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## POLICE BATON-CHARGE AND ARREST 20 IN PROTEST BY DISMISSED ROHINGYA CAMP TEACHERS



Cox’s Bazar saw fresh unrest on Wednesday as dismissed teachers from learning centers inside Rohingya camps staged demonstrations demanding reinstatement of their jobs.

The protests began early in the morning when the teachers gathered at several entry points of Ukhiya camps, blocking NGO vehicles from entering.

Witnesses and police sources said that around 8 am, police

baton-charged the protesters, leaving at least three teachers—including women—seriously injured.

Authorities also detained at least 20 people, including student representatives and protest leader Saidul Islam Shamim.

By 11 am, police dispersed protesters who had gathered at Ukhiya Upazila Health Complex to visit the injured. Among those detained in a second round was Jinnia

Sharmin Riya, a student leader and central figure of the National Citizens Party (NCP), along with at least 12 others.

Following the arrests, nearly 500 demonstrators gathered in front of Ukhiya Police Station, demanding the immediate release of those held and calling for the removal of Officer-in-Charge Arif Hossain. The station remained under blockade as tensions mounted.

Cox’s Bazar Additional Superintendent of Police (Media) Md. Jashim Uddin Chowdhury told media that, “Protesters were removed to ease public suffering. The situation is under control now. A few individuals have been taken into custody and will be dealt with after verification.

A meeting was also held with the dismissed teachers yesterday.”

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# BANGLADESH GEARS UP FOR KEY ROHINGYA TALKS AHEAD OF UN CONFERENCE

Bangladesh's interim government will host a three-day international conference in Cox's Bazar starting August 25, bringing together global stakeholders to address the ongoing crisis affecting stateless Rohingya refugees.

The event coincides with the eighth anniversary of the 2017 military crackdown that forced around 750,000 ethnic Rohingya to flee Myanmar's Rakhine State—one of the largest forced migrations in recent history. Another 150,000 Rohingya have fled over the past 18 months, joining nearly 1 million now crammed into 24 square kilometers of Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar, according to the UN Refugee Agency.

The conference is a precursor to a high-level UN event on the sidelines of the General Assembly in New York on September 30.

Bangladesh's Chief Adviser, Muhammad Yunus, is expected to attend as the chief guest. Delegates will include foreign ministers, international envoys, UN agency representatives, and officials from Bangladesh's overseas missions.



The conference aims to mobilize international support for Rohingya repatriation, as well as humanitarian aid for those displaced.

Five working sessions across August 24–25 will focus on humanitarian assistance and repatriation strategies, alongside cultural programs and an exhibition on refugee camp conditions.

On Friday, Bangladesh's National Security Adviser and High Representative on Rohingya Affairs, Khalilur Rahman, confirmed that the Cox's Bazar event is part of preparations for the upcoming UN conference, which is backed by 106 member states.

Another international conference on the Rohingya issue is scheduled for

December 6 in Doha, Qatar, further amplifying global dialogue on sustainable solutions to the crisis.

“This conference is an opportunity to present a roadmap for an urgent and lasting solution,” Khalilur said, according to local media.

“The most important thing is: how long can you keep them with international aid? They have to return home. That's the real issue.”

He noted that the crisis has worsened in recent years, with nearly 200,000 more Rohingya fleeing to Bangladesh since 2023 amid clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army.

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