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ASSAM: 13 ROHINGYAS DETAINED IN BARPETA’S HOWLY, INCLUDING 7 CHILDREN



In a major operation, police on Sunday detained 13 Rohingyas, including seven children, in the Howly area of Assam’s Barpeta district.

The group comprised three men, three women, and seven minors aged between 3 and 11 years, said the Assam Police.

Police added, “Preliminary investigations revealed that they had travelled from Jammu and Kashmir to Delhi, before reaching Barpeta by train. After disembarking at Barpeta Road Railway Station, they boarded a tempo and were heading towards an undisclosed destination along National Highway 27.” Realising that his passengers were Rohingyas, the auto driver

abandoned them near Howly Civil Hospital on NH-27 out of fear of legal complications and fled. Residents, noticing the unfamiliar group, alerted the police, leading to their detention.

The detainees have been identified as Mohammad Rofique (37), Nur Ali (62), Mohammad Alom (35), Ashiya Khatun (35), Shakutara Begum (28), and Sayeda Khatoon (53), along with seven children – Kismotara Begum (10), Minara Begum (8), Mohammad Ibrahim (5), Hamid Rehman (3), Mohammad Usman (11), Mohammad Ismail (7), and Asma Tara (3). All hail from Mondu area in Myanmar’s Aircap district.

During questioning, the detainees said that they had entered India in 2012 and had since been staying in Jammu and Kashmir. However, police found that their Refugee Cards were obtained only in

2024. They further stated they were attempting to return to refugee camps in Bangladesh through Assam.



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INDIA BACKS MYANMAR MILITARY’S ELECTION PLAN, STATE MEDIA SAYS



India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with Myanmar’s military chief Min Aung Hlaing during a meeting on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in Tianjin, China on Aug. 31, 2025. (India’s Press Information Bureau via Reuters)

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PERSECUTION OF ROHINGYA REFUGEES PART OF INDIA'S ANTI-MUSLIM CRACKDOWN

Human Right Watch said the Indian campaign reflects a wider pattern of persecution against Muslims under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist government.

Since May, Indian authorities have deported at least 192 Rohingya registered with the UN refugee agency into Bangladesh, while 40 others were reportedly beaten aboard an Indian naval ship and forced to swim ashore near Myanmar.

Dozens more have fled India fearing arrest.

"The Indian government's expulsion of Rohingya refugees shows an utter disregard for human life and international law," said Elaine Pearson, Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "These refugees fled atrocities in Myanmar only to face demonization and abuse in India."

Survivors told Human Rights Watch that police and security forces assaulted them, seized their money and UNHCR documents, and forced them across borders.

A woman expelled from Assam said her husband was slapped so hard by Indian border guards that he lost



hearing in one ear. In Tripura, police allegedly beat a four-year-old girl before pushing her family into Bangladesh.

Another group of 40 Rohingya Muslims and Christians described being flown from Delhi to the Andaman Islands, beaten by naval officers, and then forced into the sea near Myanmar.

And in Jammu, authorities have demolished shelters and arrested at least 30 Rohingya, accusing them of being "Bengalis" and ignoring their UN registration cards.

Why the Rohingya fled Myanmar

The Rohingya are a stateless Muslim minority from

Myanmar's Rakhine state, long denied citizenship and basic rights.

Since 2017, the Myanmar military has carried out a campaign of killings, mass rapes and village burnings that the UN has described as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing" and possible genocide.

Nearly a million Rohingya now live in squalid camps in Bangladesh, while smaller communities sought refuge in India, Malaysia and other countries.

For many, India appeared a safer option given its historic role as a host for refugees from Tibet, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

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ARAKAN ARMY ABDUCTS 15 FISHERMEN OFF ST MARTIN'S COAST: TRAWLER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION LEADER



Fifteen fishermen have been abducted, allegedly by members of the Myanmar armed rebel group Arakan Army, along with three trawlers from the southeast of Saint Martin's Island in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar.

According to Mohammad Azim, president of the Fishing Trawler Owners' Association at Saint Martin's Jetty Ghat, the incident took place around 6pm yesterday (31 August) when the fishermen were catching fish in an area called Seeta, southeast of Saint Martin's. They were held at gunpoint and taken away.

He also said three fishing trawlers owned by Md Afsar,

Abu Taher, and Mohammad Alamgir of Saint Martin's Golachipa were chased by people on speedboats and subsequently abducted. At that moment, the fishing trawler owned by Afsar's brother, Nurul Islam, escaped and reported the incident.

So far, there has been no trace of the abducted fishermen.

Earlier, from 5 August to 28 August, in just 23 days, trawler owners reported that 10 trawlers carrying 63 fishermen were abducted. As a result, in the last 26 days alone, the Arakan Army has abducted 78 fishermen along with 13 trawlers, whose

families remain without any information about their whereabouts.

Since December last year, the Arakan Army reportedly abducted 282 Bangladeshi fishermen from different points of the Naf River and the Bay of Bengal. Of them, through efforts by the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), 189 fishermen and 27 vessels were returned in several phases.

No official statement has yet been received from the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) or the Coast Guard regarding yesterday's incident.

However, on 28 August, during a press briefing at the BGB's Ramu Sector headquarters, Sector Commander Colonel Mohammad Mohiuddin Ahmed said, "So far, 51 Bangladeshi fishermen remain hostage with the Arakan Army.

"Although they are considered a non-border factor group, BGB maintains unofficial communication with them. Discussions are ongoing regarding the abducted fishermen.

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