

'Timely Rohingya repatriation not possible'

DW Editor-in-Chief says Germany, Bangladesh face similar issues dealing with refugees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pointing towards the possibility of a prolonged repatriation, Deutsche Welle Editor-in-Chief Ines Pohl yesterday said the ethnic minorities from Myanmar should be given a chance to get integrated in Bangladesh's society.

"We all have to find a way to get out of the 'state of denial' and face the fact that we have to give them a chance to get integrated, to start with education, having a chance to find a job, and start a life here in Bangladesh," she said.

She was addressing a roundtable on "Migration -- Challenges and Approaches in the East and the West", arranged by the global German broadcaster at a Dhaka hotel.

A DW team headed by Ines recently visited the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar. She said during

her two-day visit she saw the "differences" between registered and unregistered Rohingyas. "I think it's inhumane -- this state of denial."

She said she talked with Rohingyas and locals, who were



Ines Pohl

"outspoken". The locals wanted the Rohingyas to go back. "Everybody knows it [timely repatriation] is impossible," she said.

Over 700,000 Rohingyas have escaped a brutal military crackdown since late August last year.

Rohingyas were reportedly killed, raped and their houses burnt in the campaign, termed a "text-book case of ethnic cleansing" by the UN.

In Bangladesh, they joined over 300,000 other Rohingyas, who fled previous waves of violence since 1980s in Myanmar, where they have been denied citizenship.

Ines said Germany and Bangladesh are facing similar issues in terms of dealing with refugees. In Germany, they had a culture of welcoming refugees, but the situation has changed in recent years because of two reasons, she said.

People are afraid that too many refugees will come and it will be too hard to integrate them in the society. Also, there is fear of

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Change must come from within, among all

Speakers say at programme on road safety awareness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some changes in the city's traffic system have transpired following student protests for road safety but those are not visible yet, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said yesterday.

Police would initiate a 15-day special awareness programme again after Durga Puja, and such programmes involving senior students and volunteers would continue to make the changes visible and sustainable, he said.

Asaduzzaman was speaking at a programme in Krishibid Institution Auditorium in Dhaka where university teachers, top police officials, film and cricket celebrities, and hundreds of students took part. A few of them also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers pointed out that people's tendency to violate rules on

the road is the main cause behind disarray in traffic management.

They stressed changes in the mindsets of all -- pedestrians, transport owners, workers -- to bring discipline on the road.

DMP, in association with some volunteer organisations, observed a special traffic week in August and a month-long awareness programme in September, after an unprecedented movement for road safety following the deaths of two students on July 29.

However, the situation remains almost the same.

Visiting city roads yesterday, this correspondent saw pedestrians crossing roads indiscriminately, only a few using footbridges and zebra crossings, while buses were not stopping at the DMP designated places to pick up or drop passengers and keeping their doors open in the

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পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও মলদ্বারের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেমন- মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত যাওয়া, মলদ্বারের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিসার, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), বিনা অপারেশনে পাইলস চিকিৎসা, মলদ্বার না কেটে সর্বাধুনিক ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পদ্ধতিতে পেটের খাদ্যনালীর ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পায়ু পথ ক্যান্সার (Rectum Cancer) মলদ্বার না কেটে অত্যাধুনিক ট্যাপারিং পদ্ধতিতে পেটে ব্যাথ না লাগিয়ে অপারেশন, শিশুদের পায়খানার সাথে রক্ত যাওয়া ইত্যাদির অত্যাধুনিক ও বিশ্বমানের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে বইটি পড়ুন।

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A group under the banner of "Dengue-r Birudhe Amra" (Fight against dengue) holds a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding proper measures to protect people against the mosquito-borne disease. Recently there has been an increase in the number of dengue-affected patients in Dhaka city.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Heavy rainfall likely

Maritime ports asked to hoist signal 3

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall in four districts in 24 hours, starting from noon yesterday.

"Under the influence of the depression over Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining area, heavy (44-88mm) to very heavy (>89mm), rainfall is likely to occur at some places in Khulna, Barishal, Chattogram and Sylhet," said a Met Office warning bulletin.

Due to heavy rainfall, landslide may occur at some places in Chattogram division. Meanwhile, maritime ports of

Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist cautionary signal 3 as the land depression is apparently appeared to have weakened, said a Met Office press release.

"The land depression over Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining area has already moved northwards and now lies over Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining southwestern part of Bangladesh."

All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay and deep sea have been advised to remain close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.

Secondary level English language learning needs to improve

ULAB project report reveals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Madrasa students, during school hours, hardly use English for communication and the rate of using English is only 5 percent of the class time, according to a project report shared yesterday.

The report also conveyed that the students are more prone to use guidebooks instead of textbooks.

At the closing ceremony of a one-year project titled "Evaluating Secondary School English Language Teaching and Learning in Bangladesh", University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) revealed the project report at a convention centre in Dhaka's Gulshan area.

The purpose of the project was to understand learning in English and teaching environment at the secondary school level and discover ways to improve the condition. The

project started last year.

Department of English and Humanities (DEH) of ULAB implemented the project that was funded by RELO Grant of American Center.

A total of 60 teachers from 30 schools and 10 madrasas were chosen to share their experiences with language experts and with education policymakers under the project.

They all participated in four brainstorming sessions and five workshops organised under this project. Besides, faculty members from ULAB and selected trainers nominated by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board assessed curriculum documents, course content of three mediums (Bangla, English and Madrasa) and classroom resources used by secondary school teachers.

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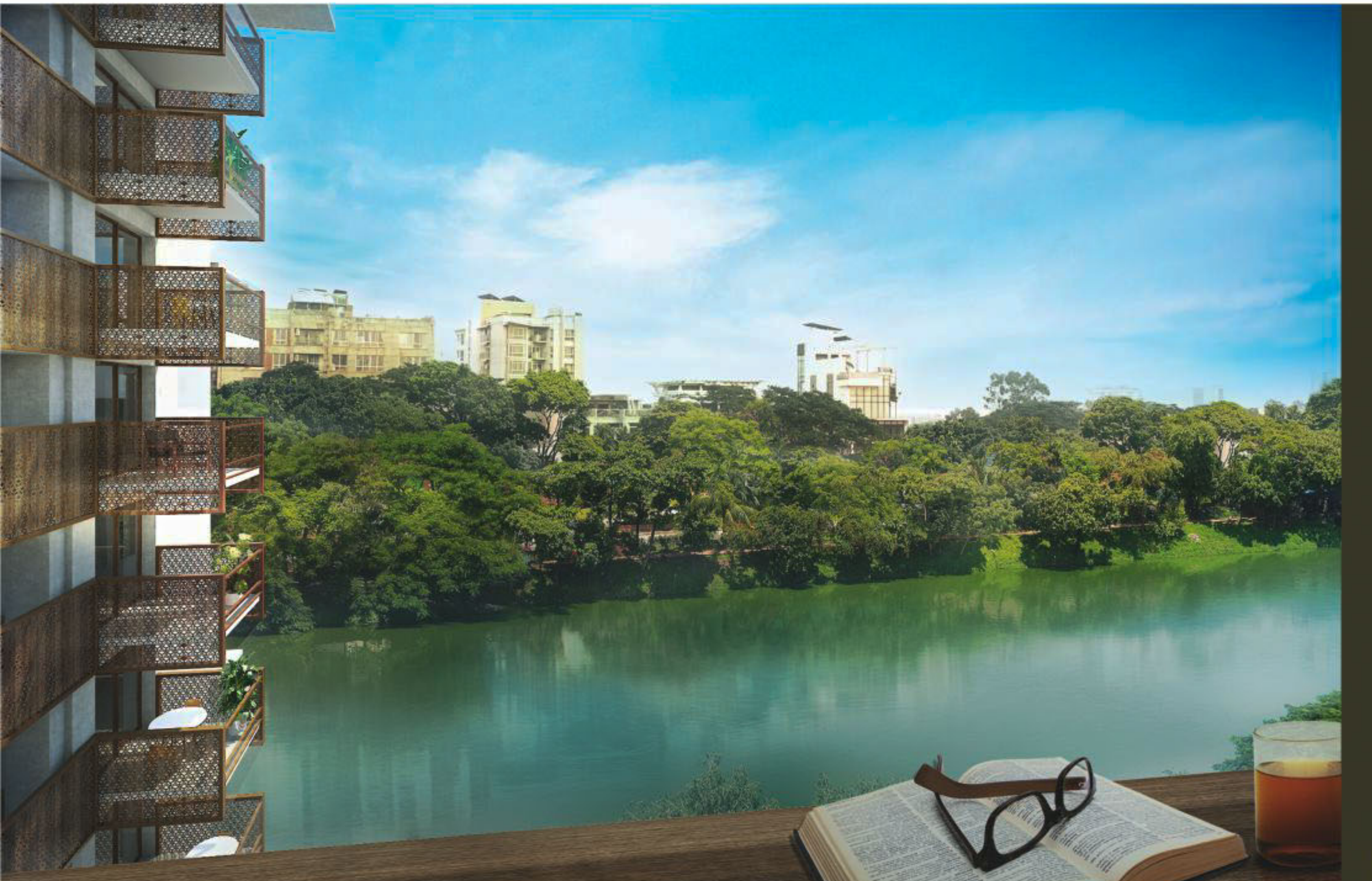
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