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## INDIA PERMITS MINORITY REFUGEES FROM BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN TO STAY WITHOUT PASSPORT

Members of minority communities from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who entered India on or before 31 December 2024 to escape religious persecution will be allowed to stay in the country without passports or other valid travel documents, the Indian Home Ministry has said.

The order applies to "people belonging to minority communities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians, who were compelled to seek shelter in India due to religious persecution or fear of persecution, and entered the country on or before 31 December 2024, without valid documents or with documents that have since expired," according to an order issued yesterday (2 September),



reports The Statesman. The directive was issued under the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 2025, which introduces exemptions from requirements related to valid passports, travel documents, and visas for specific categories of people and carriers. This order forms part of a series of measures under the newly enacted Immigration and Foreigners

Act, 2025, which came into force on 1 September.

Previously, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) granted eligibility for Indian citizenship only to those entering on or before 31 December 2014. The new order extends protection to arrivals up to 2024, but it does not provide a path to citizenship.

Source: tbsnews.net

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# BSF PUSHES-IN 18 ACROSS MOULVIBAZAR BORDER, INCLUDING 17 ROHINGYAS



Border Security Force (BSF) of India pushed 18 people, including 17 Rohingya refugees and one Bangladeshi national, into Bangladesh through the Shahbazpur Tea Estate area under Barlekha upazila of Moulvibazar early Tuesday.

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) from Battalion-52 apprehended the group after they entered Bangladeshi territory and later handed them over to Barlekha Police Station in the evening.

Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Ariful Haque Chowdhury, commanding officer of BGB-52, confirmed the development and said, “A total of 18 individuals were pushed into Bangladesh by BSF. We detained them inside our territory and handed them

over to police after verifying their identities.” Among those detained, one was a Bangladeshi male citizen. The remaining 17 were identified as Rohingya; four men, five women and eight children, who had previously crossed into India illegally at different times.

BGB officials said legal steps are being taken and local law enforcement is now handling the matter.

Source: observerbd.com

In Myanmar, explosive ordnance continue to severely harm civilians as they go about their daily lives. In 2024, 1,082 casualties were reported across the country – 165 of whom died. In addition, contaminated land is difficult or impossible to farm, making it even harder to earn a living.

## ROHINGYA REFUGEES STILL UNSAFE AS MYANMAR CONFLICT INTENSIFIES

The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect has issued a stark appeal to members of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), urging them to prioritise atrocity prevention and accountability for Myanmar’s mounting human rights crisis during the Council’s upcoming 60th session. In a letter to HRC members, the Centre described Myanmar’s worsening humanitarian catastrophe since the February 2021 military coup, noting that civilians across 13 of the country’s 15 states and regions are trapped between junta offensives and clashes with armed groups.

The letter details widespread abuses by Myanmar’s military, including relentless airstrikes, scorched-earth campaigns, obstruction of humanitarian aid, and brutal attacks on civilians. Atrocities reported by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights include the burning alive of civilians, dismemberment, rape, and beheadings. According to the figures cited, at least 7,035 people have been killed, 22,263 remain imprisoned, and nearly 20 million people are in need of humanitarian aid—one million more than in 2024.

Source: ilkha.com



# ‘WE WANT OUR PARENTS BACK’: ROHINGYA CHILDREN STRUGGLE ALONE IN INDIA’S DETENTION SHADOW



In the cramped lanes of Indian Administered Kashmir’s Jammu’s Narwal slum, Kiryani Talab Camp, 8-year-old Noora awakens each morning to the same devastating reality: Her parents are not there to greet her.

For nearly five years, her father and mother have been detained at the Hira Nagar Detention facility, leaving Noora and her sibling — 16-year-old Haleema— to live without the fundamental anchor of parental presence.

It was in July 2022 when Religion Unplugged first reported these children’s

stories, documenting their struggles as they waited for their parents’ return from detention. Their situation remains unchanged.

“Since then, nothing has changed”, Haleema said. “We are still waiting for our parents to return like we used to ... and years have passed without them.” On March 6, 2021, Noora and Haleema’s parents — Mohammed Ibrahim, 49, and Sajida Begum, 37 — were sent from Jammu’s Kiryani Talab Camp to a jail that had been turned into a detention center in Hiranagar, a town in the Kathua district of Jammu-Kashmir. There are

dozens of Rohingya children growing up in the camp.

Haleema has been counting the days — not in months or years, but in sunrises — without her parents. Noora was only four when her parents were taken away in a pre-dawn police raid on their tin-roofed shelter in the Kiryani Talab Rohingya camp.

“Now she is going to be nine,” Haleema said of her sister. Noor Habba, has been raising her nieces Noora and Haleema alongside her own children.

“All I want is the release of these girls’ parents,” she said. “Most nights, Noora cries before falling asleep. I used to ask my own kids if they had said something to upset her. But then one day, Noora finally told me — she just misses her mother.”

“Whatever care I am giving to these two, none can be what a mother’s care is,” Habba added.

Despite her best efforts, Habba admitted there are many challenges.

Source: religionunplugged.com