

ROHINGYA CRISIS

Mount pressure on Myanmar with sanctions

Suggests AIBS policy brief

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Targeted sanctions, diplomatic pressures, and similar mechanisms are needed to hold Myanmar accountable and ensure justice for the Rohingya people, said a policy brief published by the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS).

The policy brief titled “Rohingya Crisis: Current Challenges and the Way Forward,” marking six years of the Rohingya crisis, was published on Saturday.

AIBS and The Berkley Centre for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University collaborated to organise a two-day symposium in

May 2023 that served as the basis for this policy brief.

During the symposium, the experts also emphasised the importance of international attention and commitment to finding a just and durable solution to the crisis, while highlighting the urgency of addressing the lack of access to education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities for Rohingya refugees.

The policy brief was authored by Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, a Fellow with the AIBS, and offered a set of policy recommendations to deal with the crisis.

The said actions against Myanmar will prevent the military regime from

perpetrating such human rights violations in the future, said the brief, mentioning how the international community dealt with Syria could be used to address the human rights violations in Myanmar.

It also noted that collaborative efforts between international actors, including governments, NGOs, and civil society organisations, are crucial to protecting the Rohingya's human rights.

“The military coup in Myanmar, the gradual decline in international aid for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and the lack of progress on repatriation talks have created new and complicated realities,” it observed.

365 days of injustice

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Referring to the denial of bail to Khadiza six times, Prof Samina questioned, “Has she committed any heinous crime that warranted the court to reject her bail six times?”

Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolon, questioned, “Where are we living now? The government is ruling the country using the taxes of the general people, yet they are imposing suppressive laws on them.”

“If people's right to vote cannot be restored, these repressive acts will persist,” he added.

Demanding the immediate release of Khadiza, Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Mujahidul Islam Selim said, “If the government enacts any repressive laws

that contradict the will of the people and attempts to enforce them, then citizens are not obliged to comply with such laws.”

He added that Khadiza is being kept behind bars, while the government has failed to deliver justice in cases like Sagar-Runi, Toki, and many others for years.

“The reason why justice has not been served in these cases is because those in power are involved in them,” he said.

Renowned Director Ashfaq Nipun, singer Shayan, General Secretary of Moulana Bhasani Parishad Harunur Rashid, and student leaders from various left-leaning student organisations also spoke at the event.

Khadiza, a political science student, was arrested on August 27 last year after



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police pressed charges against her in the two cases, filed by New Market and Kalabagan police themselves on October 11 and October 19, 2020.

According to her NID and academic documents, she was only 17 when she was sued for hosting

the Facebook webinar, where Delwar Hossain, a retired army officer, made controversial remarks.

Delwar, who is currently abroad, was also accused in these cases. Khadiza has so far been denied bail as many as six times, her family members said.

We are starving

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female tea worker in the garden, said, “We have no rice or anything, and our children are crying for food. We are falling sick with many diseases, but there is no doctor or good medicine in the garden either.”

“Why is the garden's owner punishing us like this? Have we committed a crime? I returned home with an empty bag when I went to get the rations and found my children crying for food,” Lakshmi said.

Bijoy Hazra, president of Balishira Valley, which includes Hosnabad Garden, said, “This is not new in our gardens. The workers in this garden suffer a lot. Wages get withheld every few months, and we have to

fight for them. We want the government to acquire this garden.”

Bangladesh Tea Workers Union Vice President Pankaj Kanda said that the owner of Hosnabad Tea Garden has been irregular in paying wages to the workers for many years. The labourers don't get paid what they owe properly.

The garden authorities have agreed to meet with us on Monday (today) to resolve the issue. If a settlement is not reached, tea Workers will start a movement across the country, he added.

Zakir Hossain, Manager of Hosnabad Tea Garden, claimed the owner of the garden is currently in a bit of financial trouble, for which the workers can't be paid on time.

I have spoken to the owners about the issue, he added.

Md Nahidul Islam, Deputy Director of the Srimangal Labour Department, said a meeting has been called between the government, workers, and owners at the Labour Department's office today. “We hope the matter will be resolved there,” he said.

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BTI pesticide

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Meanwhile, DNCC is trying to import BTI from authentic sources, added Reza.

IEDCR sent their report to DNCC after testing the pesticide for nine days. According to their report, the supplied BTI is effective and safe for public health. PPW's report echoed the same, said Faridul Hassan, acting director of PPW.

A five-member committee, headed by DNCC Additional Chief Engineer Mohammad Sharif Uddin, is still investigating the issue while Marshal Agrovet remains blacklisted.

The committee has been asked to submit the probe report within the next 10 days.

After probe committee's formation on August 10, DNCC sued four people on August 24, including three officials of the chemical company, on charges of forgery in importing BTI pesticide.

According to DNCC officials, the case was lodged as the supplier did not import BTI from the US, EU countries, Singapore, India, and Malaysia, breaching the purchase contract.

Earlier, DNCC blacklisted Marshal Agrovet and cancelled its purchase order with the company for importing BTI from Chinese company Shandong Ganon Agrochemical although it claimed to have imported the chemicals from Singaporean company Best Chemical Co (S) Pte Ltd.

Chattogram Customs also filed a case yesterday, accusing five Marshal Agrovet officials of importing BTI pesticide for DNCC by forging documents and using false paperwork.

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a used the online messaging application “Discord” to establish contact with the girls, he said.

Through this app, he convinced them to send him their nude photos, he added. Samir also collected nude photos through web camera.

An official of USEmbassy filed a case against Samir on August 21.

According to ADC Saiful, Samir claimed that collecting photos was his hobby and he didn't try to make money from those.

During interrogation, he told police that he became a cellphone addict as his parents never allowed him to have friendships with any girls. His addiction later led to more pervasive addictions.

Ex-minister

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until his death.

Motiur was elected as a member of parliament from Mymensingh-4 in 1986, 1996, and 2008. In 2014, he was appointed as the minister of religious affairs.

He also held the positions of president and general secretary of Mymensingh District Awami League for an extended period.

Besides his illustrious political career, he also taught at Nandina College in Jamalpur District and later at Nasirabad College in Mymensingh.

In 1969, he founded Alamgir Mansur Mintu Memorial College and served as its principal until 2002.

Railway staff

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retirement benefits.

On April 13 last year, the running staffers went for a work abstention suspending the operation of all trains to press home the same demand. At that time the authorities assured to meet their demand.

The finance ministry in 2021 declined to give the pension benefit, incensing the staffers.

Tk 50,000 spent per patient

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has remained uncontrolled.

“I think mosquitoes are smarter than our people working at the local government organisations,” he said, urging for an innovative approach to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

He termed the dengue outbreak as a public health failure which has put hospitals under strain.

While presenting a keynote at the beginning of the event, Prof Nazmul Islam, director of Disease Control at the DGHS, said that the health directorate will start a serotype surveillance study shortly.

He said, “Government organisations consistently face shortages in essential logistics, and there are ongoing efforts to bridge this gap. Without timely mosquito control and widespread community involvement, the prevention of dengue infections and fatalities will be challenging.”

Sheldon Yett, UNICEF

Representative to Bangladesh, said that they will provide USD 2.2 million to support Bangladesh in tackling this year's outbreak.

The fund will be utilised for communication and community engagement, said Unicef officials.

Dr Bardan Jung Rana, Country representative of the World Health Organisation said the dengue situation in the country has been under their radar since the massive outbreak in 2019.

Determining the dengue situation as disastrous, Zannatul Bakiya Keka, senior staff correspondent at Channel I, held the authorities responsible for the failure to control the outbreak.

“Please, stop lying. Do your job to control dengue,” she said.

Md Anwar Hossain Hawlader, Secretary of the health services division, said, “This is not right that we have been idle.”

He said that the health

ministry has been working to ensure treatment for the patients at the hospital.

“The shortage of medical equipment is not as severe as portrayed in the media,” he said.

In the concluding remark, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said that implementing a year-round mosquito control program is urgent. He also said that an inter-ministerial committee will also be formed soon for coordinating dengue prevention activities.

EC may allow

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“We discussed the vital role of strong democratic, independent institutions, the role of the media and the civil society,” she said, adding, “We also discussed roles of independent observers.” She, however, did not take any questions from the reporters.

The meeting started at 11:00am and continued for more than one hour.

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Invitation for e-Tender notice

1	Ministry / Division	Local Government Division.
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).
3	Project/ Program Name	Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-4).
4	e-Tender IDs (with Package Number)	866398 (PEDP4/WB-2512), 866399 (PEDP4/WB-2306), 866400 (PEDP4/WB-2307), 866401 (PEDP4/WB-2606) and 866418 (PEDP4/TW-494).
5	Description of works	PEDP4/WB-2512: Construction of 06 Nos 2 storied RCC WASH Block at Hatibandha and others upazilas in Lalmonirhat FY 2023-24. PEDP4/WB-2306: Construction of 06 Nos 2 storied RCC WASH Block at Sadar and others upazilas in Lalmonirhat FY 2023-24. PEDP4/WB-2307: Construction of 06 Nos 2 storied RCC WASH Block at Aditmari and others upazilas in Lalmonirhat FY 2023-24. PEDP4/WB-2606: Construction of 06 Nos 2 storied RCC WASH Block at Hatibandha and others upazilas in Lalmonirhat FY 2023-24. PEDP4/TW-494: Installation of 45 Nos Shallow Tubewell (STW) at Sadar (10), Hatibandha (05), Aditmari (10), Kaligonj (10) and Patgram (10) upazila in Lalmonirhat district under PEDP4, FY 2023-24.
6	Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	Engr. Md. Abdul Alim Gazi, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Lalmonirhat District.
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The Public Procurement Act-2006 & The Public Procurement Regulations-2008 মোতাবেক ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থবছরে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের চুক্তির ভিত্তিতে ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের জন্য পৃথক সীলমোহরকৃত খামে যোগাযোগসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী ঠিকাদার/নির্মাণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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৩	ক্রম কর্তৃপক্ষ	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপার, হাইওয়ে পুলিশ, বগুড়া রিজিয়ন, বগুড়া।
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৬	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১১/০৯/২০২৩খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
৭	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১২/০৯/২০২৩খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৮	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১২/০৯/২০২৩খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
৯	দরপত্র দাখিল করার ঠিকানা	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হাইওয়ে পুলিশ, বগুড়া রিজিয়ন, বগুড়া।
১০	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার ঠিকানা	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হাইওয়ে পুলিশ, বগুড়া রিজিয়ন, বগুড়া।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	ঃ	সম্মেলন কক্ষ (২য় তলা), পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হাইওয়ে পুলিশ বগুড়া রিজিয়ন, বগুড়া।

দরপত্র আবেদনের বর্ণনা

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লট নং- ০১	৩২৫৬১০৬ পোষাক সেলাই, রিভন সরবরাহ এবং পুলিশ পরিদর্শক হতে তদূর্ণ কর্মকর্তাদের সামার টিউনিক, উইন্টার টিউনিক, ব্র-জেকার সেলাই	৭৫০/-	৫০,০০০/-	২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বৎসর
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১৩	দরপত্র দরদাতার যোগাযোগঃ দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সময় দরপত্রের সহিত নিম্নোক্ত সকল কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত (প্রথম শ্রেণির কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক) অনুমোদিত জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে- ক) নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট, গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, ঘ) হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট/ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট, ঙ) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, চ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র। ইহা ছাড়া টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টে বর্ণিত সকল কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করিতে হবে।			
১৪	বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ ক) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারীকে স্বাক্ষরমুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। খ) অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত দিনে বা সময়ে দরপত্র দাখিল/গ্রহণ বা খোলা সম্ভব না হইলে দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক দরপত্র দাখিলের ও খোলা/গ্রহণের পূর্ণ নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময় স্থায়ী বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে সংশ্লিষ্টপক্ষকে অবহিত করা হবে।			

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাখ্যান করার ক্ষমতা অত্র সংস্থা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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