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Poor nations hosting most refugees: UN

Report says record 70.8m displaced at end of 2018

Developing countries, not rich Western nations, are bearing the bunt of the world's refugee crisis and are hosting most of the record 7.03 million displaced people who have fled war and persecution. the United Half of the world's forcibly displaced are children and the 2018 half of the world's forcibly displaced are children and the 2018 half of the world's forcibly displaced are children and the 2018 half of the world's half of the world's half of the world's annual flagship report. Global Trends. But the global figure, which comprises 2.5 million refuges, 41.3 million people uprooted within their homelands, and 3.5 million asylum-seckers, is "conservative", it said. That is because it does not include most of the 4 million Venezuelans who have fled abroad since 2015 as the world of a new briefing.

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The day is being observed today when some 1.1 million Rohingyas, including the 741,000 who fled military rackdowns in Myanmar Rakhine state since August 2017, live in a result of the res

Myanmar also signed a tripartite

Myammar also signed a tripartite agreement on the repatriation with the UNDP and the UNHCR in June last year and extended it this year. But many Rohingsas say Rakhine is not safe yet and that there is no guarantee of citizenship and freedom of movement there.

Last year, UN investigators

guarantee of clizensin and freedom of movement there. I ast year, UN investigators demanded top military commanders in Myanmar be investigated and prosecuted for the "graves" crimes against civilians under international law, including genocide, but the UN Security Council has yet to refer Myanmar's case to the International Criminal Court mainly because of opposition from China and Russia. Though the living conditions in the camps in URhia and Teknaf have improved a lot compared with that in 2017, a lack of secondary education and unemployment among Rohingya ocuth ser disturbing them, Rohingya activists said.

youtns are disturning tnem, koningya activists said. Mohibullah said Rohingyas were concerned that the international community was not focused enough on what Rohingya refugees want. They are concerned more about humanitarian assistance, rather than repatriation.

refugees come from five countries: Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar and Somalia, the report said. Myanmar and Son ASYLUM CLAIMS

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US President Donald Trump has
made reducing illegal migration along
the border with Mexico one of his

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Central Americans reaching the United States after fleeing violence or persecution in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador are entitled to request asylum, Grandi said.

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people a fair hearing and not separate children from their parents, he said, adding that his agency stood ready to help US authorities deal with the challenge.
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claiming. 254,300 asylum claims ologed in 2018, the United States is the world's largest recipient of applications, the report said.

But Grandi said the United States has a huge backlog of 800,000 cases to be processed and that his agency was also helping Mexico to beef up its capacity to handle asylum-seekers. Asked whether Trump's policies had made the work of UNHCR more difficult, he said: "If's not just in the United States, in Europe as well, and Australia.

united ne said. To she disk me had a clearly a swell, and Martalia. This is the crisis of solidarity that I have mentioned. It is identifying refugees and migrants with a problem instead of people that are fleeing from a problem," he said.

In Europe, the issue has been heavily politicised, leaving some governments "terrified" to commit to take in people rescued at sea after feeing Libya or other conflict zones, Grandi said.

"So the appeal I make, now that we are in a situation where European (Parliament) elections are behind us, is to stop this electoral agitation. The numbers arriving in Europe are frankly manageable," he said.

Left in the lurch

'systematic failure' Rohingya rights body urges UN secretary general, other top officials

Quit UN for

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Free Rohingya Coalition, a global network of Rohingya activists, has demanded the resignation of UN Secretary General António Guterres and other senior UN leaders for the global body's "systemic failure" in addressing genocide" against the Rohingyas in 2017.

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February ordered the internal review of the world body's operations in Myanmar following accusations that its officials there ignored warning signs of attacks against the Rohingyas "This is not the first time [that

thel UN's very own diplomats and officials have conducted ad hos assessments of UN's failures in cases of atrocities.
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"We are deeply troubled by the fact that the UN remains incapable of heeding the lessons of the past and of self-correcting," said the Free Rohingsy Coalition (FRC) in a statement yesterday. Rosenthal's report does not hold accountable any managerial leaders within the UN, starting with the former UN Resident Coordinator in Managonary (2014, 12) Renaya Lok-

Myanmar (2014-17) Renata Lok Dessallien. She reportedly suppressed an internal report of the alarming failings of the UN in Myanmar, it id. Instead of holding his own senior

Instead of holding his own senior UN officials accountable for their failures to uphold UN's stated norms and principles, Guterres rewarded Lok-Dessallien with a larger UN portfolio as the head of UN in India where she is based now, the FRC said. Additionally, Guterres' mandate of Rosenthal as a sole consultant

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Khashoggi's killing provoked widespread disgust and damaged the image of the crown prince, previously admired in the West for pushing deep changes including tax reform, infrastructure projects and allowing deep changes including tax reform, infrastructure projects and allowing women to drive.

Agnes Callamand, the UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions, called on countries to invoke univescution, and the countries of the countries o

human nghts law," Callamard said in her report.
PROSECUTOR
The Saudi public prosecutor indicted 11 unnamed suspects in November, including five who could face the death penalty on charges of ordering and committing the crime.
Callamard said the Saudi trial should be suspended, citing concerns over secret hearings and a potential miscarriage of justice Instead, a follow-up international criminal probe should

be launched, she said, adding: "Of course there are a range of options, an ad hoc tribunal, a hybrid tribunal, any type of mechanism that will deliver a credible process and a credible The CIA and some Western countries

The CIA and some Western countries believe the crown prince ordered the killing, which Saudi officials deny. The UN report publishes excerpts from what it calls conversations inside the consultar shortly before Khashoggi arrived at the building and during his final moments; in which a Saudi official is heard discussing cutting a body into pieces.

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The material relies on recordings and forensic work by Turkish investigators and information from the trials of the suspects in Saudi Arabia, the report said. Callamard said that she could not reach firm conclusions about what the team was told was the sound of a "saw" in the operation.

"Assessments of the recordings by intelligence officers in Turkey and other countries suggest that Mr. Khashoggi ould have been injected with a sedative and then suffocated using a plastic bag." the report said.

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Callamard went to Turkey earlier this year with a team of forensic and legal experts and said she received evidence from Turkish authorities.

"There is credible evidence warranting further investigation of high-level Saudi officials' individual liability, including the crown prince's set said.

"Indeed, this human rights inquiry has shown that there is sufficient credible evidence regarding the responsibility of the crown prince demanding the set of the sufficient of the set of the sufficient of sufficient of the suf

arrest, absolutely."

Judicial authorities in countries that recognise universal jurisdiction for serious offences can investigate and prosecute those crimes no matter where they were committed.

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prich will host a run fest, but history strongly suggests that pacers will enjoy the experience more than spinners. James Anderson is the leading wicket-acker here with 16 wickets from just eight matches and the top six are all pacers. And Australia's Mitchell Starc, with a five-wicket haul against West Indies, is among the pacers who have enjoyed themselves in Nottingham this World Cup. With the likes of Starc and Pat Cummins in the Australia lineup, the Tigers have their task cut.

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primed for that through three days of practice against the West Indies, and then the match itself.

The Australians, for their part, focused their batting practice on spin, which, in the form of Shakib and Mehedi Hasan Miraz, is Bangladesh's strong suit, especially against non-Asian teams. After a strong performance against the West Indies that has put their campaign back on track, the team may remain unchanged for today's match.

Speaking on the eve of the match,

Mashrafe was clear about the size of the challenge they would face. "If Australia are playing at 70 percent, we would need to play at 100 percent," Mashrafe said. "I don't think percent." Mashrafe said. "I don't tinnk we will be able to win playing around five or 10 percent better; the gap will have to be much big-ger." However, having surprised everyone, including perhaps

However, having surprised everyone including perhaps themselves, by chasing down 322 against West Indies with 8.3 overs remaining the Tiggers can take renewed confidence in a mission that, while not impossible, still looks improbable. "It is all about the mentality, it is a mental game and those who will be mentally fit will have greater chances of succeeding, it will be difficult, but it is not impossible," Mashrafe said.

Egypt accuses UN of seeking to 'politicise' Morsi death

Egypt yesterday accused the United Nations of seeking to "politicise" the death of the country's first democratically elected president Mohamed Morsi by calling for an "independent inquiry".

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Foreign ministry spokesman
Ahmed Hafez said he condemned
"in the strongest terms" the call by
the spokesman for the UN High
Commissioner for Human Right
Rupert Collie, for an independent
investigation into Morsi's death
during a court hearing on Monday.

Mastermind Sirai

sent to jail after 2-day remand OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A Feni court sent Siraj Ud Doula,

the suspended principal of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa, to jail yesterday in the sexual harassment case filed by the mother of slain student Nusrat Jahan Rafi. Siraj faced police remand for two

days until being produced before the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Md

court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Zakir Hossain.

He had called Nusrat, an Alim candidate, at his office and tried to abuse her sexually on March 27, according to the case lodged by Nusrat's mother under the Women and Children Repression Prevention

In a confessional statement made
on April 29, Siraj said that he had
ordered his associates from jail to
burn Nusrat to death.

The teenage girl was tied up and
set after on the roof of the madaras'a
administration building before she
could sit for the Alim exam equivalent
to HSC on April 6.

She died while undergoing
treatment at the Dhaka Medical
College Hospital three days later.

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Repression Prevention

Tribunal in Feni today.

The charge sheet in the sexual

and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Feni today. The charge sheet in the sexual harassment case would soon be submitted to the court, said PBI Inspector Md Shah Allam, who is investigating the case.

Man arrested for raping,

blackmailing college student

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A Satkhira court has sent a man to jail on charges of raping a college student, recording the incident and subsequently embezzling money by blackmailing her.

Abdul 1 ye Raju 26, of Kaligani upazila in the district -- on Tues-day and placed him before a court after the victim filed a case with Kaligani Police Station on the same day.

Threatening the girl of spreading rape footage via social media, Rajiu so far embezzled Tk 1.70 lakh and a laptop from her, the victim alleged.

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down from the bus, Raju took the girl
to his relative's house and raped her
at knife-point.
Raju filmed the rape scene and
started blackmailing the girl. After
taking Tk 1.70 lakh and a laptop,
Raju demanded Tk 2 lakh over phone
on May 22. Then the girl informed
the matter to her family members.
Later, the case was filed and further
actions were taken, the case statement added.
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Contacted, SM Azizul Islam, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Kaligain Police Station, said Raju had admitted the incident in primary interrogation.

The laptop that Raju took from the victim has been rescued, he added.

Williamson guides

FROM PAGE 1
leg-spinner Imran Tahir that Quinton
de Kock took behind the stumps but
South Africa took no action.

That decision could prove fatal to their tournament hopes, with the Proteas now needing a miracle to progress to the semifinals after just one win from six matches, while New Zealand now top the 10-team

Earlier, Martin Guptill, who had been guiding New Zealand towards their target of 242 off a rain-reduced 49 overs with a minimum of fuss, trod on his stumps to spark a mini

The batsman, on 35, pulled Andile Phehlukwayo and ended up swivelling, only to lose his balance

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Two overs later New Zealand slipped to 74-3 when Ross Taylor tickled a Chris Morris leg-side delivery and De Kock took the catch behind the stumps. Tom Latham's dismissal left them struggling at 80-4. Jimmy Neesham (23) steadied the ship with his skipper but when he was out, New Zealand were back in trouble at 137-5.

Colin de Granthomme came to New Zealand's rescue, batting positively and bringing up his fifty off 39 balls but when he was caught in the deep for 60 by Du Plessis off Lungi Ngdd, Kiwi nerves were jangling again.

again. Eight were still needed off the final

But Mitchell Santner pinched a single and Williamson kept his nerve bringing up his century with a huge six off the next ball and then a four

six off the next ball and then a four sealed the victory. Earlier, Rassie van der Dussen gave South Africa something to bowl at the Proteas struggled to 241-6 after losing the toss. Hashim Amla made a sluggish 55 off 83 balls but Van der Dussen's 67 not out came at better than a run a ball.

ball. During his innings, Amla became the fourth South African to reach 8,000 runs in one-day internationals. He is the second-fastest player (176 innings) from any side to reach the milestone after India's Virat Kohli (175 innings).

Germany yesterday.

There are some 130,000 Rohingyas living in camps in Rakhine. They should be issued citizenship and settled in their original homes before repartiating the Rohingyas from Bangladesh, he said.

Lwin said foreign dignitaries go to the camps and talk to them, but they are nowhere in the scene during negotiations with Myanmar.

"We feel completely ignored. It seems the international community wants to please Myanmar, he added.

Abul Kalam, Bangladesh's Refugee, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, said Bangladesh government tried to incorporate opinions of the Rohingax communities before making any decision.

"We will try to do it more," he added.

He added that before signing the deal with Myanmar, the UNDP and the UNITCR did not speak with any of the Rohingyas. Also, there was no representation of the Rohingyas in the deal signed between Bangladesh and Myanmar in November 2017.

"Even our ethnic name Rohingyas in the deal signed by Myanmar, the UNITCR and they may be a seen to the seen of the s

in safe, sustainable and dig-nitied way," it said. Lwin, campaign coordinator for Free Rohingya Coalition, a global network of Rohingya activists, said there was a big Rohingya diaspora in different countries, but the UN has not consulted any of them while working on repatriation and other issues. "We suffered genocide. Now they [international community] are deciding our future without our consent," he told The Daily Star from

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In an email message, UNHCR's Bangladesh Representative Stevens Corliss said the UNHCR and its partners were working across the Rohingays settlements in Cox's Ba-zar, and they spoke with many refugees every the state of the Rohingay settlements in Cox's Ba-zar, and they spoke with many refugees every the state of the Rohingay settlements in Cox's Ba-zar, and they spoke with many refugees tell us that they want to go home when voluntary safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation is possible. We share this goal and are working toward this objective, along with the government of Bangladesh, he said.

Only the Myanmar government can make the changes needed to give them the confidence to return, he noted. "The UNHCR will continue to work to preserve the right of Rohingay arefugees to return and, in this connection, to try and improve the conditions in Rakhine State. We will also continue to discuss with the Rohingay community in Bangladesh their views and aspirations for the future, and provide assistance and protection to them until solutions can be found," he said.

Tigers' mission