



UK Ambassador to the United Nations Karen Pierce consoles a 12-year-old Rohingya refugee in tears at Kutupalong camp in Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

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Lightning, rain wreak havoc

City life thrown out of gear as roads go under water; lightning strikes kill 15 across country

STAR REPORT

Lightning and thunderstorms killed at least 15 people as nor'wester raged through the country yesterday, disrupting life in the capital where heavy rain inundated many roads.

The nor'wester swept through the capital and most of the country from 6:00am to 12noon, with the highest 69-millimetre rainfall recorded in Mymensingh, according to Met office records.

Around 55 millimetres of rainfall was recorded in the capital during the six hours when many thoroughfares went under knee-deep water in Dhanmondi, Mohammadpur, Farmgate, Karwan Bazar, Begunbari, Badda, Green Road, Mirpur, Shewrapara, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and Old Dhaka.

It took hours for the water to recede,



bringing misery to public life.

One such thoroughfare was Tejturibazar Road in front of Tejgaon Mahila College that went under knee-deep water despite preventive measures taken earlier. The authorities laid down large-diameter storm water drainage pipelines underneath the road in last winter, keeping it off limits for

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Justice they want

Rohingyas persecuted by Myanmar seek UN help as Security Council team visits refugee camps

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA, from Cox's Bazar

The topi-clad man is holding a placard reading a three-word sentence, simple but sharp like a piercing bullet. "We want justice". Coming from a member of the world's most persecuted people of our time -- the Rohingyas.

The message is to the members of the world's most powerful body, the UN Security Council, who visited the Rohingyas in Bangladesh yesterday

and will be in Myanmar today.

The Security Council has finally woken up to a plight unparalleled in our time -- a state ruthlessly killing, raping and driving away a whole ethnic group and denying them citizenship.

The question is whether the UNSC will bite the bullet.

"We don't have any magic solution in the Security Council." The

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UNSC President Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, top left, speaks to the press at Kutupalong Rohingya refugee camp. A refugee holds a piece of paper with "We want justice" printed on it, top right. Refugees who have been maimed, bottom, rush to meet the delegation.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

UNSC's MYANMAR TRIP Naypyidaw to 'try to fix ties with world'

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As the UNSC delegation begins visiting Myanmar today its government will make an effort to repair its strained relationship with the international community and allow some of the Rohingyas to return to Rakhine State, said a Financial Times report yesterday.

"The trip is part of an effort by Aung San Suu Kyi's civilian government to repair its relations with the international community and make good on a pledge to allow some of the people driven from their homes to return to northern Rakhine State, the centre of one of the world's worst humanitarian crises," it read.

The newspaper, quoting an adviser to the Myanmar

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North Korea to shut nuke site in May

Kim to invite US experts, journos to witness decommissioning

REUTERS, Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un plans to invite experts and journalists from the United States and South Korea when the country shuts its nuclear test site in May, Seoul officials said, as US President Trump pressed for total denuclearisation ahead of his own unprecedented meeting with Kim.

On Friday, Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in vowed "complete denuclearisation" of the Korean peninsula in the first inter-Korean summit in more than a decade, but the declaration did not include concrete steps to reach that goal.

North Korea's state media had said before the summit that Pyongyang would immediately suspend nuclear and missile tests, scrap its nuclear test site and instead pursue economic growth and peace.

Kim told Moon that he would soon invite the experts and journalists to "open to the international community" the dismantling of the facilities, the Blue House said yesterday.

"The United States, though inherently hostile to North Korea, will get to know once our talk begins that I am not the kind of person who will use nuclear weapons against the South or the United States across the Pacific," Moon's press secretary Yoon Young-chan quoted Kim as saying.

"There is no reason for us to possess nuclear weapons

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