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"One thing is certain, that city that is going to be built cannot be sold to foreigners."
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"If you give them a licence by relaxing the conditions, it means you are giving them a licence to kill."
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"In the name of development, the government has become hostage to the industry owners."
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They must face genocide trial

UN mission holds Myanmar military top brass responsible for mass killing, gang rape



DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Myanmar military leadership, including its commander-in-chief and five top generals, must be investigated and prosecuted for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes over its actions against the Rohingyas, a UN fact-finding mission said. The mission found that the Myanmar

military carried out mass killing and gang rapes of Rohingyas with "genocidal intent" while the civilian government led by Aung San Suu Kyi allowed hate speech to thrive, destroyed documents and failed to protect minorities from crimes.

It called upon the UN Security Council to set up an ad hoc tribunal to try suspects

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Only words, no action

UNSC meets again today to discuss Rohingya situation

SHAKHAWAT LITON and REZAUL KARIM

In an unprecedented move since the 1989 Lebanon conflict, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres issued a letter to the Security Council a year ago seeking action against the ethnic cleansing of Rohingyas in Myanmar.

The plea made by Guterres on September 2 was in vain. Till date, no action has been taken against Myanmar due to strong opposition by China and Russia -- two permanent members of the Security Council.

In last one year, the two countries foiled several attempts in the UNSC to take action against Myanmar. And there is no sign of change in their stance on Myanmar. This indicates that the UN, which had termed the violence against the Rohingyas a textbook example of ethnic cleansing, will remain paralysed for a longer period and will not be able to punish the perpetrators of the violence.

Alongside Guterres, many other world leaders and human rights activists strongly condemned Myanmar State Councillor Aung San Suu Kyi and her government for carrying out a scorched-earth campaign to drive the MORE ON PAGE 2

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Angry locals gather on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in City Gate area near the port city after a man was run over and killed by a minibus yesterday. Inset, members of the victim's family wail inside their home in the same area.

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'Pushed off' minibus, man run over, killed

Protesters barricade Dhaka-Ctg highway

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was allegedly pushed off a minibus, run over and killed following an altercation with the driver's helper in City Gate area near the port city yesterday.

The death sparked protests among locals who barricaded the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in the area for nearly an hour.

The victim, Rezaul Karim Roni, 35, was a businessman from the same area.

His elder brother Zillur Rahman said Roni was in the bus on his way home from Bhatari. Suddenly around 1:35pm, he called Zillur over his mobile phone and asked him to come near the City Gate, saying he had "some issues with the driver and his helper".

"I rushed to the spot... it took just five to seven minutes to reach there, but I saw my brother lying on the road. He seemed to be in a critical state," he said.

"Some passengers of the bus told me that the helper pushed my brother off the vehicle

and the driver drove it over him."

The passengers tried to catch the driver and the helper, but the two got down and fled, Zillur added.

Roni was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 2:00pm, said Inspector Amir Uddin of CMCH Police Camp.

As the news spread, locals poured into the highway and put up a barricade in the City Gate area, an entry point of the port city, around 3:00pm, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the driver and his helper.

"This is not an accident, it's a murder," said Rezaul Karim, a relative of the deceased.

The road blockade led to traffic jam.

Contacted, Jasim Uddin, officer-in-charge of Akbar Shah Police Station, said on information, police went to the spot and dispersed the protesters.

Police seized the vehicle and were trying to arrest the driver and helper, he said.

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'PILOT'S ERROR' IN US-BANGLA CRASH Nepali probe panel trashes media report

STAR REPORT

The investigation commission of Nepal castigated Kathmandu Post yesterday, hours after the newspaper ran an exclusive report that blamed the pilot of the US-Bangla plane for the crash.

Citing investigation report, the newspaper claimed that pilot Abid Sultan was "mentally stressed", "sleep deprived" and "reckless".

"It is a matter of disgrace to publish such sensitive matter, which is still under investigation and discussion within the commission, without validating authenticity of the news from proper authority," the Accident Investigation Commission of Nepal said in a statement.

"The commission believes that the accident investigation is not a matter for media propaganda. The commission has serious objection on such kind of unethical and fraudulent news which may give wrong conception and beliefs in the public and concerned people."

It asked all not to make unnecessary speculations regarding the sensitive matter.

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Slow-vehicle ban to be strictly enforced

Road Transport Advisory Council also decides to request commerce ministry to halt import of easy bike parts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport Advisory Council (RTAC), a forum for solving problems in the road transport sector, yesterday decided to strictly enforce the ban on the movement of three-wheelers and other slow vehicles on highways for curbing road accidents.

The RTAC, which comprises ministers, officials and representatives of transport owners and workers, also decided to approach the commerce ministry for stopping the import of battery-run easy bikes' parts and continuing drives against local factories making such equipment.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, also the chairman of the Council, disclosed the decisions after the 42nd meeting of the forum at the ministry yesterday.

The Council came up with the decisions at a time when the country witnessed several fatal road accidents on highways involving such vehicles.

In its previous meeting in October last year, the RTAC had taken similar decisions but the situation on many highways did not change much, people linked with the trans-

port sector said.

The government had banned three-wheelers, including those made locally, and other slow vehicles on 22 national highways in August 2015. But these vehicles keep operating on the roads, causing frequent accidents.

They enjoy full support from local political leaders, who consider the owners and drivers of these vehicles their vote bank and a source of income, transport sector insiders said.

A participant said yesterday's meeting did not discuss this issue.

Within six days from this August 20 to 25, including the three-day Eid vacation, at least seven road accidents involved such vehicles (locally known as Nasiman, Kariman etc), killing at least 40 people and injuring 40 others, according to The Daily Star reports. Six of these accidents took place on highways where they are banned.

Against this backdrop, the council yesterday held a two-hour closed-door meeting. The council is supposed to meet at least once in three months. But the last council

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