests for the media, Syria for example, that have swept the Rohingyas off the pages. Some insistent media outlets somehow push them in innerpages.

Meantime, a raw deal has been thrust down the Rohingyas' throat in the name of repatriation. Some conditions of the deal

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## THE FASTEST GROWING REFUGEE CRISIS

INFLUX IN LAST SIX MONTHS  
(SINCE AUG 25, 2017)

**7,00,000**

TOTAL ROHINGYA  
REFUGEES NOW

**11,12,895**

(APPROX)

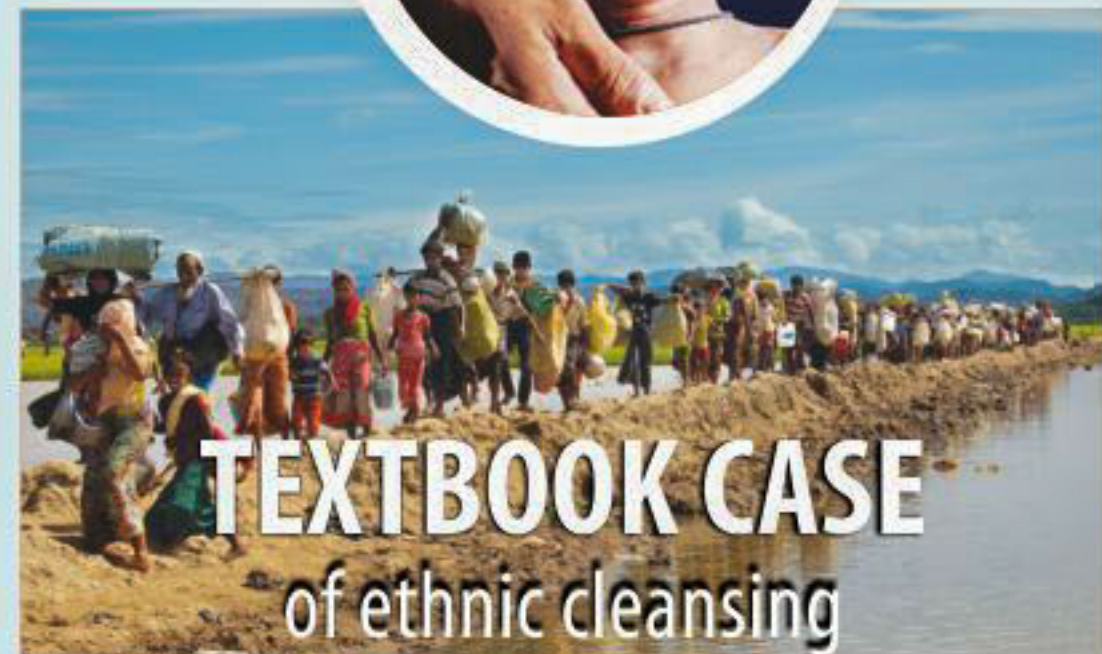
**5,00,000**

Children in need  
of humanitarian  
assistance



**36,373**

Children's  
parents dead  
or missing



**TEXTBOOK CASE**  
of ethnic cleansing

With the Rohingyas streaming into Bangladesh fleeing a brutal crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State, the UN rights body chief denounced the atrocities as "a textbook example of ethnic cleansing". There have been multiple reports of security forces and local vigilantes burning Rohingya villages, shooting unarmed civilians and raping women. Myanmar's de facto leader Suu Kyi and the military keep facing the condemnation of global community amid calls for an end to violence against the world's one of the most persecuted minority groups. The Bangladesh government and the local community in Cox's Bazar bordering Rakhine State have been widely praised for the response to the never-seen-before influx, especially for keeping the border open.

On August 25 last year, hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas started fleeing military operations in Myanmar's Rakhine State and crossing the border to take shelter in Bangladesh. Dhaka has signed a repatriation deal with Naypyidaw. But the conditions of the deal are so stringent that the chance of their return remains bleak.

Bangladesh has handed a list of **8,032 Rohingyas** to be repatriated in the first phase. A week has gone by and nothing has been heard so far from across the border.

WFP has already provided **\$80m** in food aid and the agency is finding it hard to find more food. It needs **\$20-25m** every month to feed the Rohingyas.

About Myanmar's plan for new camps to be set up for the returnees, rights activists and aid groups fear they will become the blueprint for the wider incarceration of the whole ethnic minority.



BNP activists scurrying back to their party office in the capital's Nayapaltan as police charge down on them yesterday. Police used truncheons and water cannons on the protesters demonstrating for being denied permits for a rally on Thursday. Some leaders were detained. More photos on page 4.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Leakers now prepare to taint HSC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

No sooner had the SSC exams finished than the question leakers were tempting the HSC examinees on social media.

"Next mission HSC. Those who need HSC questions message me. I will not take any money unless I give you the questions before anyone else does. And no advance [payment] needed.... But you will have to prove that you are a real student," reads the status of a Facebook group titled Buzz Out.

Another user, Huntinter Ayon wrote, "We provided SSC question papers earlier than anyone else. We will do that during HSC too."

The self proclaimed leakers, who often deactivate old accounts, open new ones or change user names, assure students that their question papers would be authentic.

Dozens from around the country commented, saying they were looking for the question papers. In some

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## Cops swoop on BNP activists, foil protest

*Charge baton, use water cannons to break up black-flag show; over a dozen detained*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday charged truncheons and used water cannons on BNP men to foil their black flag programme in the capital's Nayapaltan.

More than a dozen party leaders and activists, including Joint Secretary General Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, were detained in the process.

The BNP had announced the protest programme after the authorities denied it permission to hold a rally in Dhaka on Thursday.

BNP's senior leaders, including Moudud Ahmed, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir,

Abdul Moyeen Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan and a few hundred party men gathered in front of the party's central office in Nayapaltan yesterday around 10:30am when police obstructed their programme. A large number of law enforcers, including plainclothes detectives, were seen in the area. Water cannons and armoured vehicles were also parked there.

The party had called various agitation programmes, including forming human chains, mass signature collection campaign and other demonstrations, since BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was sentenced to five years in prison in a corruption case on February 8.

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**"The area needed to be cleared to ease people's suffering."**

HOME MINISTER  
**ASADUZZAMAN KHAN**  
ABOUT POLICE ACTION ON A  
GATHERING IN FRONT OF THE  
BNP NAYAPALTAN OFFICE



Fishing boats in procession on the Padma yesterday afternoon after the fisheries minister inaugurated a weeklong hilsa fry preservation programme in Munshiganj's Louhajang upazila.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> February

### Hamidur Rahman Sinha

In Remembrance of Our Founder

**Always Dazzling in Our Memories**

With profound sadness and grief, we embrace the memory of 25<sup>th</sup> February, the 24<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Late Hamidur Rahman Sinha (1914-1994), the Founder of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. who left behind his bemoaned family members, a host of relatives and friends with enormous memories to cherish, honor and emulate. Although he is not amongst us but his authentic leadership, wide knowledge, forethought and positive approach still influence our mission towards the excellence and the values he set in ACME will always remain with us. We also recall the memory of his beloved wife Late Noorjahan Sinha, whose act like a constant and fountainhead of inspiration helped him to establish the foundation in 1954.

May Allah rest their souls in eternal peace in heaven and we also pray for the salvation and eternal peace for all other departed souls to be endowed with the divine blessings of Almighty.

To commemorate the day, special Dua & Milad Mahfil will be held on Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, after Dhuhr Prayer at Corporate Office, Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka including all Sales Centres throughout the country and on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 at Dhamrai Factory. All the relatives and well-wishers are cordially welcome to attend the Program.

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