

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

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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.

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two accomplices -- Helal Howlader and Habibur Rahman Khan.

According to the probe report, Selim alias Anis Howlader would avail illegal facilities from different contractors, but Delwar opposed such illegal activities.

"Besides, 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, the probe found.

"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, 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, Helal and Habibur 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 house 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 microbus reached Rupnagar Beribadh area, Helal strangled Delwar with a rope and Selim grabbed his legs. After killing Delwar, they dumped the body in an empty plot of Uttara Sector-17 near Beribadh, the IO said.

Delwar's cellphone was also thrown into a lake in Dishari area, the charge sheet added.

Police recovered the body from Beribadh around 4:00pm on the same day.

The next day, victim's wife Khodeja Akhter identified the body at the morgue of Shaheed Shuhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

On May 12 last year, she filed a murder case with Turag Police Station accusing some unidentified people.

The three were arrested following the murder. They gave confessional statements to magistrates on different dates.

They are now behind bars. In the charge sheet, 33 people were shown 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 Shivnath 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."

Death toll in Pakistan train crash rises to 56

REUTERS, Islamabad

The death toll in a train crash in southern Pakistan rose to 56 yesterday, a railway spokeswoman said, the latest accident to highlight a broken railway system that dates back to the 19th century.

A train smashed into derailed carriages of another train on Monday, killing at least 36 people and injuring over 100.

The toll rose to 56 after bodies were retrieved overnight from mangled coaches strewn across the tracks, Pakistan Railways spokeswoman Nazia Jabeen told Reuters.

Another 23 injured passengers are still under treatment, she said, adding the rest of them were sent to their destinations.

Rescue operations have been completed, said statements from the railway and Pakistani military, which worked at the site along with police and other rescuers.

One side of the two rail tracks have been cleared and work was in progress to clear the other one to help restore traffic.

Several carriages of a train derailed and fell across the adjacent track in the Ghotki district on Monday. Within minutes, a second train, coming from the other direction, smashed into them.

"The driver tried to apply emergency brakes but the locomotive hit the infringing coaches," Pakistan Railways said in an initial report.

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.

Media, govt

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available again later.

The BBC and the New York Times were temporarily inaccessible, but also later returned.

A number of websites were down in the Nordic region including those of Swedish newspapers Aftonbladet and Svenska Dagbladet, news aggregator site Omni, as well as the site of the Swedish social security service Forsakringskassan.

In Denmark, the website of TV2.dk was also down before later returning.

Down Detector, which specialises in internet access problems, said the outages were due to a massive glitch in Fastly.

Fastly is a content delivery network that helps websites speed up loading times and present their content to users. Its clients include Deliveroo, Pinterest and Shazam.

Similar problems have affected Amazon Web Services, another huge cloud computing firm, in the past.

It has led some to question the wisdom of having so much internet infrastructure in the hands of a few companies, meaning when something goes wrong it causes mass disruption.

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.

Scott Hocknull, a palaeontologist at Queensland Museum, said it had been a "very long and painstaking task" to confirm the Australotitan was a new species.

The research, which relied on 3D scan models of bones to compare the dinosaur with its close relatives, was published in the peer-reviewed PeerJ journal Monday.



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Pvt survey on new poor

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have actually become poor." Asked if they can do a survey in a shorter time, he said there is no scope to verify the authenticity of quick surveys. Conducting surveys over 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." Despite the increase in the allocation of the social safety net in the proposed 2021-22 budget, the government has not brought the newly poor people under it. Social

safety net schemes were allocated Tk 1,07,610 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.