

Of shattered dreams

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Myanmar, they can earn a decent livelihood.

"If the young Rohingya populations are not educated and trained, they will remain frustrated. So, we are focusing on education and vocational trainings," a UN official told The Daily Star.

Md Hossain, a community leader in the camp, says he is pleased with the educational facilities provided for the children, but the lack of skills training and a source of income is a serious issue for them.

He said the food ration for the Rohingyas has been cut down to Tk 840 from Tk 1200 per person [S12-S8] this year.

"Ration cuts had put us in a tight spot. We had to cut fish and meat from our meal. I am struggling to run my nine-member family properly," said the 42-year-old Hossain.

Amidst the sprawling expanse of the camp's cramped shelters, Hossain expressed the profound weariness that accompanies such living

conditions. The notion of persisting under tarpaulin roofs for years appears untenable to him and his fellow displaced residents. "How can one live like this for years?" he asked.

He expressed disappointment at what he said was the 'absence of international pressure' on the Myanmar government to secure their citizenship, ethnic identity, and safety within their ancestral Rakhine territory. "We want our recognition and citizenship. We want to go back to Myanmar and live a life with dignity," he said, echoing the collective yearning for a restoration of their rights and a life of honour.

Mohammed Zubair, chairman of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, said though some improvements have been made in the camps, the challenges of living as refugees remain a daunting task for many.

"Bangladesh is not our country. Our country is Arakan. We want to go back there," he added.

Homemaker

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"To get university transcripts, you have to apply online. I couldn't do it with the new system, and when I called one of the three listed numbers, a woman answered the phone. The rest of the numbers are non-operational."

Contacted by The Daily Star, the housemaker from Sunamganj said she has no connection with DU, but said she frequently receives calls from students frequently.

She said she bought the SIM card 2 months ago and registered it to her name.

Surprisingly, the woman said she didn't have any bitter memories regarding the calls.

"I am quite used to it now. When someone from DU calls, I inform them that they have dialled 'wrong number', and they usually hang up," she added.

This correspondent tried to contact Bahalul Haque Chowdhury, the controller of examinations, DU, several times but failed. He did not respond to any text messages either.

Contacted, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman said, "It is unacceptable. We are looking into the matter and will inform the respective authority."

IFJ condemns assault

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BCL activists chased a student into a campus guest hall on August 21.

United News of Bangladesh JU correspondent and media studies student Asif Al Amin, then sitting outside the guest hall, went to investigate the incident upon hearing a commotion.

Suspecting the journalist had been recording them, the activists allegedly proceeded to assault Al Amin, despite him

identifying himself. The attackers are allegedly affiliated with JU BCL.

In a separate incident, Daily Ajker Darpan and bartabazar.com Patuakhali district correspondent, Md Nayan Mridha, was attacked and injured on the evening of August 21 while returning to the local Press Club.

Around 7:30pm, a group of men, allegedly members of a local BCL chapter, began to verbally abuse the journalist and then assaulted him.

IOM urges support

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This shortfall underscores the urgent need for unwavering and consistent financial support for the refugees, who almost entirely rely on humanitarian assistance.

"The crucial funding that sustains the hopes and aspirations of these refugees is dwindling, casting a

shadow of uncertainty over their future," said IOM Bangladesh's Chief of Mission, Abdusattor Esoev.

"The international community must reaffirm its steadfast commitment to these vulnerable people, as well as to the Bangladeshi communities that have stood in solidarity over the years," he added.

Schoolboy among 4

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man came in front of the vehicle, leading to the accident, he said.

Locals rescued the injured from the spot and they were later admitted to Ishwardi Upazila Health Complex and Pabna General Hospital, the OC added.

In Bagerhat, a motorcyclist and his two pillion passengers were killed after a truck hit their motorbike on the Dhaka-Mongla highway in Rampal upazila on Thursday night.

The deceased were Enamul, 26, and Arif, 27,

of Belai village in Rampal; and Saidul Rahman, 25, of Lakhpur area of Fakirhat upazila. All three of them were employees of a local fishery, said SM Ashrafur Alam, officer-in-charge of Rampal Police Station.

The truck hit their bike in Tatulia Bridge area, killing them instantly, he said.

On information, Katakali Highway Police, fire service, and Rampal police rushed to the spot, recovered the bodies and sent those to Bagerhat District Hospital for autopsy, the OC added.

2 workers die

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from the ninth floor of the 10-storey under-construction building of Sheikh Russell Hall on the campus, after the rope they were using to work tore apart, leaving one of them dead on the spot and two others critically injured.

The injured were first taken to Pabna General Hospital and then shifted to RMCH where another worker succumbed to his injuries, the OC said.

The bodies of the deceased have been kept

at Pabna General Hospital morgue.

Confirming the incident, PUST Proctor Dr Kamal Hossain said the construction work of the building is going on under a project and officials concerned of the project may shed light on how the incident occurred.

This correspondent could not reach project director Azizur Rahman and the university's executive engineer Farid Ahmed for comments over phone, despite several attempts.

Risk of landslides

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off. The vehicle, however, was later released for a fine of Tk 30,000.

However, hill razing is continuing right under the nose of the local administration and authorities concerned, Konor Mia said.

"We have recently held a meeting in this regard. I urged the construction of a gate on the road to stop the trucks. If they still cannot be stopped, legal action will be taken," said Jaychandi Union Parishad Chairman Abdur Rob Mahabub.

Contacted, Chan Mia refuted the allegations made against him and claimed someone wanted to tarnish his reputation.

Section 6 (Kha) of the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 prohibits illegal cutting or razing of hills and hillocks, except for national interest with the necessary permission of the Department of Environment.

The maximum penalty for illegal hill cutting is 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of Tk 10 lakh.

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary (Sylhet chapter)

Caught in the 'easy money' scam

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Daily Star, "An investigation needs time." He didn't give any further details.

The Daily Star talked to a few victims of the MTFE scam at the city's Ahmedpur area who revealed, seeking anonymity, that they started investing in the company's app in April.

"We're ashamed," said one of the victims, adding that some of them managed to earn some profits before the app completely disappeared with all their investments.

However, they refused to disclose further information fearing legal repercussions and social stigma.

THE CASE
A lawyer named Md Zahurul Islam filed a public interest case on July 23 under the Digital Security Act with the Cyber Tribunal of Rajshahi, alleging that MTFE had defrauded many individuals in the division and had been operating without the approval of Bangladesh Bank.

Citing a newspaper report, the lawyer alleged that MTFE even opened an office at Laxmipur area of the city and Sabuj, a youth, ran it under the nose of local Rajpara police station.

The case named another youth, Rubel of Durgapur, who lured hundreds of people to invest in MTFE.

The lawyer alleged Rubel of earning commissions from the investments made through him.

"If one brings 100 investments, he qualifies to open an office and enjoys the post of CEO," read the case statement citing the newspaper report which

published Rubel's quote.

"In this way, hundreds of people are falling into traps of MTFE by investing money in the dream of becoming a millionaire overnight," the statement added.

"Besides MTFE, many people were cheated by investing in several other apps. Such apps allow people to invest until it disappears one day," Islam told this correspondent.

Take the case of Sabuj, Liton and Eklas of Rajshahi for example. They invested roughly Tk 20 lakh in the Ultima Wallet app and received payments ranging from Tk 10,000 to Tk 20,000 a few times before the app was shut down in June.

Sabuj Ali, a victim, filed a case with Boalia police station in this regard on June 26. So far, police have arrested six people in connection.

Before that, many people in the city were cheated through one Muvi app, the case description says.

THE PLAYBOOK
MTFE introduces itself as a trading service provider for online investment in foreign exchange, commodities, stocks, stock indexes and other products.

According to the people who invest in the app, investors are enticed to contribute a set amount, divided into varying tiers. They receive a payout window of three days a week. To attract new participants, commissions are dangled as incentives.

One such customer is Comilla's Md Hasan, who is fearing to lose about half of his investment.

About one and a half months ago, Hasan became acquainted with the app through a friend.

"It offered a 39 dollar profit each week for investing 501 dollar. At the beginning of August, it suddenly stopped paying money. At that time, they told us that the app is under maintenance. But since Thursday, my balance in the app has turned to minus."

Like him, there are thousands of people in Comilla, Noakhali and Rajshahi who lost hundreds of crores, he said.

Around five

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MTFE, a so-called Dubai-based trading company, introduces itself as a trading service provider for online investment in foreign exchange, commodities, stocks, stock indexes and other products.

The CID said that MTFE launched a massive campaign through Facebook and YouTube saying that it is a easy way of earning income sitting at home, by which many investors got attracted.

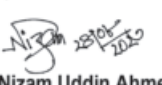
Hundreds of Bangladeshi investors are now fearing that they may lose a big amount of money as MTFE has recently stopped providing payment to investors.

The CID said that not only MTFE, similar app-based multi-level marketing and cryptocurrency schemes are operating in Bangladesh illegally, and people should be cautious and alert to not get scammed by the illegal business.

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