

## Call for justice, safe return

UN secretary-general urges global support for Rohingyas, strong int'l pressure on Myanmar, listens to heartbreaking accounts of refugees



UN Secretary-General António Guterres talks to a boy at a Rohingya camp in Kutupalong yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA, from Cox's Bazar

As he walked through the alleys of the makeshift camps in rains and met Rohingya boys and girls, he remembered his granddaughters and tried to imagine what it would be like to see them in such conditions.

And he felt heartbroken as he listened to the Rohingya men and women -- their stories of cruelty and abuses in Rakhine State of Myanmar and subsequent escape.

"In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, I've just heard unimaginable accounts of killing and rape from Rohingya refugees who recently fled Myanmar. They want justice and a safe return home," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in a tweet as he visited the camps yesterday.

In another tweet, the UN chief said nothing could've prepared him for the scale of crisis and extent of suffering he saw in Cox's Bazar. "I heard heartbreaking accounts from Rohingya refugees that will stay with me forever."

"My appeal to the int'l community is to step up support."

Guterres arrived in Cox's Bazar from Dhaka on a special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines at 8:45am yesterday, accompanied by World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.

They went to Hotel Sayeman where Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali briefed them on the Rohingya situation. From SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

## 'We are all Rohingya'

Tweets WB chief after visiting camps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The international community cannot turn its head away from the Rohingya crisis, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said yesterday.

"I am extremely humbled and moved by the courage of the #Rohingya. We cannot turn our heads away. We stand in solidarity -- today we are all Rohingya," Jim tweeted after visiting the refugee camps in Kutupalong along with UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

At a press conference after the visit, Jim said the Rohingya issue was not a problem only for the host country or the refugees.

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UN SECRETARY GENERAL



Brazil superstar Neymar is the toast of his teammates after he combined with Willian (not pictured) to give the Selecao their opening goal in the World Cup round of 16 clash against Mexico at the Samara Arena yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Clinical Brazil roar into last 8

AL-AMIN from Samara

Brazil took a firm step onto the World Cup quarterfinals when they beat Mexico 2-0 at the Samara Arena yesterday.

After an evenly fought first half, Neymar gave the five-time world champions the lead sliding in from close before Roberto Firmino came off the bench to stab in the insurance in the 88th minute. Both goals were scored from five yards, from where it is very hard to miss the target.

The defeat meant Mexico made their exit from the round of 16 for a seventh straight time and despite their magni-

cent 1-0 win against Germany in the group stage, their dream of a World Cup win against the Selecao remain unfulfilled.

It was a high-quality game and despite playing in searing heat under the spaceship-like giant metal structure, both teams played with pace.

Interestingly it was Neymar who served the first salvo in the fourth minute of the game. The star striker sent down a scorcher that Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa somehow managed to fist away despite being blind-sighted.

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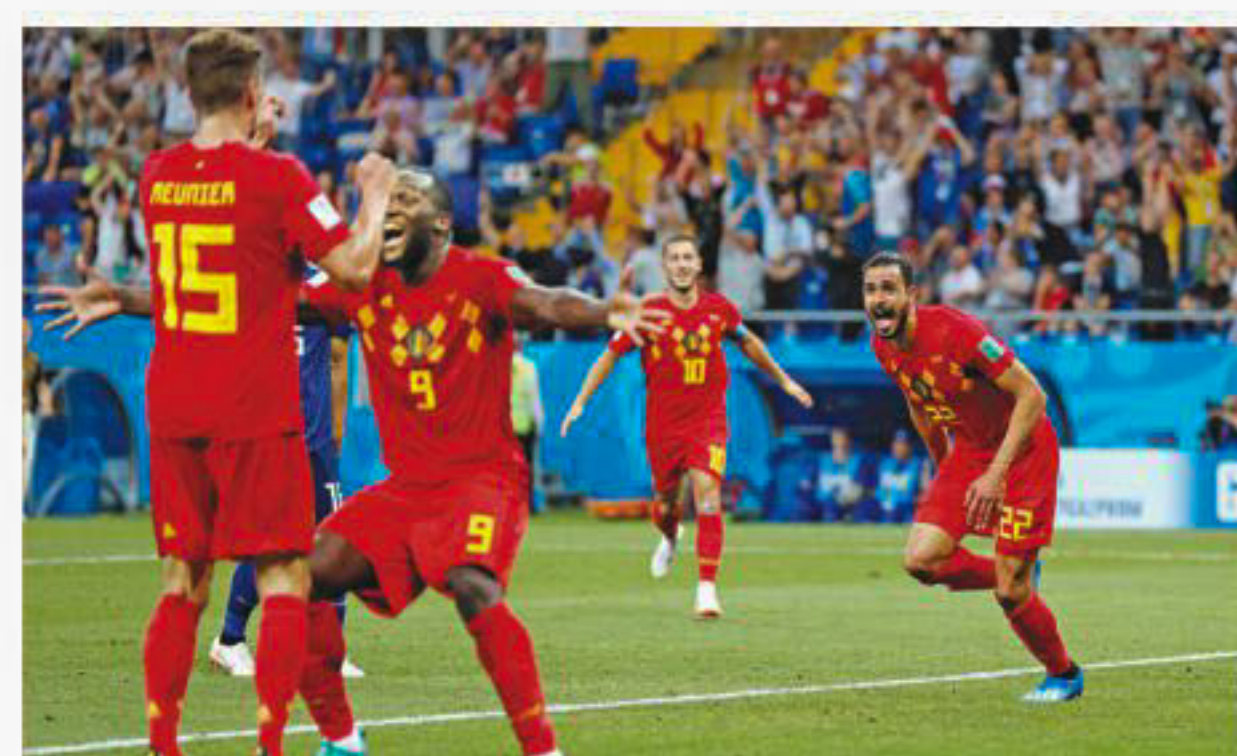
## Belgium win a stunner

REUTERS, Rostov-on-Don

Belgium threw caution to the wind to reach the World Cup quarter-finals as substitute Nacer Chadli scored in the dying seconds against Japan to snatch a 3-2 comeback win on Monday and set up a clash with five-time champions Brazil.

The distraught Japanese, who went 2-0 up with goals by Genki Haraguchi and Takashi Inui early in the second half, fell to the turf after Chadli poked the ball home

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Belgium's Thomas Meunie, Romelu Lukaku celebrate after Nacer Chadli 94th-minute winner in their World Cup round of 16 match against Japan at the Rostov Arena yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Committee formed for quota review

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday evening formed a seven-member committee "to review or reform or cancel" the quota system for the civil service.

The committee, led by Cabinet Secretary M Shaful Alam, was asked to submit a report within 15 workings days, Mominul Hoque, senior information officer of the public administration ministry, told The Daily Star last night.

Other members of the committee are: secretaries of public administration ministry, finance ministry, Liberation War affairs ministry, law ministry (legislative division), Public Service Commission and acting secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, he said.

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BCL activists beat up Tarik Islam, joint convener of Rajshahi University unit of the platform spearheading quota reform movement, with bamboo sticks near the main gate of the university yesterday. PHOTO: ARAFAT RAHMAN

## BCL men even more aggressive

Assault quota reformists for third consecutive day; 13 hurt at DU, JU, RU

STAR REPORT

Faruk Hassan collapsed on the ground as punch after punch rained down on him. Now the attackers, led by Bangladesh Chhatra League men, were taking turn to stomp on him in front of the central Shaheed Minar.

A woman rushed to the scene to save Faruk, a master's student at Dhaka University. But the attackers showed no mercy, pushing and shoving the woman, as they continued stomping and kicking Faruk, also a leader of quota reform movement.

"How could they beat us in front of so many of you? Don't you have anything to say? Then what democracy we are living in where we don't have any freedom of expression? We have come here at a rightful demonstration."

"Did we commit any crime? How dare these hooligans get such impunity that they abduct people in broad day light?" asked Luthfunnahar Luma, a second-year student of Eden Mohila College.

She was crying, covering her face.

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Quota reform leader 'driven out' of hospital in the dead of night  
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It's been a strange World Cup so far in Russia: smiles for also-rans and tears for big guns.  
Three of the strong contenders-- Germany, Argentina and Spain -- have gone home, and one  
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TODAY'S MATCHES  
SWEDEN V SWITZERLAND  
Time: 8:00pm  
COLOMBIA V ENGLAND  
Time: 12:00am (Wednesday)  
ALL TIMES BST