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## BANGLADESH’S REFUGEE ISLAND EXPERIMENT LEAVES ROHINGYA WORSE OFF, REPORT SHOWS



In September 2025, the World Bank, together with researchers from BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Yale University, and the University of Kent, published a landmark

study on Bangladesh’s ambitious relocation of Rohingya refugees from Cox’s Bazar to the remote island of Bhasan Char. Framed as a solution to overcrowding and insecurity, the program

promised modern homes, solar-powered utilities, schools, clinics, and cyclone shelters. Yet the study delivers a sobering verdict: for the refugees, life on the island has meant worsening well-being,

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# MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS OF HARD LABOR FOR CRITICIZING MYANMAR'S ELECTION PLAN



A man has been sentenced to seven years of hard labor in military-run Myanmar for criticizing the government's plans to hold elections in December, state-run media reported Wednesday. It's the first known conviction under the new election law targeting anyone who opposes or disrupts the elections.

In the Aug. 25 Facebook post, which has since been taken down, Nay Thway posted surveillance video of a robbery and criticized the military government for prioritizing the election plan over ensuring public safety. Nay Thway, 36, was sentenced in a Taunggyi

township court in eastern Shan state to the maximum for the offense of attempting to undermine the elections, according to the Myanmar Alinn newspaper. Other offenses under the new law carry sentences up to the death penalty.

It was not immediately clear if he would appeal, and no information was given about who might have represented him in court. The military seized power from the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021, which triggered widespread popular opposition that has grown into a civil war.

# MYANMAR'S POLL RESULT DUE END OF JANUARY: ELECTION OFFICIAL

An official from Myanmar's junta-stacked election commission said on Thursday (Sep 11) that the results of its upcoming and widely disputed national poll are expected by the end of January next year. "The final election result is expected by the end of January 2026," an official of the Union Election Commission (UEC) told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Myanmar has been consumed by a civil war since the military deposed the government of democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021, making unsubstantiated allegations of electoral fraud.

But the military is now organising an election they have touted as an off-ramp to the bloody conflict, with phased polls due to start on Dec 28 and lasting around a month. The commission held a news conference on Thursday in the capital Naypyidaw, which lasted more than three hours and neither Suu Kyi nor her National League for Democracy - which won the last polls by a landslide - were mentioned once.

Source: apnews.com

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