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Fund crunch hits Rohingyas hard

Only 19% of required funds received in 5 months of this year

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A humanitarian crisis in Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps is brewing in the face of funding shortage for the refugees and more arrivals from the conflict-ridden Rakhine state of Myanmar.

This year, \$934 million is needed for the 1.5 million people -- 1.2 million Rohingyas and 300,000 host community members -- but only 19 percent of the funding requirement has materialised.

The gap has widened largely thanks to the funding cut by the Trump administration that in February eliminated more than 90 percent of the USAID-funded foreign aid contracts and \$60 billion in overall US assistance worldwide.

The overnight suspension of US funding came as a huge shock to the humanitarian community. The Daily Star has learnt from UN officials.

The other donors who committed funding will release it in August or November, but their amounts have also declined.

Last year, the total funding received was 68 percent of the required amount, but this year it may not even reach 50 percent, said a UN official on the condition of anonymity as he is not authorised to speak with the media.

Dozens of projects including health, family planning, nutrition and education, supported by the USAID have been affected since the USAID cuts.

For example, data collated by the Cox's Bazar District Family Planning Office says service recipients of oral pills declined to about 10,000 in April from over 20,000 in February, while condom recipients came down to 3,800 from over 6,500.

The number of general patients seeking medical treatment in the Rohingya camps declined to 205,000 in April from 372,000 in February.

"We are facing serious problems in receiving medical treatment -- we

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Total funding requirement for 2025 \$934 million

Received so far \$180 million (19 percent)

SECTOR-WISE FUND SHORTAGE

Food	32%
Shelter	82%
Health	70%
Nutrition	62%
WASH	65%
Protection	64%
Education	58%

SOURCE: INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION GROUP ON THE ROHINGYA RESPONSE, MAY 8, 2025



People eager to reunite with their loved ones crowd onto a train, defying the authority's repeated warnings, as they rush to return home for Eid-ul-Azha on the first day of the 10-day government holiday. The photo was taken from the Tongi railway station yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Eid rush begins

Journey mostly hassle-free; 10-day holiday begins today

SHAHEEN MOLLAH, SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Tens of thousands of holidaymakers left Dhaka by road, rail, and river yesterday to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha at home, enjoying mostly hassle-free journeys ahead of the 10-day Eid vacation.

Most trains departed on time, and there were no major traffic jams on national highways except on the Savar-Baipail-Chandra section.

However, many passengers faced difficulties later in the day due to a vehicle shortage, as large crowds left Dhaka after office hours. Several complained of overcharging by bus operators, with fares raised by Tk150 to Tk400, and

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ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

Commission finds 16 secret detention centres

ZYMA ISLAM

The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances has found 16 secret detention centres across the country so far.

The centres were found in Dhaka, Chattogram (near Patenga), Narayanganj, Rajshahi, Bogura, Barisal, Jhalakathi and Narsingdi, among others.

However, this list is not exhaustive -- the Commission is yet to search for detention centres in Sylhet and Khulna.

Commission member Sazzad Hussain confirmed the number to this newspaper.

"There were many 'safehouses' but those had not been used since Rab [Rapid Action Battalion] got sanctioned," said Hussain. One of the secret detention centres was inside the office of the Detective Branch of police in Rajshahi.

The Commission submitted its second interim report to Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus yesterday.

The report delves into the torture inflicted upon victims. "We found much evidence of law enforcers using methods like waterboarding, force-feeding rotten food, electrocution,

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Yunus to visit UK on June 10-13 to boost trade ties

To receive 'Harmony Award' from King Charles

AGENCIES

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus is scheduled to pay a four-day official visit to the United Kingdom from June 10-13 as the two countries seek to strengthen cooperation on economic, trade and investment fronts.



"This is a very important visit," acting Foreign Secretary Ruhul Alam Siddique told reporters at a media briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, reports UNB.

He said the chief adviser is set to leave Dhaka for London on June 9 and will return home on June 14.

During the visit, the chief adviser will meet King Charles and hold bilateral talks with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, in addition to other engagements.

Asked whether there will be any meeting with BNP acting Chairman Tarique Rahman in London, the acting foreign secretary said he had no information in this regard.

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FREEDOM FIGHTER'S DEFINITION Confusion, debate over ordinance

Liberation War adviser clarifies that Sheikh Mujib, Tajuddin, others in Mujibnagar govt are freedom fighters

BAHARAM KHAN and MD ABBAS

Confusion has emerged following the issuance of a new ordinance redefining the term freedom fighter.

Liberation War researchers and organisations have expressed concern over ambiguities in the revised definitions of Bir Muktiyoddha (valiant freedom fighter) and Muktiyuddher Shohojogi (associate of the Liberation War).

They are also questioning whether this new definition was necessary at all. The government, however, has dismissed these concerns.

Late Tuesday night, the government issued the Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council (Amendment) Ordinance 2025, amending the act of 2022 to include the revised definitions.

The previous law only included a definition of Bir Muktiyoddha. The new ordinance introduces at least three new categories: associates of the Liberation War, freedom fighter families and Liberation War associate families.

Some changes have also been made to the definition of the Liberation War itself. In the previous version, political parties that had opposed the Liberation War (Jamaat-e-Islami, Nezam-e-Islami, and Muslim League) were mentioned explicitly.

The amended ordinance now adds the term "then" before the names of these parties, referring to them as the "then Muslim League, Jamaat-e-Islami and Nezam-e-Islami".

Additionally, references to "Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" in several places have been omitted in the ordinance.

THE SOURCE OF AMBIGUITY

The definition of Bir Muktiyoddha in the ordinance includes the Mujibnagar government.

The definition of Liberation War associate includes all MNAs (Members of the National Assembly) and MPAs (Members of the Provincial Assembly) associated with the Mujibnagar government who later became members of the constituent assembly. Further, all employees and officials of the Mujibnagar government have also been

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EC to restore Jamaat's registration, symbol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commission (EC) yesterday decided to reinstate the registration of Jamaat-e-Islami as a political party, assigning the "Daripalla" (weighing scale) as its official election symbol.

The decision followed a verdict by the Appellate

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ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

পশু কোরবানি ও কোরবানির বর্জ্য পরিবেশসম্মতভাবে অপসারণে আমাদের করণীয়

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* জুন ০৯, ২০২৫ (রাত ১২:০০) থেকে জুন ১৪, ২০২৫ (রাত ১০:০০) পর্যন্ত