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BGB RESCUES BANGLA-DESHI TEENS BEING TRAFFICKED TO MYANMAR



The Border Guard Bangladesh has rescued two Bangladeshi teenage boys in the Keruntali area under Teknaf upazila in Cox’s Bazar while they were allegedly being trafficked to Myanmar by Rohingyas.

The BGB also arrested one of the alleged traffickers, Md Rashed, 18, of Block-C of Kutupalong Rohingya Camp number 1 in Cox’s Bazar’s Ukhiya upazila during the rescue operation in the Keruntali area Monday evening, said a Battalion 2

BGB press release signed by its commander Lieutenant Colonel Ashikur Rahman.

The rescued teens are Mahim, 15 and Sohel, 16, both from the Laldighipar area in Cox’s Bazar. The BGB, in its release, said that an organised group of human traffickers had been on the prowl near the Bangladesh-Myanmar border in Teknaf. It said that they, on Monday, acting on a tip-off about human trafficking through the Naf River border in the Keruntali area, launched a raid there.

Source: newagebd.net

INDIA TAPS MYANMAR REBELS FOR RARE EARTH SUPPLY AMID CHINA'S TIGHT CONTROL

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India is exploring ways to secure rare earth minerals from Myanmar with the help of rebel group Kachin Independence Army (KIA), news agency Reuters reported.

The move comes as New Delhi looks for alternatives to China, which dominates the global supply chain of these critical resources.

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750 ROHINGYAS ENTER BANGLADESH IN ONE MONTH: ARMY



At least 750 Rohingya crossed into Bangladesh over the past month, according to the army, which also reported extensive security operations to curb crime, arms trafficking and drug smuggling in and around refugee camps.

Colonel Md Shafiqul Islam of the Military Operations Directorate disclosed the figures on Monday (September 8) during a press briefing at the Officers' Mess in Dhaka Cantonment.

He said the new arrivals have taken shelter in various camps designated for forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals (FDMNs).

Over the past month, security forces seized more than 9,12,000 yaba pills, one kilogram of crystal meth, and

contraband including cigarettes, clothing, food items and cosmetics worth Tk 17 lakh. Joint operations in and around the Rohingya camps also led to the recovery of nine firearms, 529 rounds of ammunition and other military equipment.

Separately, the army itself recovered 65 illegal weapons and 297 rounds of ammunition in the same period. Since August last year, troops have confiscated 9,794 of an estimated 12,119 missing firearms, and 2,87,359 rounds out of 3,90,000 lost rounds of ammunition. Shafiqul Islam said 17,926 people linked to various crimes have been detained since August last year, including 1,294 suspects arrested in the past month alone.

SPOTLIGHT ON WORLD'S LARGEST STATELESS COMMUNITY

A large-scale interactive public artwork to be installed at Customs House forecourt will aim to raise awareness and connect audiences with the world's largest stateless population. Three years in the making, Meeras Pavilion celebrates Rohingya culture and invites people to build a deeper understanding of the more than 1.2 million refugees who have been displaced or fled extreme violence in Myanmar since 2017.

More than 100 community participants and 20 artists have been involved in creating the project. Meeras Pavilion spans 14m in diameter and 3.7m in height and will come to life through a series of arts, advocacy and community events from 25 September to 5 October.

Events will include pop-up performances and storytelling, craft workshops, a photo exhibition, advocacy workshops and a film screening and panel discussion. "This artwork is the result of extensive conversations between Rohingya artists, humanitarian organisations and creative collaborators," Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore AO said.

Source: banglanews24.com

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY MUST HEED ROHINGYA CRISIS



More than a million Rohingya now live in Bangladesh, concentrated in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, where approximately 32,000 babies are born each year. This humanitarian crisis began in 2017, when the Myanmar military launched a brutal campaign of mass killings, arson, and sexual violence that drove more than 700,000 Rohingya out of Rakhine State.

The United Nations later described the operation as a textbook case of ethnic cleansing. Entire villages were wiped off the map, forcing hundreds of thousands to flee across the eastern border into Bangladesh. Bangladesh is now urging for a sustainable repatriation that ensures

lasting solutions, including guaranteed safety, full citizenship, and the protection of fundamental rights.

According to the Joint Response Plan (JRP) for 2021 and 2025, at present, 29 projects, 21 partners, and 13 Bangladeshi NGOs have since withdrawn their humanitarian support.

A ReliefWeb report published on 25 August 2025 revealed that the 2025 Joint Response Plan faces a funding shortfall of nearly \$500 million, with an additional \$84 million required for the latest 150,000 new arrivals.

■ Source: observerbd.com

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FROM COX'S BAZAR GOVT MUST TAKE STRONG ACTION

Cox's Bazar has become a regular route for human trafficking by sea in recent years. Since more than 1.4 million Rohingya, both new and old arrivals, have taken refuge there, incidents of human trafficking have increased. After the monsoon season and just before winter begins, the sea remains calm. Trafficking networks become particularly active during this period.

At a meeting held on 2 September at the office of the Superintendent of Police in Cox's Bazar—attended by law enforcement agencies, lawyers, journalists, and representatives of NGOs—plans for early preparation to prevent human trafficking during the winter season were discussed.

We fully support this initiative. Alongside raising public awareness, active roles by the police, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), and the Coast Guard can make it possible to stop human trafficking along the Cox's Bazar coast.

■ Source: en.prothomalo.com