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Couldn't have been possible without govt patronage

PM on Aug 21 attack 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. SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



Flanked by senior Awami League leaders, Prime Minister 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 at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh yesterday.

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ROHINGYA REPATRIATION ATTEMPT

Doomed to fail again?

Refugees not willing to go back unless their demands are met

PORIMOL PALMA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

The second attempt to start repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar today may turn out to be futile, as hardly any refugees seem to be willing 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 camp in Teknaf.

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

The demands are trying those who killed and tortured Rohingyas and drove them out of their land; ensuring citizenship and security of Rohingyas; 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 their ethnic identity in Myanmar where they have been discriminated SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

FAULTY PROBE INTO JAHA ALAM CASE

ACC still promoted eight investigators

HC seeks info on all 11 investigators who handled the money laundering cases

Mahbubur Rahman Khan and Ashutosh Sarkar these officials "erroneously incriminated"

Even as Jaha Alam languished in jail for a crime he did not commit, eight of the 11 Anti-Corruption Commission officials whose faulty investigations led to his wrongful imprisonment were promoted and given more serious responsibilities.

ACC's own investigation report, Abdul Wadud. placed before the High Court on July 11, acknowledged that Jaha Alam had to lose three years of his life in prison because

him in over two dozen money laundering cases involving Tk 18.5 crore.

"It seems that the mistake of identifying Jaha Alam as Abu Salek [the actual suspect] happened because of the investigation officials," said the report, authored by ACC Director (legal wing) Abul Hasnat Md

Their promotion took effect on January 24 while Jaha Alam, a jute mill worker from Tangail, got SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

DENGUE OUTBREAK

NEW CASES IN LAST 24 HRS 1,626

57,995

TOTAL DENGUE CASES

OUTSIDE DHAKA 23,010

DEATH 47 (Unofficially 107) UNDERGOING TREATMENT

> 6,278 SOURCE: DGHS

Med students lend a hand

Join doctors, nurses struggling to cope with the deluge of dengue patients at Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Fifth year medical student Sujit Hossain recovered from dengue just about 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. So 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 of his classmates at the medical college have been assisting the healthcare

personnel at the hospital since last month.

The hospital authorities are allowing them to assist the doctors in checking the blood pressure, pulse and temperature of dengue 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 makes time for the voluntary services after evening.

Another student, Abu Ryhan said, "Many of the patients are unwilling to remain under mosquito nets. We

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