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## INVESTIGATION FOUND ICG REPORT OF DANGERS ON ROHINGYA INSURGENCY FALSE, MISLEADING



Investigation found a recent report by the International Crisis Group (ICG) which claimed that some Rohingya armed groups are recruiting members from refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar to fight in Myanmar’s Rakhine State was “false and misleading.”

In a statement to the press, Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), rejected the allegations, calling the report “false and misleading.”

There is no sign of militant activity in the camps,” said the Commissioner. “Our law enforcement agencies work around the clock. Such activities are not possible under the current security measures.” He emphasized that no armed training, recruitment, or mobilization efforts have been observed inside the camps.

### What the Report Claims

The ICG report, titled “Bangladesh/Myanmar: The Dangers of a Rohingya Insurgency”, warns of possible

unification among various Rohingya armed groups, including ARSA and RSO, in response to attacks by the Arakan Army (AA) in Rakhine.

The report further suggests that some factions may be appealing to religious sentiment to recruit disillusioned youth, and that this could pose risks to both regional stability and the refugee protection system in Bangladesh.

It also claims that certain religious leaders in camps have expressed sympathy toward armed movements, a claim strongly denied by investigation of law enforcement agency.

### Bangladesh’s Response and Security Measures

Since 2017, Bangladesh has hosted nearly one million Rohingya refugees, and has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to maintaining peace and security within the

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camps. “We are serious about keeping the camps safe for all,” said Mizanur Rahman. “There are no such groups operating here, and the community cooperates with law enforcement to ensure stability.”

Bangladeshi authorities also noted that steps have been taken to prevent misinformation and to address any form of radicalization through education, awareness, and regular patrolling.

The Bigger Picture

The ICG report comes amid rising tensions in Rakhine State, where recent AA operations have displaced thousands and affected Rohingya communities. According to the report, the fear of renewed violence may lead some displaced youth to seek protection through organized groups.

However, many humanitarian voices caution against broad generalizations, urging a focus on the root causes of despair in the camps—such as limited education, lack of livelihood opportunities, and prolonged uncertainty about repatriation.

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This week, the Minister of Shipping, Sarbananda Sonowal, announced that the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) will be operational by 2027. The project aims to connect the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe in Rakhine State of Myanmar by sea. Further, in Myanmar, it will link Sittwe to Paletwa in Chin State via the Kaladan river route, and from Paletwa to Zorinpui in Mizoram, India by road. Funded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the project has faced considerable roadblocks since 2010. Aimed at reducing the distance from Kolkata to Sittwe by 1,328 km and creating an alternative route

to the Siliguri Corridor, the critical Paletwa-to-Zorinpui road is yet to be completed, even though the Sittwe port received its first cargo ships from India in 2023. Sonowal also stated that the “Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is the result of the India–Myanmar Friendship Treaty. This is a strategic initiative to enhance connectivity between India’s northeast and Myanmar”. To this end, the Shipping Ministry has invested Rs 1,000 crore in developing the waterways for the project. However, since the military-led coup in Myanmar (2021), the future of KMMTTP has seemed uncertain, irrespective of the money injected into it.

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