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IT'S NOT A PARKING LOT! A man parks his motorbike on a sidewalk, following the cue of many others before him. Such illegal parking often leaves a narrow passage for pedestrians to walk. The photo was taken near the north gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque recently.

Difficult to set a timeline for Rohingya return: UNHCR

UNB, Dhaka

The UN Refugee Agency yesterday said it is extremely difficult to set a timeline for creation of conducive environment for the return of Rohingyas.

The UNHCR called on the international community to continue its support to Bangladesh and the humanitarian response while, in parallel, working with the Myanmar government to support the country in creating conditions conducive for Rohingyas' sustainable return.

"It's extremely difficult to set a timeline... There are too many factors," UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner Kelly T Clements told reporters at a media interaction in a Dhaka hotel in the evening.

Clements, who concluded a four-day visit, praised continued generosity of Bangladesh and encouraged international solidarity for solutions.

She highlighted the importance of UNHCR and partner agencies' continued work with refugees in Bangladesh to help them develop skills and capacities, which will in the future support their return and reintegration into Myanmar.

While in Cox's Bazar, Clements met local officials to discuss the ongoing operational response and opportunities to further aid Bangladeshi communities generously hosting refugees.

She also met groups of refugees,

including women and youths, to discuss their hopes and aspirations for the future and ways UNHCR could further support them.

In Dhaka, Clements met senior officials from the ministries for foreign affairs and disaster management and relief, and the Prime Minister's Office, thanking them for Bangladesh's continued generosity.

Going into 2020, she highlighted UNHCR's strong continued commitment to supporting Bangladesh's leadership for the humanitarian response, the need to ensure the necessary operational space for all partners, as well as the UN's readiness to continue to constructively engage with the government on Bhasan Char.

This visit, which follows her last December 2017, allowed Clements to take stock of significant progress made and of challenges which remain in the Rohingya refugee response, including the impact on host communities.

Much progress was visible throughout the visit of both Nayapara and Kutupalong refugee settlements, including significant measures to mitigate the effects of the monsoon season, efforts of Rohingya community volunteers to respond to the needs of their own communities, and the near completion of UNHCR's joint registration exercise with the government of Bangladesh, which has to date registered more than 800,000 people.

SC seeks Khaleda's

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prayed to the SC to grant her bail, considering her illness and old age as well as on humane grounds.

He said they got an unofficial report from the BSMMU medical board, which suggested for better therapy.

Khaleda on November 14 filed the appeal with the SC challenging a High Court order that on July 31 rejected her bail petition in the same case.

In the appeal, the BNP chief prayed to the apex court to grant her bail, saying that the case filed against her was "politically motivated".

There is no evidence of corruption against her, she is 74 years old and very ill. Therefore, she is entitled to get bail in the case, Khaleda said in the appeal.

On October 29 last year, a special court in Dhaka convicted Khaleda in the case and sentenced her to seven years'

imprisonment in her absence. Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on August 8, 2011.

The BNP chief landed in jail after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment in Zia Orphanage Trust graft case by the same court on February 8. The HC on October 30 enhanced her punishment to 10 years in the case, after dismissing her appeal.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam represented the state and Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan stood for ACC.

During the case proceedings, additional law enforcers were deployed on the SC premises to avoid any untoward incident.

On Tuesday, two policemen were injured in a clash between a group of BNP leaders and activists and law enforcers while they were staging a demonstration near the SC premises, demanding Khaleda's release. A number of vehicles were also vandalised during the clash.

Online complaint service

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"People who have direct experience of working with human rights are hardly appointed as chairperson or member," she alleged.

Riti mentioned that around 347 people were killed in so-called shootouts between January and October this year while seven

others were victims of forced disappearance.

At least 1,253 women and children were subjected to rape and 62 of them were killed later. ASK Executive Director Sheepa Hafiza highlighted the need for such dialogue with grassroots-level rights activists, saying, "We see very little communication of the commission at the grassroots level."

Pollution a challenge to sustainable maritime development: minister

UNB, Dhaka

Planning Minister MA Mannan yesterday said man-made pollution, contamination and natural disasters pose challenges to sustainable maritime development.

"We have maritime resources but there are many challenges such as pollution, contamination, adverse environment, security and natural disasters," the minister told an international seminar titled "An Outlook for Sustainable Maritime Development and Governance: Challenges and Way Ahead". Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University (BSMRMU) organised the seminar at a city hotel.

"We're very interested in maritime activities. The government has taken many projects in the last decade. We enhanced our activities in blue economy and also set up BSMRMU," the minister said.

Admiral Aurangzeb Chowdhury, chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy, spoke as special guest at the event while BSMRMU Vice Chancellor Rear Admiral M Khaled Iqbal delivered the welcome speech.

A number of maritime experts and academics from India, Australia, Netherlands, France, Singapore, Philippines, England, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Malaysia and Bangladesh presented papers at the seminar.

Representatives from various ministries, UGC, universities, maritime organisations, diplomats, civil and military officers were present at the seminar.

PM opens national

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Hasina also commissioned five ships -- MV Banglar Samridhhi, MV Banglar Arjan, MV Banglar Agragati, MV Banglar Agrajatra and MV Banglar Agradut -- built by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation.

The PM said a shipyard will be constructed in the southern region. She also digitally opened the tier-four data centre, seventh largest in the world, at Bangabandhu Hi-Tec City, Kaliakair in Gazipur.

The construction of the National Data Centre began in 2016 on seven-acre land with a space of two lakh square kilometre with financial and technical assistance from China, reports BSS.

The premier said Bangladesh was dependent on ICT facilities abroad, requiring the country to spend a huge amount of money from the national exchequer. The new centre would save money and generate income, she added.

Shipping Secretary Md Abdus Samad and ICT Division Senior Secretary NM Zeaul Alam made presentations on the respective projects.

Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, CHT Affairs Minister Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing and State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak were also present at the event, moderated by PM's Principal Secretary Md Nojibur Rahman.

Rehab centre owner

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Authorities of the rehabilitation centre claimed Imon died from cardiac arrest, but a leaked CCTV footage showed a group indiscriminately beating Imon after tying his arms and legs the night before his death.

Upazila Health Officer Selim Uddin Farazi, who examined Imon's body, said he found marks on the body which suggested that Imon was tortured before death.

Although Imon's family did not file any complaint at the time, police raided the

centre and arrested the three after the CCTV footage went viral on social media.

Imon's father Ezazul Azim Ripon filed a case with Mirpur Police Station yesterday, accusing six persons in this connection.

Ezazul said the college student had been suffering from schizophrenia. The family, at first, took Imon to Pabna Mental Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

However, they did not have the required documents to admit Imon there, so they admitted him to Samarpan on November 19, he said.

Nine Buet students

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them for the future. With this, two of the three demands of Buet's protesting students have been fulfilled.

The third demand of the students is formulating specific rules prohibiting ragging and organisation-based politics.

Talking to journalists, Buet Directorate of Students Welfare Prof Mizanur Rahman said they would take a decision in this regard by next week. Abrar, a second-year student of Electrical and Electronic Engineering department, was beaten to death by a group of Chhatra League men at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall between the night of October 6 and early hours of October 7.

On November 14, protesters placed fresh three-point demand, including expulsion of the accused in Abrar Fahad murder case, punishing students involved in previous incidents of ragging at Buet dormitories, and formulating specific rules prohibiting ragging and organisation-based politics.

The Buet authorities on November 21 expelled 26 students for their involvement in Abrar Fahad's murder.

KSA military chief meets Gen Aziz

BSS, Dhaka

Military Chief of Staff of Saudi Arabia Gen Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh General Aziz Ahmed at Army Headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

They exchanged greetings and discussed the existing friendly relations between the army personnel of the two countries, said an ISPR press release.

They also signed an agreement on financial support of Saudi Arabia for the modernisation and infrastructure development of Bangladesh Military Academy.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Rusted iron bars of what was once a passenger shed at a bus stop now hangs precariously over pedestrians, threatening to collapse at any time. The photo was taken yesterday from the capital's Tejgaon Satrastra.

5 illegal

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kilns in the area and fined them earlier this month.

There are over hundred illegal brick kilns operating in Dhamrai, contributing to the deteriorating air quality in the country, said experts.

According to DoE, brick kilns are the top air polluters, particularly during dry season when most bricks are made, turning the air quality "severely unhealthy". Air quality plummets between November and April when brick kilns operate and when there are a lot of particles in the air.

To this end, the High Court on November 26 ordered the government to conduct mobile court drives to shut down illegal brick kilns in five districts -- Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Munshiganj and Manikganj -- within 15 days.

The order came days after worrying data regarding Dhaka's air pollution was made public.

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Application Deadline: 12/12/2019, 04:00 PM local time
The contract is initially for one year with possibility of renewal.
For full detailed Job Description, ToRs, EV template and specifications, visit the following website:
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ECHO-Administration.Dhaka@echofield.eu
The subject line of the email should be marked **BGD / Recruitment / Programme Assistant**.
Only the short-listed candidates will be contacted

DU teacher's

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Faridi said he is yet to receive the certified copy of the verdict but he submitted his lawyers' signed copy both at the department and university.

He also alleged that the department chairman Professor Shafique uz Zaman refused to receive his letter and thus misbehaved with him, though he could not join at the department.

Meanwhile, the Economics department yesterday issued a statement saying that they are yet to receive any copy of the verdict and the responsibility of allowing him to resume his academic duties is up to the university, not the department.

"The economics department will take further steps following directive of the university authorities," the statement reads.

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