

Operation Hotel

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The majority of the five million East Pakistani refugees now in India were repatriated. Senator Church, a member of the foreign relations committee which would consider the measure, said in a Senate speech that "a full-scale international relief operation is mandatory".

He also told the Senate that the refugee situation not only imposed an unbearable burden upon India but could threaten peace.

"The creation of another refugee problem along the Indian border, like that which plagues the Middle East, would be alarming in its implications for the future," he declared. "Under these circumstances the United States must apply such leverage as it can to alleviate this human tragedy through the implementation of essential international relief and the speedy repatriation of refugees."

BRITISH FOREIGN SECY CALLS FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home made a strong appeal today for a political settlement in East Pakistan, terming it an essential condition for any permanent solution to the Pakistani refugee disaster.

Speaking in an emergency debate in the House of Commons on the

relief situation in East Pakistan and India, Sir Alec said the real tragedy lay in the fact that this was not a natural disaster but a political one.

He said the relief of immediate suffering should be followed "very soon by the creation of a political framework in which civil government can be formed and which will give confidence to the refugees to return home".

Sir Alec also urged continued restraint in the tense relations between Pakistan and India. Otherwise, he said, "the danger of war would be very real and would convert what is already a tragedy into a catastrophe".

Politicians of all parties rose to deplore the disorders in East Pakistan and to express concern at the plight of the refugees.

REORGANISING EAST PAKISTAN

The martial law administrator in East Pakistan issued an order reorganising the province. Radio Pakistan in a broadcast today said the province had been divided into four sectors -- Dhaka, Rajshahi, Jessore and Chittagong, excluding Chittagong Port. The object of the reorganising move was not immediately known.

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An Oxfam activist wearing a giant head depicting French President Emmanuel Macron holding a syringe is seen during a protest in Paris, France yesterday. The slogan reads "Lift patents on Covid-19 vaccines, Mr President choose your side" and "A vaccine for the planet".

PHOTO: REUTERS

HC rejects writ against

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He said the HC bench made the observation in line with article 66(2) (d) of the constitution of Bangladesh.

The article says, "A person shall be disqualified for election as, or for being, a member of Parliament who has been, on conviction for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years, unless a period of five years has elapsed since his release."

Kazi Papul's sister Nurunnahar Begum and Shahadat Hossain, a resident of Laxmipur-2 constituency and proposer for Kazi Papul's nomination, submitted the writ petition on March 15 challenging the legality of Jatiya Sangsad decision and seeking stay on the process for holding by-election scheduled to be held on June 21.

On February 22, the parliament secretariat issued a gazette notification announcing that the Laxmipur-2 constituency fell vacant because of Kazi Papul's moral turpitude.

On March 4, the Election Commission issued a schedule announcing that the by-election to this constituency will be held on April 11.

Later on, the date for holding the

by-election was deferred to June 21 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Lawyers Rokonuddin Mahmud and Mostafizur Rahman Khan appeared for the petitioners.

Citing the petition, lawyer Mustafizur Rahman Khan told The Daily Star that the speaker to Jatiya Sangsad must wait to know whether any appeal of a convicted sitting Member of Parliament is pending with any court and its result before declaring his JS membership cancelled as per articles 66 and 67 constitution and the rules of businesses of parliament.

But, the speaker of Jatiya Sangsad did not follow these provisions in respect of Kazi Papul's JS membership cancellation, he said.

Mustafizur Rahman said no court of Bangladesh has convicted and sentenced lawmaker Kazi Papul and Kuwait court, which sentenced him, has not officially informed the JS Speaker about his conviction.

A Kuwaiti court on January 28 sentenced Bangladeshi lawmaker Mohammad Shahid Islam alias Kazi Papul and four others to four years in jail in a bribery case. Issuing the judgment, the court, headed by Counselor Abdullah Al-Othman, also fined them 1.9 million Kuwaiti dinars.

His colleague killed him

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Howlader used to take illegal benefits from different contractors, but Delwar opposed such illegal activities.

"Selim would frequently harass most of the staffers at the office. That's why the staffers disliked Selim and loved Delwar. This led to a feud between Selim and Delwar," the report added.

Selim was served with a show cause notice over a forgery in 2018 when he was at the Konabari zonal office of the city corporation. He thought Delwar was behind the notice and became aggrieved.

"In September 2019, Delwar was attached to Nagar Bhaban. At that time, Selim wanted to take over as the executive engineer of Gazipur City Corporation. But Delwar was transferred to the city corporation as an executive engineer on February 26 last year. Selim was very displeased about this," the charge sheet said.

On May 5 last year, Selim had a quarrel with Delwar. He then decided to kill his colleague and hired Helal Howlader alias Horila Ghorami and Habibur Rahman Khan, a microbus driver.

In the morning of May 11, Selim along with the two went to Delwar's home in the capital's Mirpur by a microbus.

To get Delwar out of his home, they used a trick. They gave a rickshaw-puller Tk 100 to call Delwar saying that he needed to collect a parcel.

"Delwar then came out of the home and saw a microbus waiting there. Selim told him that he hired the microbus to go to office. Delwar boarded the microbus in good faith," the probe report said.

As the vehicle reached Rupnagar Beribadh area, Helal strangled Delwar with a rope while Selim grabbing the victim's legs. After killing the executive engineer, they dumped the body in an empty plot of Uttara Sector-17 near Beribadh, the IO said.

They also threw Delwar's cellphone in a lake in Dishari area. Police on the same day recovered the body from Beribadh around 4:00pm.

On May 12, victim's wife Khodeja Akhter identified the body at the morgue of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College.

Khodeja filed the murder case with Turag Police Station that day, accusing some unidentified people.

Police later arrested the three. They made confessional statements to magistrates on different dates.

The three are now behind bars. In the charge sheet, 33 people have been named as prosecution witnesses.

53 tonnes of sugar

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about 53 tonnes of sugar had gone missing.

"We have forwarded it to the Anti-Corruption Commission," he said.

The mill authorities formed a four-member probe committee, led by the factory's GM (Finance) Kalyan Kumar Debnath. Talking to The Daily Star, he said a corrupt racket has held "the entire industry hostage", but declined to reveal any findings saying that their investigation was underway.

The five-member committee by the industries ministry is led by Additional Secretary Shivanth Roy. The other members include Anwarul Alam, joint secretary of the ministry and Ainul Haque, planning chief of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation.

During their visit to the mill on Monday, the committee members examined the current stock, sales and income related documents. They also talked to current and former in-charge of the warehouses and other stores, said sources at the mill.

Rakibur Rahman, general manager (administration) of the sugar mills, said a corrupt syndicate of mill employees was behind the misappropriation. "But I can't say anything more now as the investigation is still on."

Think-tanks' new

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a short time," Mannan added.

The survey will be completed in the next one and a half years, said Muhammad Yamin Chowdhury, secretary of the statistics division.

"It can then be said how many people have actually become poor."

Asked if they can survey in a shorter time, he said there is no scope to verify the authenticity of quick surveys.

Conducting surveys over the phone can give a general idea, but the exact number can be verified by asking more in-depth questions and doing follow-ups, which the BBS does in its longer surveys, he said.

"Last year we did a similar survey through the mobile phone. This year, maybe a [more in-depth] survey can be done to get an idea about the issue," Chowdhury added.

Despite the increase in the allocation of the social safety net in the proposed budget for fiscal 2021-22, the government has not brought the newly poor people under it.

Social safety net schemes were allocated Tk 107,610 crore in the upcoming fiscal year, which is up 12 percent year-on-year but lower than the average 17.7 percent growth of allocation between fiscals 2009-10 and 2020-21.

According to an estimate of the Centre for Policy Dialogue in April, some 1.60 crore new poor were created by the pandemic.

Another survey done around the same time by the Power and Participation Research Centre and the Brac Institute of Governance and Development showed that 2.45 crore fell into poverty even before the second wave of the pandemic hit.

About 20.5 percent of the population was already living in poverty and the pandemic raised the ratio to 30 percent, according to the World Bank.

WHO warns of two-track

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He voiced his frustration that several poor countries have been unable to immunise their health workers, the elderly and other populations most vulnerable to severe Covid-19 disease.

Some rich countries meanwhile, having bought up vaccine supply, are drawing up preparations to start vaccinating children, he said.

Tedros has called for a massive global effort to vaccinate at least 10 percent of the population of all countries by September, and at least 30 percent by the end of the year.

That will require an additional 250 million doses by September, with 100 million doses in June and July alone.

"This weekend, the G7 leaders will meet for their annual summit," Tedros told journalists. "These seven nations have the power to meet these targets."

"I am calling on the G7 not just to commit to sharing doses, but to commit to sharing them in June and July," he said.

"I also call on all manufacturers to give Covax first right of refusal on new volume of Covid-19 vaccines, or to commit 50 percent of their volumes to Covax this year," Tedros added.

Meanwhile, nearly 30 celebrities, from singer Katy Perry to footballer David Beckham, called on the G7 to share Covid-19 vaccines with poorer countries.

The entertainment and sports figures urged the seven countries -- France, Italy, the UK, Canada, Japan, Germany and the United States -- to pledge at least 20 percent of their supply between June and August, amounting to 150 million doses.

Hefajat men

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correspondent.

Sajidur is the director of Jamia Darul Arqam Al Islamiya Madrasa in West Medda area of Brahmanbaria town and Mubarak is the principal of Al Jamia Al Islamiya Al Younusia Madrasa in Kandipara area of the district.

Leaders and activists of various socio-cultural and political organisations, including those of the ruling Awami League, have been demanding arrest of the two Hefajat leaders since March 26.

Sajidur and Mubarak went into "hiding" after criticism of Brahmanbaria violence from across the country.

However, Sajidur was seen at a press conference at Makhjanul Ulum Madrasa in the capital's Khilgaon on Monday during the announcement of the new central committee.

Awami League lawmaker RAM Obaidul Moktadir Chowdhury (Brahmanbaria-3) had filed a petition with Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station under the Digital Security Act on May 1 against 16 people, including the two Hefajat leaders, on charges of committing cybercrime.

The police station recorded the petition as a general diary.

Supporters and activists of Hefajat carried out massive violence across Brahmanbaria on March 26-28 protesting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh.

BFIU SEEKS BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has sought details about the bank accounts of 44 Hefajat leaders, reports our staff correspondent.

Issuing a notice on May 2, the BFIU asked commercial banks to send the information to it in seven working days.

"Banks have been asked to give details of all the accounts belonging to those persons as part of a BFIU investigation to detect whether they are involved in money laundering and terrorist financing," an official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The 44 are leaders of different Hefajat units.

On March 31, the BFIU had sought bank account details of 24 leaders of different organisations, including Hefajat and 30 madrasas.

Officials said the Intelligence Unit has taken the initiative to look into the sources of funds of Islamist outfits.

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The Public Procurement Act, 2006 (PPA) & The Public Procurement Rules-2008 (PPR) এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী মোতাবেক ২০২১-২২ অর্থ বৎসরে ১ম কোয়ার্টার (জুলাই/২০২১ হতে সেপ্টেম্বর/২০২১ পর্যন্ত) এর জন্য রংপুর মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশের রেশন সামগ্রী উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ এবং নিলাম বিক্রয় (ব্যবহৃত পুরাতন চটের বস্তা/সিনথেটিক বস্তা) এর জন্য রংপুর মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, রংপুর রেশন স্টোরে টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন ব্যবসায়ী/টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহর ও সীলগালায়ুক্ত খামে পৃথক-পৃথক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/পুলিশ বিভাগ।			
০২।	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।			
০৩।	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ স্বত্বাধিকারীর নাম	পুলিশ কমিশনার, রংপুর মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, রংপুর।			
০৪।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের কারণ	রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় এবং নিলাম বিক্রয়।			
০৫।	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (OTM)।			
০৬।	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত	রাজস্ব খাত।			
০৭।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৮/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।			
০৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২৪/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)।			
০৯।	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।			
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।			
১১।	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ	২৮/০৬/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।			
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১৯।	বিশেষ শর্তাবলী: (ক) কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন। (খ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোনো আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে। (গ) দরপত্র কার্যক্রম পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮-এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে। (ঘ) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ রয়েছে।				

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Two arrested

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to greet a man who, instead of shaking hands, slapped the 43-year-old across the face.

Macron's bodyguards quickly intervened and two people were arrested afterwards, local officials said.

"The man who tried to slap the president and another individual are

currently being questioned by the gendarmerie," the regional prefecture said in a statement.

The incident in the village of Tain-l'Hermitage in the Drome region represents a serious security breach and overshadows the start of Macron's tour which he said was designed to "take the country's pulse."

Australia's largest

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"Based on the preserved limb size comparisons, this new titanosaur is estimated to be in the top five largest in the world," said Robyn Mackenzie, a director of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

The fossilised bones were found on Mackenzie's

family farm in 2006 about 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) west of Brisbane in the Eromanga Basin and nicknamed "Cooper".

Initially kept secret as scientists painstakingly dug up and studied the bones, the skeleton first went on display to the public in 2007.