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FROM STATELESSNESS TO DIGITAL VOICELESSNESS: HOW ANTI-IMMIGRANT DISINFORMATION TARGETS THE ROHINGYA IN ONLINE SPACES



Misinformation about the Rohingya is not an incidental media problem but a structural process

Misinformation around the Rohingya crisis is not a recent phenomenon; false narratives frequently begin in Myanmar and Bangladesh, cross borders, and influence public opinion across South Asia. Images and footage from refugee camps in Bangladesh and conflict areas in Myanmar are reused in anti-immigrant rhetoric and state propaganda to create a false

sense of authenticity, spread fear, and strengthen prevailing biases against stateless Muslim refugees. The Rohingya crisis is not only unfolding on the ground but also in the digital sphere, where misinformation travels faster than truth. A recent study traces how disinformation, propaganda, and hate campaigns migrate across borders – from

Myanmar to Bangladesh, India, and beyond – transforming humanitarian suffering into scrutinized fiction.

At the heart of this process lies a structural shift: the Rohingya are recast from victims of violence into perceived threats, a discursive framing that legitimizes exclusion and hostility. With little capacity to defend themselves in the digital age, the stateless Rohingya become doubly silenced – by displacement and by distortion.

Most significantly, this study identifies over 20 fact-checked reports on anti-immigrant disinformation targeting the Rohingya that have circulated widely on Indian social media and even in some news outlets.

■ Source: globalvoices.org

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INDIA PUSHES 12 ROHINGYAS AMONG 28 INTO BANGLADESH



The Indian Border Security Force pushed 28 people, including 12 Rohingyas, into Bangladesh through separate border points in Moulvibazar and Naogaon on Thursday and Friday.

As a result, the number of people, including Rohingyas and Indian nationals, pushed into Bangladesh by the BSF since May 7 has reached at least 2,219.

The Indian border force has so far pushed at least 212 Rohingyas, including 50 registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in India, into Bangladesh. The BSF on Friday also returned four members of a family from Chandpur district to the Border Guard Bangladesh at

Mujibnagar in Meherpur during a flag meeting at the International Boundary Pillar no. 105, New Age correspondent in Kushtia reported. BGB Mujibnagar company commander subedar Abul Bashar said that the four were detained in India recently, brought to the Hridoypur BSF camp and handed over to the BGB in a flag meeting. He said that they were safely returned to their family.

New Age staff correspondent in Sylhet reported that the BSF pushed 12 Rohingyas, including three men, four women and five children, into Bangladesh through Batamoral Panpunji area under Baralekha upazila Thursday morning.

■ Source: newagebd.net

NEW YORK ROHINGYA CONFERENCE AIMED AT POLITICAL SOLUTION: MOUNIR SATOURI

Highlighting the importance of increased funding for the Rohingya population, Chair of the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights Mounir Satouri has expressed optimism that the high-level conference, scheduled to take place in New York on September 30, will contribute to finding a political solution.

The only long-term solution to the crisis lies in improving the situation in Myanmar and ensuring the safe and voluntary return of the displaced populations, he told UNB in an interview.

Satouri, who wrapped up his Bangladesh visit on Thursday night, said that the objective remains one supported by the European Union (EU), reports UNB.

But the international community as a whole has to ensure that the conditions for such a return are made possible, he said, hoping that the high-level conference that will take place in New York on September 30 will contribute to finding a political solution.

■ Source: thefinancialexpress.com.bd