

ROHINGYA REPATRIATION Myanmar needs to take action: Miller

UNB, Dhaka

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R Miller yesterday said Myanmar needs to take action so that Rohingyas can return to their homeland.

Myanmar must create the conditions on the ground so that all Rohingyas can return to their home in a safe, dignified manner, he said.

The US Ambassador made the remarks while talking to reporters after visiting the historic Keane Bridge over Surma River in Sylhet city.

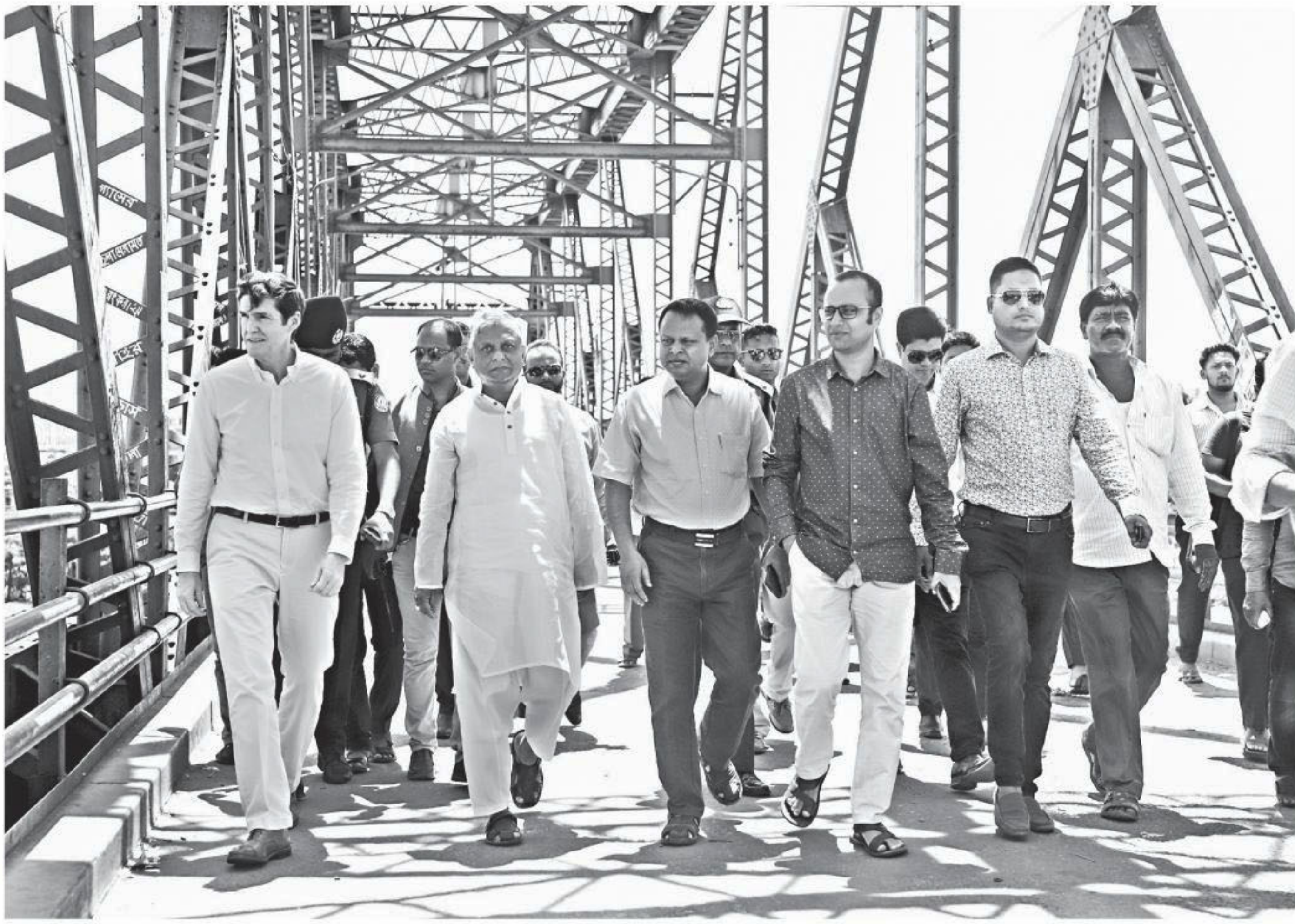
The historic British-era bridge is currently closed to vehicles due to ongoing repair work.

He said the international community did increase pressure on Myanmar, and the US is working in partnership with Bangladesh to make sure repatriation takes place.

Bangladesh is now hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas, most of whom entered the country since August 25, 2017.

Miller on August 24 said they would continue to put pressure on Myanmar to create conditions on the ground for the "voluntary, safe, dignified, and sustainable" return of all Rohingyas to Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a repatriation deal on November 23, 2017, but there has been little progress.



US Ambassador Earl R Miller takes a walk through Sylhet's Keane Bridge, accompanied by Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury and other officials. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Numair Choudhury's

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This is the 12th year of the prize. The press release added, "Despite the fact that our 2019 list comprises of five rather than six books, we are confident in the diversity of themes and genres it represents. The selected books speak of origins and futures, of satirical masculinities and the continuing vulnerability of women in our society, of vaulting ambitions and the sweetness of dreams. Never flinching from confronting ugly truths or recognising the delicate thread of hope, they provide a vivid commentary on South Asia's social and political fissures, its unresolved anxieties and contemporary concerns."

Three of the shortlisted books are by Indian authors -- "Ib's Endless Search for Satisfaction" by Roshan Ali; "No Nation for Women" by Priyanka Dube, and "Early Indians" by Tony Joseph, while "Goodbye Freddie Mercury" is by Pakistani author Nadia Akbar.

39 applicants

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The pass mark is set at 30 for the MCQ portion. Aspirant written paper will not be evaluated if he or she fails to obtain pass marks in the MCQ.

One has to score 12 or more to pass the written part. If a candidate gets less than 12, but passes the MCQ part, they will still be considered ineligible for admission.

This year, registration fee has been set at Tk 450, which was Tk 350 before.

Admission test for "Ka" unit will take place on September 20; "Kha" on September 21; "Ga" on September 13, and "Cha" unit on September 27.

Exams for "Cha" unit under Faculty of Fine Arts will be held in two parts -- general knowledge on September 14 and drawing on September 28.

The decisions were made at a meeting of DU's admission committee at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building on July 24, the press release added.

Nothing can be more

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against him containing allegations reportedly made by suspended DIG Mizanur Rahman.

Mizanur made the allegation to jeopardise Basir, he said, adding that Basir is suffering from different health complications, including diabetes and high blood pressure. The ACC lawyer told The Daily Star that Basir cannot get released from jail following the HC order.

Basir's lawyer Barrister Kazal meanwhile told this correspondent that he did not know whether his client would move the bail petition before another HC bench.

On July 16, ACC Director Sheikh Md Fanafillah filed the case against Basir with the ACC's Dhaka District Coordination Office-1 under the anti-money laundering act, on charges of taking Tk 40 lakh in bribe from suspended DIG Mizanur Rahman.

On July 1, the HC handed Mizanur to police, after he appeared before it and sought bail in the corruption case.

Basir submitted the bail petition to the HC on September 1 through his lawyer Advocate Jamal Hossain, claiming he is innocent and has become a "victim of circumstances".

Illegal sand extraction

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take steps against those who are engaged in such mindless work.

Contacted last week, Rubel, a former member of the Bangladesh Chhatra League central committee, said sand is not being extracted from the river. "We are lifting sand from a private land with permission from the land owner."

He, however, did not disclose the name of the land owner. Asked again, he refused to speak about the matter and hung up the phone. He did not answer his phone afterwards.

This correspondent was able to get in touch with Rubel yesterday. Rubel said using his name, his "younger brothers from the party" are extracting sand from the river to fill up a low land. He said he does not know anything else about it.

When asked, Abul Kalam, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Dhamrai, said, "We did not give permission to anyone to extract sand from the riverbed or any land."

"We have conducted several mobile court drives against such illegal dredging. We will continue to take steps in this regard," the UNO added.

Fazlul Haque, in-charge of Kawlipara Police Outpost in Dhamrai, said, "I do not know who runs the dredgers as I joined the outpost recently."

Meanwhile, amid the assurance of taking steps and denial of involvement, sand lifting from Bongshi river continues, putting lives and land at risk.

Confiscate assets of Bangabandhu's killers

Demands AL-led 14-party alliance

Bss, Dhaka

Leaders of the Awami League-led 14-party alliance yesterday demanded confiscating assets of all involved in the killing of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"The verdict against the convicted fugitive killers of Bangabandhu must be executed and assets of all involved in the assassination have to be confiscated soon," AL presidium member and 14-party alliance spokesperson Mohammed Nasim said at a views-exchange meeting in the capital.

Central 14-party alliance organised the event at the AL central office in Bangabandhu Avenue area with Nasim in the chair.

Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government is trying its best to trace locations of the fugitive killers.

"Canada does not extradite convicts who get death penalty due to its Supreme Court order," he said. "We are hopeful of bringing Nur Chowdhury back through diplomatic and legal efforts," Anisul said. The minister said now the USA is showing positive attitude about extraditing another convict Rashed Chowdhury to Bangladesh.

The government has decided to form a commission to unmask the masterminds, the law minister said, adding that it will also probe the killings of four national leaders.

Foreign Minister AKM Abdul Momen said whereabouts of three convicted fugitive killers are yet to be known.

"We are trying our best to bring back the two fugitive killers, who have already been traced and execute them before celebration of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu next year," he said.

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haq Inu; Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua; and former media adviser to the prime minister Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury also spoke at the meeting.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Secy general to arrive in Dhaka today

CITY DESK

John May, secretary general of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation UK, will arrive in Dhaka today on a three-day visit to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of the award's operation in Bangladesh to be held on Friday.

Md Zahid Ahsan Russel, state minister for youth and sports, will be chief guest at the event, said a press release.

During his visit, he will meet the award organisation's board of trustees members and will go to Dhaka University to meet its vice-chancellor and department heads.

May will leave the country on September 7, the press release said.



A mobile court, jointly conducted by Mymensingh City Corporation and local administration yesterday demolished illegal structures in Mechhua Bazar area, located at the entrance of the city. PHOTO: AMINUL ISLAM

Baira mired

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Benjir, on the other hand, told this newspaper, "We want to solve the issues, but they are very aggressive."

Meanwhile, Monsur alleged that Baira suffered due to the dominance and misuse of the president. "If they can remove us, it will be easier for them to carry out their misdeeds," he said.

Asked whether such disputes created any negative impact on labour export, both the factions replied in negative.

"Nobody stopped working due to the discord. The recruiting countries are hiring less workers lately, for which Bangladesh's labour export reduced," Benjir claimed.

MALAYSIAN LABOUR MARKET TO OPEN SOON

Talking to this newspaper, Baira Secretary General Shameem said the labour market in Malaysia, which has been closed to Bangladeshi workers since September last year, may open this month or early November as both the governments are having discussions in this regard.

"A protocol is going to be formulated to include various aspects of labour export, like costs and security. The market will open soon once the governments agree," said Shameem.

He also said they along with the government, are working hard to solve the issues with Saudi Arabia regarding labour export. He expressed hope that the labour market in that country will run in full swing soon.

Speaking at the views-exchange, Baira president assured that necessary steps will be taken against torture of and repression on Bangladeshi female workers in Saudi Arabia.

"The problems might have been solved if recruiting companies in KSA had been brought under accountability. We will work in this regard," assured Benjir.

He also said they are planning to introduce a "minimum migration cost" structure for fixing migration expenses.

Following journalists' queries, Benjir also assured to take steps against brokers and syndicates.

Khaleida files bail petition

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"We have gone through the impugned judgement and order of conviction and sentence, but did not notice any apparent or glaring infirmity in those," the HC bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice SM Kuddus Zaman bench had said in the order.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on August 8, 2011. On October 29 last year, a special court in Dhaka convicted Khaleida in the case and sentenced her to seven years' imprisonment in her absence.

The BNP chief is now in jail, after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case on February 8.

The HC on October 30 last year enhanced her punishment to 10 years in Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case after dismissing her appeal.

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are often not brought to book or adequately punished.

She demanded congenial atmosphere for women and children everywhere, and exemplary punishment of criminals.

Leaders of different organisations also condemned rise in incidents of sexual harassment and abuse in recent times. They quoted rights body Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) statistics that claimed at least 630 women were raped and 37 of them killed after rape between January and June this year. Seven others died by suicide following rape. There were also rape attempts on 105 others, it said, citing media reports.

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Asaduzzaman

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14, according to the gazette.

The service tenure of the incumbent commissioner, who was appointed to the top post of DMP four and a half years ago on January 7, 2015 -- was supposed to end on August 7.

The government extended his tenure in till August 13.

Later, the government again extended his tenure till September 13.

Contacted yesterday, he told this newspaper his area of work will be providing secretarial service to the security cell.

Replying to another query, Asaduzzaman Mia said the cell was formed under the Cabinet Division around three months ago.

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