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ROHINGYAS: DHAKA FACING MOUNTING HUMANITARIAN, DEVELOPMENTAL, SECURITY CHALLENGES



Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain, now in Istanbul, on sought intensified humanitarian contributions for Rohingyas, stressing that the pressure on Bangladesh’s economy, environment and local communities is unsustainable. "We are facing mounting humanitarian, developmental and security-related challenges," he said while speaking at the OIC Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability for Human Rights Violations against the Rohingyas. Bangladesh has shown "extraordinary compassion and responsibility" by sheltering over 1.3 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas despite experiencing a snowballing of the crises. Since November 2023, over

118,000 more Rohingyas have arrived due to renewed violence and instability. A “high-level conference on the situation of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar” will be organised on 30 September 2025 in New York on the sidelines of UNGA. "We expect high-level participations from the OIC countries," Adviser Hossain said. He said OIC may engage the member states to provide required financial support to run case at ICJ by the Gambia. Now the Gambia will need full solidarity, support and cooperation. "I would like to request our brothers to extend more financial support to the OIC fund for this case," Hossain said, adding that ensuring justice will boost confidence of the Rohingyas to return to Myanmar. For the Rohingya community, he said, Bangladesh has done its part

perhaps more than its share. "We now look to the OIC and the international community to uphold their moral and legal responsibilities. Our call today is not just for charity, but also for justice, solidarity, and shared accountability. Let us reaffirm, as one Ummah, that the Rohingyas will not be forgotten," said the Adviser. Recently, the situation in Rakhine has undergone dramatic changes. The Arakan Army now controls the 271-km Bangladesh-Myanmar Border and 14 of Rakhine’s 17 townships. As of May 2025, the number of reported internally displacement persons in Rakhine is around 587,000 (Five hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand). "Due to the ongoing conflict, another 1,18,000 Myanmar nationals have fled to Bangladesh recently. All these influxes are further straining Bangladesh’s limited resources," Hossain said.

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ROHINGYA COUPLE & 5 MINORS DETAINED



A Rohingya couple and five minors were detained near Hilara railway station in Cachar district (Assam, India) on Saturday evening for allegedly attempting to enter Bangladesh illegally. After their "suspicious behaviour" raised alarm, locals and VDP members in the Katigorah constituency apprehended the group.

According to reports, the group hired an autorickshaw from Hilara railway station with the intention of travelling to Kalain. However, their inconsistent behaviour and inability to clearly specify their destination prompted locals to alert the police.

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Police arrived at the scene and questioned the group. They initially claimed to be from Delhi but failed to provide details about their identity or destination. The autorickshaw used by the detainees was seized as evidence. Police transferred the group from Katigorah to Silchar Sadar police station for further investigation. Speaking to media, SP (Cachar) Numal Mahatta said the group was living in Jammu and Kashmir and were in India illegally for some time. Mahatta added that they were likely attempting to enter Bangladesh via the border, a route reportedly exploited by Rohingya to return to their homeland. Sources indicate that Rohingya individuals living in India have frequently use such routes to attempt re-entry into Bangladesh, with several apprehensions in recent years.

■ Source: indiatimes.com

SOLUTION TO ROHINGYA CRISIS URGENTLY NEEDED

Editorial: TheDailyStar

We are deeply concerned about the increasingly complex Rohingya situation in the country, with no progress in the repatriation process and the persistent crisis in Myanmar. Global funding cuts have made the situation particularly alarming, depriving Rohingya refugees of their most basic necessities. Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain has therefore rightly warned the UN that, if a sustainable solution is not urgently pursued, the Rohingya crisis could soon escalate into a serious threat to regional security. Highlighting that prolonged crises often stem from systemic marginalisation, the adviser rightly urged renewed international attention and action to facilitate the safe and dignified return of the Rohingya people.

Bangladesh has been hosting 1.2 million Rohingya people for over eight years now, despite the fact that this humanitarian act has placed immense socio-economic and environmental pressures on the country. Unfortunately, despite several attempts, not a single Rohingya sheltered in Bangladesh has been repatriated to Myanmar.

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