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## ROHINGYA CRISIS: NEW GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO RESOLVE ISSUE AFTER 8 YEARS



Three international conferences are set to be held over the next four months to address the Rohingya crisis.

The conferences will be hosted by the United Nations, Qatar, and Bangladesh, with the aim of increasing funding for displaced Rohingyas and facilitating their return to Rakhine, strengthening international efforts to resolve the issue.

According to sources at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a new global initiative to resolve the Rohingya crisis is being launched eight years after the initial influx.

On 25 August, an international conference titled “Stakeholder Dialogue: Messages for High-Level Discussions on the Rohingya Situation” will be held in Cox’s Bazar.

This will be followed by a high-level Rohingya meeting in New York on 30 September, coinciding with the UN General Assembly. A third international conference will take place in Doha, Qatar, on 6 December.

The Rohingya influx into Bangladesh began on 25 August 2017, when people fled Myanmar’s military atrocities. Nearly eight years later, international attention on the crisis has waned due to global developments and Myanmar’s military takeover. Humanitarian aid for the Rohingya has steadily declined, leaving over 1.4 million displaced Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

On the eighth anniversary of the influx, Professor Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser to the interim government, will attend the Cox’s Bazar conference as the chief guest.

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# MYANMAR'S RAKHINE STATE SEES 'DRAMATIC RISE' IN HUNGER DUE TO CONFLICT, AID CUTS

The WFP says that the state's population has suffered from "prolonged conflict, severe movement restrictions, soaring food prices and... a significant decrease in humanitarian funding."

Myanmar's conflict-torn Rakhine State has witnessed a "dramatic rise in hunger" due to the continuing civil war and funding cuts from major foreign donors, including the United States, the U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) said this week.

Rakhine, which borders Bangladesh in Myanmar's west, has seen some of the most intense fighting in the four years since the military's seizure of power in February 2021.

In a statement on Tuesday, the WFP said that in central Rakhine, the number of families not able to afford to meet basic food needs had risen to 57 percent, up from 33 percent in December 2024. It said that the situation in the northern part of the state was likely much worse "due to active conflict and access issues."

The WFP said that reports from its Community Feedback



Mechanism also revealed "an alarming rise in distress signals" in Rakhine. "Families are being forced to take desperate measures to survive: rising debt, begging, domestic violence, school drop-outs, social tensions, and even human trafficking," it stated.

The WFP said that the crisis was "being driven by prolonged conflict, severe movement restrictions, soaring food prices and the reduction of support due to a significant decrease in humanitarian funding."

Since late 2023, Rakhine State has seen heated battles between the Myanmar army

and the Arakan Army (AA), which is fighting to establish an ethnic Rakhine homeland in western Myanmar.

The AA claims that it has established effective control over 14 of Rakhine State's 17 township centers, as well as one township in neighboring Chin State, but the Myanmar military is desperately fighting to hold onto the three coastal townships that are still under its control.

This has prompted it to blockade important roads both within Rakhine and between it and neighboring states, closing off vital trade routes.

Source: thediplomat.com

THE AUGUST 5, 2024 MASSACRE: A ROHINGYA SURVIVOR'S PHOTOGRAPHS

THE LIFE OF ONE REFUGEE, BEFORE AND AFTER A DEVASTATING DRONE ATTACK ON THE BANKS OF THE NAF RIVER.



Mohammed Amin used to measure his days in small, solvable problems: a faulty water pump on a boat; a customer needing the right sprocket for a motorbike; a neighbor asking him to sort out wiring for a solar panel. In Maungdaw, the 29-year-old Rohingya shopkeeper was the son who took over the family business so his younger siblings could stay in school. He rode a motorbike between his two shops and the cattle yard, saving a little each

month and spending more on tutors. The future, if not secure, was at least imaginable. By early August 2024, that future had been pushed to the edge of the sea. As the Arakan Army (AA) pressed its offensive across northern Rakhine, drones began to buzz over Rohingya wards already emptied by shelling and warnings. On August 5, Amin joined hundreds of families at Fayazipara beach,

waiting for boats across the Naf River. He remembers first the sound – “dung, dung” – and then the shock of metal tearing flesh. In minutes, shrapnel had cut down his parents, sisters, son, and one brother. When he eventually crossed into Bangladesh, it took doctors hours to safely remove the shrapnel fragments from Amin’s body and stitch up the wounds.

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