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BNP-Jamaat govt involved in August 21 carnage: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Alleging that the then BNP-Jamaat government was involved in the August 21 grenade attack, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said it is not possible to carry out such an attack without the patronage of a government. "Such an incident could not have taken place in broad daylight without the patronage of the then BNP-Jamaat coalition which was in power at that time," she told a discussion at the auditorium of Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the capital.

The Awami League organised the event marking the 15th anniversary of the grenade attack.

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Flanked by senior Awami League leaders, Prime Ministers Sheikh Hasina stands on stage for a moment of silence to remember those who perished in the August 21, 2004, grenade attack on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue. The photo was taken at a discussion programme held at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh yesterday.

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ROHINGYA REPATRIATION ATTEMPT

Doomed to failure again?

Refugees not willing to go back unless demands met

PORIMOL PALMA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

The second attempt to repatriate Rohingyas to Myanmar scheduled for today may be futile, as many of the refugees are unwilling to go back.

"We are good here. If we are to go there [to Myanmar], we must have citizenship and the right to freedom of movement," said Lalu Majhi, a Rohingya leader, echoing the views of a number of Rohingyas at Shalban Rohingya camp in Teknaf.

Some Rohingyas, under anonymity, said they had told the UNHCR that they would not go back to Myanmar if their demands were not met.

The Rohingyas' demands are: holding accountable those who killed and tortured Rohingyas and drove them out of their land; ensuring citizenship and security of Rohingyas in Myanmar; giving back their land and properties; and protecting all fundamental rights of Rohingyas in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

They argue that the situation in Rakhine is not safe and they don't have any guarantee of citizenship, freedom of movement and recognition of

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JAHA ALAM PLIGHT

HC seeks info on ACC officials

Of the 11 investigators, 8 were promoted in January

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The High Court yesterday sought to know the names and other particulars of the 11 Anti-Corruption Commission officials whose faulty investigations led to the wrongful imprisonment of Jaha Alam, a jute mill worker, for three years.

The ACC will have to furnish the details and place a report before the court by August 28, the HC said in a suo moto order after the anti-graft body informed the court that departmental proceedings were underway against the 11.

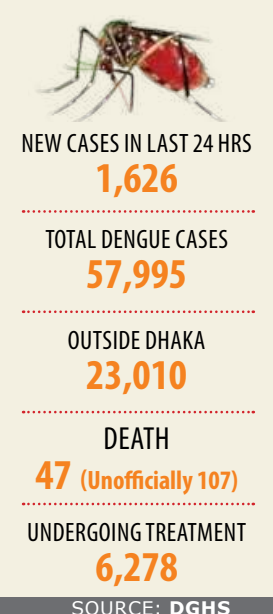
ACC counsel Khurshid Alam Khan later told The Daily Star that the commission had issued show-cause notices to these officials, but their replies were unsatisfactory.

This is why the commission has filed departmental cases against them, he said, adding that they can still hold their posts while the proceedings are underway.

The matter came to light in February last year after a private television ran a report on Jaha Alam's plight. He was finally released on February 4 this year following an HC order.

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DENGUE OUTBREAK



Med students lend a hand

Help doctors, nurses struggling to cope with the deluge of dengue patients at Suhrawardy hospital

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Fifth year medical student Sujit Hossain recovered from dengue just a month ago.

The student of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital saw how much the patients suffered and how doctors and caregivers struggled to cope with the huge number of dengue patients.

These motivated him to do something for the dengue patients, and since Saturday, he has been spending two to three hours every day at the hospital, lending a hand to the



interns and doctors.

Like him, around 50 fifth year students of the medical college have been providing assistance to the

doctors of the hospital since last month.

The Hospital authorities are allowing the students to assist the doctors in checking the blood pressure, pulse and temperature of patients.

"It took me around a month to be fit and start volunteering," said Sujit.

Every day, he spends around seven hours at the college and make time for the voluntary services after evening.

Another student, Abu Ryhan said, "We also motivate the patients to use mosquito nets as many of them are

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