

MANIPUR STATE

India’s SC lashes out at govt over violence

TOL, New Delhi

India’s Supreme Court yesterday came down heavily on the Manipur government as well as the police over the “complete break down of constitutional machinery” in the strife-torn state from May till July.

It also summoned the Manipur DGP to explain why “tardy probe” was carried out by the state police in cases of violence.

“The state police appears to be incapable of investigating the cases. There is no law and order left (in the state). If law and order machinery cannot protect people, where will they go for protection,” a bench headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud said.

The bench was hearing a batch of petitions concerning the violence in Manipur.



Relatives gather around a bus carrying prisoners being released outside the Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar yesterday. The pardons, announced on state media yesterday, were part of an amnesty granted to more than 7,000 prisoners to mark Buddhist Lent.

PHOTO: AFP

Rohingyas may be taken

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union minister for international cooperation, and Lieutenant General Yar Pyae, member of the State Administration Council Union and chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee, on July 28.

Earlier, Xijun visited Dhaka on April 6 this year and had a meeting with Momen on Rohingya repatriation.

China, which has been advocating a bilateral solution to the Rohingya crisis, instead of internationalising it since the largest influx in 2017, is mediating the Rohingya repatriation between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

A competent source told The Daily Star that the Chinese special envoy told the Bangladesh authorities that Myanmar signaled that the repatriated Rohingyas will not be taken to any camps or model villages that the Myanmar authorities had earlier planned.

In May this year, a group of Rohingyas for the first time visited Rakhine State. After returning to the Rohingyas camps in Cox’s Bazar, some of them said they were not willing to

return. They demanded that they be settled back in their original villages with safety and citizenship guaranteed. Some of them, however, had agreed to return.

Based on the demands of the Rohingyas, Bangladesh government raised certain issues with the Chinese authorities. For example, the Rohingyas should be taken to the villages and all of a family be repatriated together.

Also, there should be arrangements ensuring their livelihood, education and freedom of mobility.

“We have long been discussing these with the Chinese authorities. This time too, we raised the issues with the Chinese special envoy,” Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told The Daily Star last night.

He, however, would not say for sure if the Chinese envoy made it clear that the Myanmar authorities will take the Rohingyas to their own villages.

“We said that not all Rohingya villages have been destroyed. Many are still there. So, they should be taken there,” Momen said.

A source, however,

told The Daily Star that the Chinese special envoy at the meeting said the Myanmar authorities will bear the expenditures of the repatriated Rohingyas for the first three months.

Moreover, fishing and agricultural implements will be provided to the Rohingyas as their livelihood options after repatriation, said the sources.

At the meeting, Deng Xijun and Foreign Minister Momen discussed a plan to repatriate 7,000 Rohingyas by December, which may start after the monsoon, meeting sources said.

Momen, however, said there was no timeline set yet.

The Bangladesh authorities conveyed to the Chinese special envoy that it is difficult to start the repatriation during the monsoon, but meantime they will complete the preparations for the repatriation.

“Rohingya repatriation should start at the soonest. They are suffering here. Sadly, many are opposing their repatriation,” Momen said.

There is a huge shortage of funding for the Rohingyas because of other

Remittance continues to underwhelm

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remittance inflows through the formal channels decrease by 3.5 percent if the premium offered by the informal market exchange rate increases by 1 percent, he said.

On Monday, the Association of Bankers, Bangladesh (ABB) and the Bangladesh Foreign Exchange Dealers Association (BAFEDA) increased the exchange rate of the US dollar by Tk 0.5 to Tk 109 for remitters.

Until July 31, banks were officially offering Tk 108.5 for a US dollar.

But remitters can get more through unofficial channels, according to bankers.

“Some Bangladeshi expatriates are still sending remittance through the illegal channels because of a higher dollar rate than the bank rate,” said Mirza Elias Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Jamuna Bank, which ran campaigns in recent months to boost its remittance inflows.

In the absence of adequate remittance inflows, banks are turning to the BB for dollar support to settle their import bills.

The BB sold nearly \$14 billion to banks in fiscal 2022-23 fiscal year. In July, it sold \$1 billion, as per the central bank officials.

Ahmed hopes that the exchange rate gap between the formal and informal markets will narrow further in the coming months and ramp up the remittance inflows through the official channels.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, the MD of Mutual Trust Bank, is hopeful that the inflows will increase in the coming months as the ABB and BAFEDA are continually adjusting the dollar rate.

The remittance inflow will not increase until the exchange rate is made flexible, according to Hussain.

“The exchange rate should be market-based for remittance inflow because now there is no negotiation system for transactions in the formal market,” he said.

For instance, the banking regulator sent six inspection teams last week after complaints that some banks were offering as much as Tk 115 for a dollar to remitters, Tk 6.5 more than the central bank fixed rate.

Md Sarwar Hossain, assistant spokesperson of the central bank, is hopeful that the inflows will increase further in the upcoming months.

As of July 26, foreign exchange reserves stood at \$23.31 billion, an import cover of little over three months.

“Moscow is rapidly getting used to a full-fledged war, which, in turn, will soon finally move to the territory of the “authors of the war” to collect all their debts ... More unidentified drones, more collapse, more civil conflicts, more #war...”



Ukrainian presidential adviser, **Mykhailo Podolyak**, warns of more attacks on Russian soil.

PANAMA’S DARIEN GAP

Migration hits all-time high

Data shows 248,901 people walked through jungle area between January and July

REUTERS, Panama City



The number of people crossing the treacherous Darien Gap linking Panama and Colombia hit an all-time high in the first seven months of the year, figures released on Monday showed, with July seeing a sharp jump despite recent efforts to curb the trend.

Official data showed 248,901 people walked through the jungle area between January and July, already surpassing the record of 248,284 recorded for the whole of 2022, with most aiming to reach the United States, according to data from Panama’s Security Ministry.

Entries to Panama from Colombia through the jungle region have continued to rise despite a two-month program launched in April by the United States, Panama and Colombia to tackle undocumented immigration.

July recorded the most crossings, with 52,530 people taking part in the dangerous journey, up 77% from June, mostly from Venezuela, Haiti and Ecuador, according to the data.

The flow of migrants has skyrocketed from previous years, despite the start of the rainy season, Panama’s Security Minister Juan Pino said earlier this month.

Some 20% of the people who have crossed the jungle this year are minors, 51% of whom are under five years old, migration official Maria Saravia said at a press conference where the new figures were presented.

The United Nations forecast in April the total number of crossings would surpass 400,000 this year, with the organization warning that migrants crossing through the jungle are exposed to disease, violence, sexual abuse and human trafficking.

In recent years, parts of this jungle have become the site of humanitarian catastrophe. Hundreds of thousands of migrants from across the world, including as far as Afghanistan, and parts of Africa, cross the perilous terrain en route to the US border.

Blocked by visa restrictions from entering countries closer to the United States, a quarter of a million people traversed the lawless region last year.

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e-Tender Notice No. 1057-34/2023-2024, Date: 01/08/2023

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SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Identification of package	Procurement method	Tender document last selling/ downloading date & time	Tender closing date & time
01	857832	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2019-20/WD-08	Construction of Boundary Wall at Boramara Secondary School, Sadar, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)
02	857841	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2021-22/WD-09	Construction of Boundary Wall at Panchopolli High School, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)
03	857848	NARAIL/597 4/MOE/2021-22/WD-10	Construction of Boundary Wall at Jogania D N High School, Kalia, Narail.	LTM	21/08/2023 (16:00)	22/08/2023 (14:00)

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Invitation for Enlistment

Sl No.	Description	Detail
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports (DIP)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of Firm for the supply of Furniture, Electronics, stationary items & goods, Stamp & Seals and related service.
7.	Invitation Ref No.	58.01.00000.601.74.001.20-1207
8.	Date	01/08/2023
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement Method	Limited Tendering Method/ Request For Quotation.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
11.	Development Partners	None
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Office Code	N/A
13.	Office Name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
14.	Application Closing Date and Time	17/08/2023 at 01:00 pm (BST)
15.	Name & Address	
	Application Form Availability	MD. AZMOL KABIR, Deputy Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Room No-603. Telephone No- 02-58156425
	Receiving Application Form	MD. SHAHINUR RAHMAN, Assistant Director, Room No-303, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka. Telephone No- 02-58156425
INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION		
16.	Eligibility of Application	a) Vat Registration and TIN Certificate of the Suppliers. b) Up-to-date Trade License of Local Agent from City Corporation. c) Proprietorship/Partnership/Limited Company ie. Concerned Commercial Documents (Photocopy) of the Tenders. d) Money Receipt of purchase of Tender Documents. e) Proof of Solvency. f) Must confirm that has legal Capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid Power of Attorney. g) At least 3 years' experience certificate for the Supply of similar goods and related service.
17.	Brief Description of Goods or Works	a) Supply of Stationary items, b) Supply of office furniture. c) Supply of AC (Air Conditioner)/ Electronics goods and miscellaneous items.
18.	Brief Description of Related or Physical Services	N/A
19.	Price of Application Form	2000.00 BDT
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20.	Name of Official Inviting Application	Director
21.	Designation of Official Inviting Application	Director
22.	Address of Official Inviting Application	Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of Official Inviting Application	Telephone No- 02-58156425,
The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason.		

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