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Benjamin Netanyahu
Israeli PM on his talks with Donald Trump

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ROHINGYA CRISIS

Yunus lays out 7-point plan at UN conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has proposed a seven-point plan for a lasting solution to the Rohingya crisis, urging the international community to adopt a clear roadmap for repatriation and intensify pressure on Myanmar.

Speaking at a high-level UN conference on the plight of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus said initiatives to end the crisis are lacking.

"The Rohingya crisis originated in Myanmar. Its solution lies there," he said, stressing that the international community must put "effective pressure" on Myanmar and the Arakan Army to immediately stop persecuting the Rohingyas and begin their expeditious repatriation.

"It's the only solution to the crisis, which should not be held hostage to broader reforms in Myanmar."

The day-long event was attended by representatives of 66 countries and organisations, including heads of state and government. Turkey represented the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, while Kuwait spoke for the Gulf Cooperation Council.

According to the UN, the meeting aimed to mobilise political support, address root causes such as rights violations, and share perspectives from the ground – including the struggles of minorities in Myanmar and wider humanitarian concerns in the region. Another goal was to propose a plan for the voluntary, safe and dignified return of Rohingyas and other displaced groups.

This first-ever high-level UN event comes as global attention shifts elsewhere, while Bangladesh shoulders the burden of about 1.2 million refugees.

Since early 2024 alone, around 1,50,000 more Rohingyas have fled intense fighting in Rakhine. The repatriation process has stalled as the Rohingya, though willing to return, say there is no guarantee of citizenship and safety.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk described a grim picture of minorities in Rakhine, saying the conference must send a clear signal that their plight is at the top of the global agenda.

"It needs to be a turning point for the Rohingya – for the international community to take action and devise a lasting solution."

Since November 2023, fighting has escalated with the Rohingya targeted from all sides. The Myanmar junta has committed grave rights abuses, while the Arakan Army has reportedly killed, abducted, tortured, arbitrarily detained, and forcibly recruited Rohingyas.

Türk outlined five urgent priorities: ending the violence, constructive dialogue, reconciliation, respect for human rights, unhindered humanitarian relief and lifting restrictions.

Funding for Rohingya needs in Bangladesh has plunged. Donors have met only 38 percent of the \$934 million required this year, affecting healthcare, food, nutrition, protection and education.

The World Food Programme's Country Director Dom Scalpelli warned that unless at least \$60 million is secured in the next six months and \$167 million over the next 12, food assistance will face major disruptions starting December 2025.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi urged countries with influence in the region to intensify engagement. "This must include communication with all parties to the conflict in Rakhine – not only the de facto authorities but also the Arakan Army."

He warned that host states cannot shoulder the burden alone. "The humanitarian response in Bangladesh remains chronically underfunded, including in key areas like food and cooking fuel. The prospects for

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US pledges \$60m as Rohingya aid crisis continues

UN rights chief urges urgent action for Rohingyas



Yunus asks for roadmap for safe, dignified Rohingya return

Seeks accountability and restorative justice

End to narco-economy and cross-border crime



TRUE GRIT ... Every evening, little Dip, a second grader under the education programme of Holy Cross School, carries his books to a pavement in the capital's Tejturi Bazar to study. While his mother, Mitali Rani Das, earns by weighing passers-by on a scale, Dip's determination to study shines brighter than the traffic around him. They have no home but a staircase corner -- yet his dream refuses to dim. The photo was taken around 8:00pm on Monday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

RAMESU VIOLENCE

Locals speak of shattered lives

Road blockade suspended

FM MIZANUR RAHMAN

Angsanu Marma, 65, stood in front of his charred grocery shop at Guimara's Ramesu Bazar yesterday while his wife searched for anything that could be salvaged.

Angsanu, who is fighting cancer, said his life had revolved around the shop he had been running for 30 years and his small home next to it.

"There was cash in the shop. Many valuables were inside the house. I couldn't save anything. I escaped with only the clothes on my back," he told The Daily Star.

Violence erupted in Ramesu Bazar in Khagrachhari on

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Pressure mounts on Hamas to accept deal

Trump gives it a 3 to 4-day ultimatum to accept deal as Muslim states join world powers in backing his 20-point plan; Gazans sceptical

AGENCIES

US President Donald Trump yesterday gave Hamas an ultimatum of "three or four days" to respond to his plan for Gaza, as the militant group reviewed the proposal backed by Israel.

The plan calls for a ceasefire, release of hostages by Hamas within 72 hours, disarmament of Hamas and gradual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, followed by a post-war transitional authority headed by Trump himself.

World powers, including Arab and Muslim nations, welcomed the proposal, but Hamas had yet to issue its response.

"We're going to do about three or four days," Trump told reporters when asked about any timeframe.

"We're just waiting for Hamas, and Hamas is either going to be doing it or not. And if it's not, it's going to be a very sad end."

Trump announced the deal at the White House on Monday after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Yesterday, a Palestinian source said on condition of anonymity that Hamas had begun consultations on the plan "within its political and military leaderships, both inside Palestine and abroad."

"The discussions could take several days due to the complexities," the source said.

Qatar, which hosts Hamas's exiled leadership, said the group had promised to

study the proposal "responsibly", and also said it would hold a meeting with Hamas and Turkey later yesterday.

"It is still too early to speak about responses, but we are truly optimistic that this plan, as we said, is a comprehensive one," foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

GAZA PEACE DEAL

- ▶ Hamas reviewing Trump's Gaza plan
- ▶ Netanyahu says army 'will remain in most of Gaza'
- ▶ Qatar says 'too early to speculate on outcome'
- ▶ Israel far-right minister calls plan 'resounding diplomatic failure'

The deal demands that Hamas militants fully disarm and be excluded from future roles in the government, but those who agreed to "peaceful co-existence" would be given amnesty.

It would also see a phased Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, after nearly two years of war.

But in a video statement posted after the joint press conference with Trump, Netanyahu

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TRUMPS PEACE PLAN A 'FARCE'; KEY POINTS OF PLAN: PAGE 5

Killings carried out at 438 spots in 41 districts

IO tells ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police and armed activists of then ruling Awami League committed killings during the July uprising at 438 locations across 41 districts, a prosecution witness told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

Md Alamgir, the investigation officer of the case filed against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her two top aides, said lethal weapons were used against unarmed protesters in more than 50 districts.

"These prove the crimes committed during the July uprising were widespread, systematic, and targeted civilian population," he said while testifying as the 54th and last witness in the case.

Former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and ex-IGP Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, who turned an approver, are the other accused.

The IO yesterday completed his deposition that he began on Sunday, and the defence counsel for Hasina and Kamal began cross-examining the witness. The tribunal then adjourned the proceedings of the case until Monday, when the defence lawyer will resume his cross-examination.

Alamgir added that during investigation, he found that the protesters' locations were tracked using mobile phone data by agencies like the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre (NTMC), after which they were killed, injured, and unlawfully arrested.

The police officer told the tribunal that he submitted 2,018 pages of evidence in five volumes titled "The Background of July Uprising: Sheikh Hasina Becoming Fascist Hasina" before the court.

The tribunal also screened part of his testimony and two video clips of investigative reports aired by the BBC

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Smoke rises during an Israeli military operation in Central Gaza area as displaced Palestinians flee to the south yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Jamaat, five parties begin 2nd phase of protests today

Warn of tougher movement if govt fails to meet demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Andolan Bangladesh and four other parties yesterday announced the second phase of their simultaneous movement with nearly identical demands, including holding the next parliamentary election based on the July Charter and introducing proportional representation in the voting system.

After staging three days of protests in September, the parties announced fresh programmes at separate press conferences and through media statements.

They said they will conduct nationwide outreach campaigns from today (Oct 1) to October 9 to mobilise public opinion in favour of their demands.

As part of this initiative, they plan to organise views exchange meetings,

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ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

Dhaka South City Corporation

সময়মতো কর
পরিশোধ করুন; নগর
উন্নয়নে অংশ নিন

রিবেট সুবিধাসহ পৌরকর (Holding Tax) পরিশোধ, সারচার্জ ব্যতীত
ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়ন ও দোকান ভাড়া পরিশোধের মেয়াদ বৃদ্ধি সংক্রান্ত

গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের (বাড়ি/ফ্ল্যাট/ইমারতসমূহের মালিক ও ব্যবসায়ীগণের) অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, "রিবেট সুবিধাসহ পৌরকর পরিশোধ করার মেয়াদ" এবং "সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়ন ও দোকান ভাড়া পরিশোধের মেয়াদ" ১ (এক) মাস অর্থাৎ ৩১/১০/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত বৃদ্ধি করা হলো। এ ক্ষেত্রে-

- ২০২৫-২৬ (হাল) অর্থবছরের ৪ (চার) কিস্তি পৌরকর একত্রে পরিশোধ করে হাল অর্থবছরের উপর ১০% রিবেট গ্রহণের সুযোগ রয়েছে।
- বকেয়া পৌরকর পরিশোধ করে শুধুমাত্র ২০২৫-২৬ (হাল) অর্থবছরের উপর ১০% রিবেট সুবিধা গ্রহণ করুন।
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- ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মালিকানাধীন মার্কেটসমূহের দোকান ভাড়া সারচার্জ/জরিমানা ব্যতীত পরিশোধ করা যাবে।

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