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DHAKA DECLARATION CALLS FOR ROHINGYA REPATRIATION



The Rohingya crisis remains one of the most complex humanitarian and political challenges in South and Southeast Asia. More than six years after the mass displacement of Rohingyas from Myanmar's Rakhine State, over 1.3 million refugees remain in Bangladesh, mostly in Cox's Bazar and Bhashanchar. While Bangladesh has shown remarkable generosity, the crisis has reached a critical point. Host communities are under pressure, international

funding is shrinking, and despair is deepening among the refugees. Without a comprehensive and rights-based solution, the risks are becoming permanent, threatening regional stability.

Against this backdrop, Neeti Gobeshona Kendra (NGK) recently organized two important consultations—a local-level dialogue in Chittagong on 13 September and a National Strategic Dialogue in Dhaka on 17 September 2025.

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SPEAKERS FOR MEDIA ROLE TO SUSTAIN GLOBAL ATTENTION ON ROHINGYA CRISIS

Speakers at a symposium here today put emphasis on journalists' broader role to sustain global attention on Rohingya issues.

They said the global attention on the Rohingya crisis is gradually decreasing and journalists need to work to bring the Rohingya issue back on the centre of global discussion through focusing the issue on new perspectives and advocacy.

Senior journalists, diplomats and security analysts gathered here, where more than 40 newsmen from Dhaka and Cox's Bazar took part.

The Press Institute Bangladesh (PIB), Oxfam Bangladesh and Development Media Forum jointly organized a symposium titled "Beyond the Headlines: Rohingya Crisis in New Eyes".

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ROHINGYA PERSPECTIVES ON PATHWAYS TO SAFE, DIGNIFIED AND PEACEFUL FUTURE

The resumption of conflict between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army in the Rakhine State in Myanmar has forcibly displaced over 150,000 Rohingya into Bangladesh since late 2023, who have joined over a million Rohingya refugees already living in the camps in Cox’s Bazar from the previous waves of displacement mainly following the 2017 “clearance operations” by the Myanmar military.

The new refugee arrivals bring to fore the continuum of atrocities and persecution against the Rohingya minority inside Myanmar despite the international justice and accountability efforts to protect their rights, including the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice.

The spillover impact of the developments in the Rakhine State, in the camps cannot be overstated – the precarious life of the Rohingya refugees already marred by insecurity due to abductions, extortion, and targeting of the community leaders by armed

groups, was exacerbated by recruitment of Rohingya men and boys to fight in Myanmar. In 2024, at least 170 forced recruitment cases in the camps were reported, parallel to the Myanmar military’s abduction and coercion of the Rohingya civilians in the Rakhine State to fight on its behalf, which fuelled ethnic division between the Rohingya Muslims and Rakhine Buddhist communities.

More recently, since December 2024, the Arakan Army has solidified control over 90% of the Rakhine State, and widespread abuses against Rohingya have been reported in Myanmar.

In the backdrop of such rapidly evolving security and political climate in the Rakhine and the camps, this report aims to document the grassroots Rohingya voices on the pathways to their safe, dignified and peaceful future, and present their key messages and recommendations in this regard.

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WB TO GIVE \$700M FOR 2 ROHINGYA PROJECTS



The World Bank yesterday launched two new projects worth \$700 million to improve basic services, strengthen disaster resilience and expand human capital development for both the displaced Rohingya population and host communities in Bangladesh.

The two initiatives -- the Host and Rohingya Enhancement of Lives Project (HELP) and the Inclusive Services and Opportunities Project (ISO) -- each carry a commitment of \$350 million and will run until June 2028. Together, they build on earlier WB-supported interventions that have provided over \$1 billion in financing since 2019.

"We want to see a multi-sectoral, comprehensive approach that improves the situation on the ground for both Rohingya and host communities, in the short and medium term," said Jean Pesme, country director of the World Bank's Bangladesh office, at the event.

■ Source: thedailystar.net