

Govt ready to address their realistic needs

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The ground reality and concerns of the host community," said foreign ministry in a statement.

Gillian Triggs and Raouf Mazou -- assistant high commissioner for protection and operations respectively -- from the UNHCR visited on Monday the 100,000-capacity housing facility built by the Bangladesh Navy.

Some 20,000 Rohingyas have already been relocated there since December last year from Cox's Bazar camps where nearly a million Rohingyas, mostly those who fled military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state, live.

Some 40 national NGOs and a few international NGOs are operating humanitarian assistance. The UN is yet to engage in the operations in Bhasan Char, though a UN delegation recently made positive observations on the facility.

The statement said the UN team, accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited Bhasan Char yesterday when a large number of Rohingyas gathered and staged a demonstration.

"At one point, the crowd got agitated and in the process, some of the Rohingyas reportedly got minor injuries. Once the delegation left the island, the situation normalised," the statement said.

During the interactions with the UN officials, the Rohingyas had free and frank interactions and vented out their frustration and concerns over uncertainty vis-à-vis repatriation.

"In absence of any progress in repatriation, they expressed desperation to get out of the present situation and requested to consider relocation to a third country."

The Rohingyas demanded UN's presence in Bhasan Char to ensure facilities such as education, livelihood activities, skill development and confirmed to the UN delegations that their relocation to Bhasan Char was completely on a voluntary basis.

The foreign ministry said in recent times OIC assistant secretary general, 18-member UN team and a group of foreign ambassadors visited Bhasan Char when Rohingyas spontaneously and happily interacted with the visiting guests both in informal and

formal settings.

However, the government noted with great disappointment that a section of international media and civil society organisations have been continuously campaigning against Bhasan Char and Rohingya relocation with "distorted information misrepresenting the facts".

"Such campaign will undermine the magnanimous humanitarian gestures and the sincere efforts of Bangladesh. Excessive focus on temporary arrangement and undue criticism will only shift the focus from the permanent solution, which lies in repatriation and reintegration of Rohingyas in Myanmar."

The ministry said it must be remembered that the Rohingyas are Myanmar nationals. Any arrangement for them in Bangladesh -- be it in Cox's Bazar or in Bhasan Char -- is purely on a temporary basis until they return to their country, it said.

Despite repeated attempts, Rohingyas refused to return to Myanmar citing absence of a conducive conditions, no guarantee of safety, and citizenship.

No room for compromise with Pakistan

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He added, "There are encouraging developments and no final judgement need be made on the long-term developments."

Asked about the Pakistan government's claim that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had been taken to Dhaka and he had urged people to cooperate with the army, Tajuddin said, "We do not know where exactly Sheikh Sahib has been detained by the Pakistan Government but the claim that he has urged the people to cooperate with the Army of Pakistan should be rejected with utmost contempt. The claim is preposterous."

NEW AID TO PAKISTANI REFUGEES
The US was reported today to be planning to contribute \$10 million to \$15 million more to care for Bangladeshi refugees fleeing into India.

In addition, reliable sources said today that four C-130 transports at Pope Air Force Base, near Fayetteville, NC, were awaiting orders to fly to India

to help move up to 50,000 refugees from the overcrowded Tripura area on the Bangladesh-India border area to camps in Assam, in northeast India. The airlift is expected to cost \$750,000 and require a month.

The new financing and the airlift reflect a recent White House decision to underwrite up to half of the overall cost of caring for the refugees for the next 90 days. A half-million dollars in cash from this fund was immediately turned over to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Meanwhile, the Agency for International Development was reported to have questioned the Pakistani government about the apparent seizure by the Pakistani army of 50 United States military boats sent to East Pakistan last winter to help distribute supplies to cyclone victims.

CHOLERA DEATHS REPORTED
More than 1,000 Bangladeshi refugees died from cholera in the last six days in Nadia district of West Bengal state, district officials said today.

The officials of the district, which borders on Bangladesh and was about 60 miles north of Calcutta, said reports of other deaths were still coming in.

DHAKA UNIVERSITY REOPENED
Pakistan claimed today that Dhaka University and other government colleges in Dhaka had been reopened. Radio Pakistan said more than 80 percent of the teaching staff had turned up for work. The Provincial Martial Law Authorities ordered the reopening of all private colleges on July 1, 1971.

BHUTTO'S NEW STAND
Pakistan People's Party Chairman Z.A. Bhutto demanded immediate transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people, reported Radio Pakistan. He added that political problems could be solved by politicians only. This was in contrast to Bhutto's earlier stand that no useful purpose would be served by an immediate transfer of power.

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Locals sling mud at MP, chase him away

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The situation remained unchanged for years even after the affected locals raised their voices every time.

Accumulated public anger stoked up by inaction of local peoples' representatives and other authorities concerned got outburst yesterday when local lawmaker faced huge outrage by aggrieved people.

The coastal upazila Koyra is the worst victim of natural calamities like Aila, Sidr, Amphan and finally the recent one -- Yaas.

Every time, hundreds of houses, fish enclosures, vast area of farmland, roads and other structures get damaged as the entire region becomes submerged.

In the recent cyclone Yaas, around 38 villages of Koyra went under water after the flood protection dam was breached in at least 21 points.

As several thousand people became homeless, they joined hands together and have been repairing the dams on their own for the last few days.

Amid such a situation, local lawmaker Mohammad Akhteruzzaman, who was elected from Khulna-6 constituency under the banner of the ruling Awami League, went to visit Dashedia area of Maharajpur union in the upazila around 11:30am.

At that time, locals were working hard to repair the dams. When the trawler, which was carrying the lawmaker, reached nearer the shore, the aggrieved people started shouting and throwing mud towards the lawmaker.

Some associates, who were accompanying the lawmaker, urged the people repeatedly through loud speaker to calm down.

But the public outrage could not be doused and they kept throwing muds towards the lawmaker, said multiple witnesses.

Such situation continued for around 15 minutes. At one stage, the lawmaker had to step back and leave the scene through the trawler.

Around half an hour later, the agitating people could calm down. Then, Akhteruzzaman came back the spot again.

He addressed the aggrieved people through loud speaker and admitted his failure to construct a sustainable dam in the area.

Then, the lawmaker joined hands with the people to repair the dam, said locals.

But many of the people were dissatisfied with such activities of the lawmaker and they left the scene.

Locals alleged that Akhteruzzaman,

his family members, and relatives control the tender works for repairing the dams. But their works are substandard.

That is why, the dams remain fragile and got breached whenever storms or cyclones hit the area.

Talking to The Daily Star, Koyra upazila parishad chairman SM Shafiqul Islam, among others, was present at the scene, confirmed the incident and added that the incident had delayed the repair works.

The Daily Star has a video and some photos of the incident.

Contacted, Akhteruzzaman said, "It is natural that anger may prevail among people. They are starving. Their houses have gone under water. If people are in trouble, they may express anger."

"I have made them understand that no development work could be implemented in last year due to Coronavirus pandemic. These workers are done through tender process. The ongoing sufferings would be removed, if the project is approved."

He also claimed that it was not true that he fled the scene. Rather, he joined with the locals in the repair works.

[Our Khulna correspondent contributed to this report]

Payra rail link to cost Tk 40,000cr

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As a part of the government's plan to bring the entire country under the rail network and establish a direct link between the under-construction Payra Sea Port and the capital, it intended to construct rail line from Bhanga to Payra.

Bhanga has already been connected with railway network from Faridpur and it would be directly linked with Dhaka once the ongoing Parma Bridge Rail Link Project, under which a rail line from Dhaka to Jashore is being constructed, is completed by June 2024.

The government had taken up a project in 2016 to carry out a feasibility study with detailed design and preparing the tender document at a cost of Tk 43 crore.

Although the project was supposed to be completed within June 2018, the BR was only able to sign an agreement with a joint venture company of

Dowha of South Korea, TYPASA of Spain and DDC of Bangladesh in July that year.

The deadline for the project was later extended to June this year.

WHAT THE STUDY SAYS?
After the completion of the final detailed design, the project authority made a presentation before the railways minister in March this year. The minister had given some suggestions at that time.

Pointing out some locations on the elevated part of the rail route where the height of embankments would be very high, the minister said less land would be required for the project and flow of water would not be obstructed if the elevated line was built at those points.

The minister also advised the consultants to review their project design within the limit of the estimated cost in the context of building elevated line at those

locations, meeting sources said.

As per the study, the broad gauge single line will have 20 stations and more than 40 bridges. A modern computer based interlocking signaling system will be installed at all stations.

Speaking to The Daily Star, a top railway official said since a part of the line would be elevated, the cost of the project would be more than Tk 40,701 crore. However, everything would be finalised during the approval of the project, he added, wishing not to be named.

The consultant mentioned the project as an "economically viable" one and highly desirable investment scheme, according to sources at BR.

The authorities could not determine whether the project would be implemented as an investment project or under a public private partnership initiative, the sources said.

"The funding source for the project has not been finalised yet," a top BR official told this newspaper yesterday.

Peru leads global mortality rate after adjusting Covid toll

AFP, Lima
Peru on Monday more than doubled its official coronavirus death toll, becoming the country with the highest Covid-19 mortality per capita anywhere in the world.

The government said it had raised the count from 69,342 to 180,764 on the advice of a panel of health experts, which found there had been an undercount.

With the adjustment, Peru now has the highest coronavirus mortality

per capita among any country, with 5,484 deaths per million inhabitants, according to an AFP count.

The country of about 33 million people previously ranked 13th in the world with 2,103 deaths per million, according to AFP's data.

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She killed her husband

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addressing a briefing at the media centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Fatema was shown arrested in a case filed with the Banani Police Station by the victim's second wife Nasrin Akter yesterday. Fatema told police that she had drugged Moyna Mia with sleeping pills mixed in a glass of juice, and then decapitated and dismembered his body in their home.

Fatema said during interrogation that she committed the murder out of extreme desperation as Moyna married a second time despite having two children with Fatema, the DB joint commissioner said. After killing Moyna, she put the different parts of his body inside sacks and drums and dumped those in the city's Mohakhali kitchen market, Mohakhali bus stand and Banani lake. Joint Commissioner Harun said Moyna was killed because he planned to stay with his second wife, leaving his first wife.

On May 30, police recovered a decapitated, dismembered body from a blue drum from near Mohakhali kitchen market around 8:30pm. Half an hour later the same day, two amputated legs and two severed arms were recovered from a bag near Mohakhali bus stand, and soon afterwards the head of the victim was recovered from Banani lake.

Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB police, said Fatema and Moyna often used to engage in family feud over finances and his second marriage. He further said that Fatema had hired a rickshaw for Tk 1,300 and visited three different spots from Kakrail and dumped the body parts.

Police are looking for the rickshaw-puller, he added.

Racket trafficked 500

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police on May 27 arrested Ridoy along with five other Bangladeshis from Bengaluru.

Following the incident, Rab, over the last two days, arrested Rafi along with three of his associates -- Sahida Begum alias Madam Sahida, 46, Ismail Sarder, 38, and Abdur Rahman Sheikh alias Arman Sheikh, 26 -- from Jhenidah Sadar and Abhaynagar and Benapole of Jashore. Rab said "TikTok Ridoy" was one of the main agents of Rafi.

Through TikTok and a Facebook group, Ridoy lured the girls in. Rafi with the help of Ridoy then trafficked the girls to the South Indian city.

"The main purpose of trafficking women to India was sex work," said Commander Khandaker Al Moin, legal and media wing director of Rab.

Rafi, a high-school dropout, has travelled several times to southern India over the last eight years. He worked as a taxi driver, resort employee, and also did garments trade there, Rab said.

Rafi learnt Tamil as well. He got Tk 10,000 to Tk 15,000 as commission for every woman he handed over to his Indian cohorts.

He eventually became the ringleader of the racket, Rab said.

According to Rab, Rafi has several "safe houses" in Bengaluru and in the bordering areas of Bangladesh, from where he operates the racket.

HOW THEY WERE TRAFFICKED
First, the women and the girls were taken to the bordering districts -- Jashore, Sathkhira and Jhenidah. Then they were kept at "safe houses" adjacent to the border. From there, in a favourable time, brokers or "line-men" took the victims across through unfenced border areas or "managing the people at the border".

The Indian agents would receive the women and keep them at safe houses near the border of the neighboring country. The victims were then sent to Kolkata's safe house and to Bengaluru from there, Rab said.

In Bengaluru, Rafi received the women and kept them in safe houses, where they were forced to drink and have sex with several men, the Rab official said.

VIRAL VIDEO
Rab said the 22-year-old tortured women in the viral video, was lured by TikTok Ridoy. She was taken to India in October 2020.

"... the victim helped two Bangladeshi trafficked women flee a safe house. That's why, she was tortured brutally," the Rab official said.

Rab said the victim was kept at Madam Sahida's safe house in Jashore before being taken to India.

Sahida has two daughters -- Sonia and Tania -- who are also part of the racket. Tania is the woman seen in the viral video torturing the victim, Rab said.

Many of the trafficked women were sold to people in the Middle East, the Rab official said.

Three Bangladeshi young women, aged between 15 and 25, managed to flee. They are now in police custody. A new footage, found by Bangladesh police, shows brutal torture of one of these India returnees.

7-yr-old swims an hour

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back of the boat, had to let go because the current was so strong, Chase said.

The 7-year-old decided to also let go in order to try to keep her from drifting, but then he was stuck.

Poust jumped in to try and help them, and told Chase to swim to shore while he tried to reach his daughter, who was wearing a life jacket.

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- ৯। বর্তমানে ব্যাংকের প্যানেলভুক্ত আইনজীবীগণ যাদের মেয়াদ ০২/০৩/২০২১ তারিখে ২ (দুই) বছর পূর্ণ হয়েছে, তারা পুনঃ নিয়োগে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে। তবে বিগত ০৮/০৭/২০২০ তারিখে সৈনিক প্রথম আলো ও ডেইলী স্টার পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির বিপরীতে আবেদনকারী আইনজীবীগণের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।
- ১০। ঢাকা জেলার জন্য নিয়োগ লাভে অগ্রাধিকার প্রার্থীগণকে লিপ্যাদা মাস্টার্স ডিভিশন, সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা অথবা সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের ওয়েবসাইট (www.sonalibank.com.bd) থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরম (ছক-ক) সজ্ঞহপূর্বক আবেদন করতে পারবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে (ক) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি (খ) সকল শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা (গ) পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা (ঘ) বাংলাদেশ বার কাউন্সিলে তালিকাভুক্তি, জেলা আইনজীবী সমিতি/সুলীম কোর্ট বার এসোসিয়েশনের সনদপত্রের (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) কপি ও (ঙ) সাম্প্রতিক কালে তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের দুই কপি ছবি সংযুক্ত করে আগামী ৩০/০৬/২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে সরাসরি ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার, লিপ্যাদা মাস্টার্স ডিভিশন, সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকায়ে প্রেরণ করতে হবে।
- ১১। ঢাকা জেলা ব্যতীত অন্যান্য জেলার প্যানেল আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োগ লাভে অগ্রাধিকার প্রার্থীগণকে সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলার সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, প্রিন্সিপাল অফিস/রিজিওনাল অফিস অথবা সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের ওয়েবসাইট (www.sonalibank.com.bd) থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরম (ছক-খ) সজ্ঞহপূর্বক আবেদন করতে পারবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে ১০নং জমির উল্লেখিত সকল সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি ও সাম্প্রতিক কালে তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের দুই কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি সংযুক্ত করে স্ব-স্ব জেলার প্রিন্সিপাল অফিস/রিজিওনাল অফিসে আগামী ৩০/০৬/২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ১২। ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণে প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।
- ১৩। অসম্পূর্ণ/ত্রুটিপূর্ণ দরখাস্ত সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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