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13 ROHINGYAS AMONG 16 PUSHED INTO BANGLADESH



The Border Security Force of India pushed at least 16 more people, including 13 Rohingyas, into Bangladesh through a border point under Baralekha upazila in Moulvibazar on Tuesday morning.

The latest push-ins by the BSF took place when the 56th director general-level border conference between the Border Guard Bangladesh and India's BSF began at the BGB's Pilkhana headquarters in the capital Dhaka.

The three-day conference will conclude today.

The number of people, including Rohingyas and Indian nationals, pushed into Bangladesh by the BSF since May 7 has crossed 2,100.

The Indian border force has so far pushed more than 180 Rohingyas, including 50 registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in India, into Bangladesh.

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THAILAND ALLOWS MYANMAR REFUGEES IN CAMPS TO WORK LEGALLY

On August 26, Thailand's cabinet approved measures allowing Myanmar refugees living in camps along the border to work legally. For many, it will be the first formal employment of their lives.

About 108,000 refugees live in the nine camps that have sheltered people fleeing Myanmar military abuses since the 1980s. Nearly half were born there.

The new work permits will only be available to about 80,000 refugees registered with the Thai government, an estimated 42,000 of whom are working age. Refugees will be required to apply for permission to leave the camps and for work permits valid up to one year. For decades, the Thai government barred camp refugees from working legally, moving freely, or accessing public services, leaving them largely dependent on foreign aid.

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HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS URGE UN MEMBER STATES TO PURSUE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ROHINGYA GENOCIDE



a UN Security Council referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court would ‘ensure comprehensive accountability for crimes committed against all communities’ in Myanmar.

Apart from a Security Council referral, the statement called on all UN member States to ‘exercise universal jurisdiction to initiate or support criminal prosecutions of those responsible for crimes.’

Fortify Rights and 57 other groups in a joint statement on Wednesday said that the United Nations member states must pursue accountability for genocide and other atrocities committed against ethnic Rohingya civilians in Rakhine State, Myanmar.

‘Eight years on from the start of the Myanmar military’s genocidal attacks against Rohingya, not a single person has been held criminally responsible. This is a deep stain on the world’s conscience,’ said senior advocate at Fortify Rights Patrick Phongsathorn.

‘It’s not too late to address this injustice. The UN Security

Council should immediately refer the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court, and all UN member States should explore every possible avenue to pursue justice for the Rohingya,’ Phongsathorn said.

August 25 is Rohingya Genocide Remembrance Day and marks the Myanmar military’s initiation of a series of massacres, killings, rapes and other genocidal attacks, which led to the forced deportation of at least 700,000 Rohingya people from northern Rakhine State to neighboring Bangladesh in 2017.

The joint statement noted that

Universal jurisdiction is a legal principle that enables domestic courts in many different countries to pursue justice for international atrocity crimes such as genocide and crimes against humanity.

On September 30, the UN General Assembly will convene a high-level conference on the situation of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, where participants are expected to discuss responses to the ongoing abuses suffered by the Rohingya.

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