

TALIBAN BAN ON WOMEN STAFF

More NGOs halt Afghan work

AFP, London

Christian Aid and ActionAid yesterday became the latest foreign aid groups to suspend operations in Afghanistan after the country’s Taliban rulers ordered all NGOs to stop women staff from working.

Announcements by the two groups take to six the number of bodies who have paused their operations in the country.

Christian Aid was “rapidly seeking clarity... and urging the authorities to reverse the ban”, head of global programmes Ray Hasan said in a statement.

“Whilst we do this, we are unfortunately pausing the work of our programmes,” he added.

ActionAid said that if women were banned from working with the group it would “prevent us from reaching out to half of the population that are already reeling from hunger”.

On Sunday Save the Children, the Norwegian Refugee Council and CARE all announced they were putting their operations on hold.

The International Rescue Committee, which provides emergency response in health, education and other areas and employs 3,000 women across Afghanistan, also said it was suspending services.

“Millions of people in Afghanistan are on the verge of starvation,” Christian Aid’s Hasan said yeste.

“Reports that families are so desperate they have been forced to sell their children to buy food are utterly heartbreaking,” he said.

The ban is the latest blow against women’s rights in Afghanistan since the Taliban reclaimed power last year.

Less than a week ago, the hardline Islamists also barred women from attending universities, prompting global outrage and protests in some Afghan cities.

Historic winter storm

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the total for the blizzard to 25 deaths county-wide,” Erie County executive Mark Poloncarz said in a press briefing.

The ferocious weather makes this “the worst storm probably in our lifetime, and the history of the city,” Poloncarz said, noting the death toll in Erie will likely surpass that of Buffalo’s infamous blizzard of 1977, when nearly 30 people died.

With more snow in the forecast and most of Buffalo “impassable,” he

warned residents to bunker down and stay in place.

“This is not the end yet, we are not there,” he said.

National Guard members and other teams have rescued hundreds of people from snow-covered cars and homes without electricity, but authorities have said more people remain trapped.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul, a native of Buffalo, said she was stunned by what she saw during a Sunday reconnaissance tour of the city.

7 DMP OCs transferred

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Azizul Hoque Mia of Dakshin Khan Police Station has been made OC of Airport Police Station, Inspector Masud Alam of DMP’s line (OR) OC of Uttara West Police Station, Inspector Jane Alam Munshi of DMP Logistics Department OC of Bhasantek Police Station and Inspector

Shafiqul Goni Sabu of DMP Operation Division OC of New Market Police Station, according to the order.

On December 23, 2020, eight OCs of DMP were transferred. Before that on December 2, 2019, in another reshuffle, eight OCs were transferred and seven OCs were repositioned on October 1 that year.



PHOTO: AFP  
This photograph taken on Sunday shows Sviatohirsk Cave Monastery, “an Orthodox Christian monastery”, partially damaged by shelling in the town of Sviatohirsk, in Donetsk region, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

‘Deadliest year’ for Rohingyas at sea: UN

REUTERS, New Delhi/ Dhaka

The possible sinking of a boat in recent weeks with 180 Rohingya Muslims on board could make 2022 one of the deadliest years at sea in almost a decade for the community, a UN agency said, as refugees try to flee desperate conditions in Bangladesh camps.

Nearly 1 million Rohingya from Myanmar are living in crowded facilities in Muslim-majority Bangladesh, including tens of thousands who fled their home country after its military conducted a deadly crackdown in 2017.

The number of Rohingya leaving Bangladesh in boats this year has jumped more than five-fold from a year earlier to nearly 2,400, rights groups estimate. It is not clear if the lifting of COVID restrictions in Southeast Asia, a favoured destination, has led to the rush of people.

In Buddhist-majority Myanmar, most Rohingya are denied citizenship and are seen as illegal immigrants from South Asia.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it feared that a boat that set sail at the end of November was missing, with all 180 on board presumed dead.

The UNHCR said the vessel may have started to crack in early December before losing contact. It added it was not clear where the boat started, but three Rohingya men, including one whose family were onboard, said it set off from Bangladesh.

Nearly 200 Rohingyas were already feared dead or missing at sea this year. “We hope against

hope that the 180 missing are still alive somewhere,” said UNHCR spokesperson Babar Baloch.

Thai authorities said four women and one man were found floating near Thailand’s Surin island and another woman at Similan islands and were rescued by fishermen. Authorities had not yet confirmed their identities.

A local fisherman told Reuters he and his crew had rescued people hanging onto a floating water tank.

UNHCR’s Baloch said 2022 was one of the worst years for dead and missing after 2013 and 2014, when 900 and 700 Rohingya died or went

community to help ease the load of hosting so many refugees.

Chris Lewa, director of the Arakan Project that works to support the Rohingya, told Reuters that a boat that drifted for weeks after leaving Bangladesh carrying nearly 200 had landed in Indonesia’s Aceh province on Monday evening.

Earlier this month, she said many people from the same boat may have died of hunger or thirst.

“It’s outrageous that they were left adrift for nearly four weeks, either completely ignored without food and water or towed out towards Indonesia,” Lewa said.

A local Indonesian disaster mitigation agency said there were 185 passengers who arrived in the district of Pidie in Aceh province on Monday evening.

Some 57 other Rohingya reached Aceh on Sunday after nearly a month adrift. Two other boats carrying a total of 230 Rohingya landed on the shores of Aceh last month, while this month, Sri Lanka’s navy rescued 104 Rohingya.

“Life in the camp is full of uncertainties, there is no hope that they can go back home soon,” said Mohammed Imran, a former Rohingya community leader who has returned to Bangladesh from Malaysia. (Reporting by Krishna N. Das in New Delhi and Ruma Paul in Dhaka; Additional reporting by Stanley Widianto in Jakarta and Panu Wongcha-um, Chayut Setboonsarng, Panarat Thepgumpanat in Bangkok and Hidayatullah Tahjuddin in PIDIE, Indonesia; Editing by Kenneth Maxwell, Muralikumar Anantharaman, Alexandra Hudson and David Evans)



missing in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal after inter-communal violence forced them to flee.

“LEFT TO DIE” Sayedur Rahman, 38, who fled to Malaysia in 2012 from Myanmar, said his wife and three children were among the missing on the vessel.

“In 2017, my family came to Bangladesh to save their lives,” Rahman said. “But they are now all gone ... I’m totally devastated... We Rohingyas are left to die ... on the land, at sea. Everywhere.” Bangladesh has in the past arrested people smugglers. The densely populated country has also asked the international

S Korea fires at North’s drones after incursion

AFP, Seoul

South Korea accused the North of flying several drones across their shared border yesterday, prompting Seoul’s military to deploy warplanes to shoot them down -- with local media reporting one of the planes later crashed.

The incursion was the first time in years that North Korean drones have invaded the South’s airspace and came hot on the heels of a recent flurry of sanctions-busting weapons tests by Pyongyang.

The South’s Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said the military first detected a suspected North Korean unmanned aerial vehicle around the airspace of Gimpo at 10:25am (0125 GMT) and “responded immediately”.

“This is a clear act of provocation in which North Korea invaded our airspace,” a JCS official told reporters.

The incursion prompted Seoul to fire warning shots and deploy fighter jets and attack helicopters to shoot down the five drones, one of which reached airspace near the capital.

Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, said the incident marked the first time that South Korean flights were suspended over “the appearance of North Korean drones”, adding they were likely for spying purposes.

It was the first time in five years that North Korean drones had invaded South Korean airspace, and the latest in a series of provocations from Pyongyang this year, including an unprecedented blitz of weapons tests -- among them, the launch of its most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile yet.

China to scrap quarantine for overseas arrivals

AFP, Beijing

China will scrap quarantine measures for overseas arrivals starting January 8, health authorities announced yesterday, after nearly three years of strict pandemic border restrictions.

The National Health Commission announced the downgraded containment measures for Covid-19 in an online notice, adding that travellers would only need a PCR test taken 48 hours pre-flight to enter China.

The announcement is the latest move by Beijing to loosen its zero-Covid regime, after it abruptly dropped mandatory testing and lockdowns earlier this month.

The measures will take effect from January 8, when Covid will be downgraded from the top tier of infectious diseases, Class A, to a second tier Class B, the NHC said in a separate notice yesterday.

Unlike most of the rest of the world where people have transitioned to living with the pandemic, China had until recently maintained harsh restrictions and largely sealed itself off.

Since March 2020, all passengers arriving in the country had to undergo at least two weeks of mandatory centralised quarantine, later increased to three weeks.

The measures heavily disrupted international tourism and business travel, further hampering the country’s Covid-battered economy.



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সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের কারিগরি ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষা বিভাগের অধীন কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক বাস্তবায়নধীন “Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET)” শীর্ষক প্রকল্পটির কার্যক্রম জুলাই, ২০২১ খ্রিঃ হতে ডিসেম্বর, ২০২৬ খ্রিঃ মেয়াদে চলমান। উক্ত প্রকল্পের আওতায় NTVQF লেভেল ভিত্তিক শর্ট কোর্স পরিচালনাকারী সরকারি-বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে কোর্স পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে প্রকল্প হতে আর্থিক সহায়তা প্রদান করা হবে।

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ACC sues Khasru

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Sarwar, Managing Director Sabera Sarwar Nina, Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha Building Inspector (Design Approval Branch) Aurangzeb Nannu. Deputy Director of ACC’s Integrated District Office Dhaka-1 Salina Akhtar filed the case on allegation of conspiring to benefit by misappropriating a plot in the name of developing an adjacent plot on Banani Road-17, owned by Chittagong Stock Exchange under Rajuk.

On top of that, the Rajuk-approved design was violated in building and running five star Hotel Sarina.

According to the complaint, ACC probed into allegations of

appropriating assets beyond the known sources of income of Khasru and his wife. In the probe, it came out that they concealed information about holding shares of Hotel Sarina, along with their relatives Nina and Golam Sarwar.

Amir Khosru and Sarwar bought plot-25 on Road-17 in Banani and built a 21-storey building instead of the Rajuk approved 15-storey structure.

Khosru, during his tenure as president of CSE, appointed Golam Sarwar as the developer of plot-27 and then misappropriated the plot along with his wife.

Later, the trio built a 22-storey building there for the hotel.

Mashrafe now AL’s

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the office bearers at its 22nd triennial national council session on Saturday. But the posts of deputy publicity and publication secretary, youth and sports secretary, labour and manpower secretary, and two presidium members remained vacant.

Last night’s meeting was held to elect the 28 members of the central working committee, the AL’s highest policy-making body. But the presidium members requested Hasina to pick the working committee members and

the leaders to fill the two presidium posts.

“We discussed both national and international issues at the first meeting [since the council] of the party presidium. Our leader [Sheikh Hasina] gave us guidelines on the [coming] national polls,” Quader said.

During her introductory speech, Hasina said, “If the organisation [AL] remains strong, we will be able to earn people’s confidence and trust. Then, it will not be a tough job to run a government and carry out the development of the country.”

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