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WHAT THE ROHINGYA CONFERENCE-2025 MUST ACHIEVE

On September 30, the United Nations will host a high-level international conference on the Rohingya crisis. Convened under the leadership of Ambassador Philemon Yang, President of the UN General Assembly, this conference is being touted as a “pivotal moment” in the quest for a peaceful solution to one of the most shameful humanitarian tragedies of our time.

But let’s be clear: what the world needs in New York this September is not another well-meaning assembly of diplomats issuing platitudes and signing statements of intent. What it needs is a bold, action-oriented commitment to right a grotesque wrong, to demand accountability, and to engineer the return of the Rohingya people to their homeland— not as refugees, but as rightful citizens of Myanmar.

The origins of this upcoming conference can be traced back to the 2024 United Nations General Assembly,

when Bangladesh’s Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus issued a direct appeal for global leadership. A Nobel Peace laureate who understands both moral persuasion and political inertia, Yunus called for a new international compact to ensure a sustainable and dignified resolution to the Rohingya crisis.

In response, the UN General Assembly adopted a consensus resolution later that year, paving the way for the 2025 conference. Since then, Bangladesh has taken a proactive role, led by Dr. Khalilur Rahman, the High Representative on the Rohingya Crisis, who worked closely with Ambassador Yang to ensure the conference has both legitimacy and muscle.

Ambassador Yang has promised “all-out support for maximum participation and a pragmatic outcome.” Such language sounds promising. But if past international conferences are any guide,

promises without follow-through are often the first step on the road to irrelevance.

To understand what’s at stake, one need only look at the state of Myanmar today. According to the United Nations, the country is on “a path to self-destruction.” Civil war, military violence, and lawlessness now define daily life. In March 2025, a catastrophic earthquake struck central Myanmar, but the conflict did not pause even for rescue operations. The military junta, driven by a zero-sum mentality and emboldened by a steady flow of weapons, remains determined to crush resistance movements.

Since the February 2021 coup, over 6,600 civilians have been killed by Myanmar’s security forces. More than 22,000 political prisoners languish in detention—including, most famously, former leader Aung San Suu Kyi...

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MALAYSIA CALLS FOR STRONGER OIC-ASEAN ACTION ON ROHINGYA CRISIS



Malaysia has called on members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to enhance cooperation with ASEAN in addressing the Rohingya crisis and supporting Myanmar’s path to peace and stability. Delivering Malaysia’s statement at the OIC Contact Group on the Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan urged for the “safe, dignified and sustained return” of displaced Rohingya to Rakhine State. He underscored that political inclusivity, an end to violence and scaled-up humanitarian assistance must be key priorities moving forward. “As ASEAN Chair, Malaysia is advancing inclusive dialogue and humanitarian outreach through our Special Envoy,” he said, stressing that collaboration with OIC could amplify these efforts.

He also addressed the recent earthquake in Myanmar, warning of a worsening humanitarian emergency. While welcoming the temporary ceasefire declared by conflicting parties, the minister called for a permanent cessation of hostilities and for urgent action to enable secure aid distribution. The minister noted that Malaysia has dispatched 30 tonnes of humanitarian aid, deployed its SMART disaster response team and established a field hospital in Sagaing, one of the worst-affected areas. “Rebuilding trust among stakeholders is essential for a durable solution,” he said, urging OIC nations to step up support and engagement.

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HOW GREED AND PREJUDICE FUEL THE ROHINGYA’S ENDLESS DISPLACEMENT

Opinion by Kawser Chowdhury

The world loves its convenient fictions. The plight of the Rohingya, those weary, stateless souls penned into the fetid camps of Cox’s Bazar, is too often flattened into a simple tale of ethnic hatred. True, Buddhist nationalism has burned hot in Myanmar for decades. But look closer. Peel back the pieties and platitudes, and you will find something darker at play: the cold, calculating hand of greed, cloaked in the garb of prejudice. And behind it? The long shadow of a rising imperial power, staking its claim in blood and concrete. For over a thousand years, the Rohingya and their ancestors have tilled the earth, fished the coasts and prayed on the western rim of today’s Myanmar. From the 7th century onward, Arab traders, the Bengal Sultanate and local kingdoms forged a mosaic of cultures in Arakan. The name Rohingya itself, mocked as a modern invention by Myanmar’s rulers, echoes in records as far back as the 18th century. “The Rohingya are as native to Arakan as any other group. The myth of the Rohingya as recent arrivals is a colonial-era construct,” notes Dr Michael Charney of SOAS.

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