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IS UN CONFERENCE ON ROHINGYA REPATRIATION A TURNING POINT FOR GEOPOLITICS?



For the past eight years nearly one and a half million Rohingya refugees have placed a crushing burden on the southeastern coast of Bangladesh. The region has been pushed into a fragile and troubled reality where security threats, drug and human trafficking, deforestation and landslides, the declining

livelihoods of fishermen and the downward pressure on wages and prices in local markets have left communities bewildered and exhausted.

In search of a sustainable solution and in order to ensure the safe, voluntary and dignified return of the Rohingya refugees, the United

Nations General Assembly has decided to convene a high-level conference on the situation of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar at its headquarters in New York on 30 September 2025, with three declared objectives:

■ Source: daily-sun.com

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■ The Rohingya people don't need more aid. They just need to return home. The plight of the Rohingya people has become one of the most protracted, yet most neglected, humanitarian crises worldwide.



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BGB REJECTS ULA ALLEGATIONS OF LINKS WITH ROHINGYA ARMED GROUPS



The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has rejected allegations made by the United League of Arakan (ULA), the political wing of the Arakan Army (AA), that it supports the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and the Rohingya Solidarity Organization (RSO).

BGB termed the accusations “misleading” and said it had no connection with ARSA or RSO. Instead, it took measures against the groups inside Bangladesh, including the arrest of several members and top leader Ataullah Jununi.

The paramilitary force said its mandate is to secure national borders, maintain law and order, and manage security risks stemming from the presence of over a million Rohingya refugees. Following

the collapse of Myanmar’s ceasefire in late 2023, BGB intensified patrols along the Naf River and the Bandarban–Cox’s Bazar frontier to prevent spill-over violence.

Additional troops, arms and equipment have been deployed, camps reinforced, and mine-affected zones marked with red flags. BGB has also conducted awareness drives, provided financial aid and organized medical camps for affected families.

Officials noted that intelligence confirms militants infiltrate from Myanmar, not Bangladesh, and that landmines planted by the AA along the border further prevent such movements.

Source: dhakatribune.com

BANGLADESH, ADB SIGN \$334M DEALS FOR POWER, WATER, ROHINGYA SUPPORT

Bangladesh and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Monday signed agreements worth more than \$334 million in loans and grants to strengthen power distribution, improve water supply services, and enhance basic infrastructure for displaced people from Myanmar and host communities.

Shahriar Kader Siddiky, secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD), and Hoe Yun Jeong, ADB country director for Bangladesh, signed the agreements on behalf of Bangladesh and ADB, respectively, at a ceremony held at the ERD in Dhaka.

The \$91 million Northwest Distribution Network Modernisation Project will enhance the quality, efficiency, and resilience of the power distribution network in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions.

The project also includes construction of new substations and switching stations, modernisation of existing ones, and installation of rooftop solar systems with battery storage.

Source: daily-sun.com

PROF YUNUS, GLOBAL LEADERS TO MEET AT UN CONFERENCE ON ROHINGYAS TONIGHT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus is scheduled to attend the plenary meeting to address the crisis facing Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar on the sidelines of the UNGA on Tuesday night, aiming to find ways for a sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis addressing the funding gaps.

The high-level conference will be held at General Assembly Hall of the United Nations Headquarters from 8pm (Bangladesh time) on Tuesday.

Representatives from at least 75 countries and organisations, including heads of state and government, have confirmed their participation in the conference, Chief Adviser’s Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told UNB.

TURKEY WILL REPRESENT THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC), WHILE KUWAIT WILL REPRESENT THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) AT THE CONFERENCE.

MYANMAR: DANGERS FACING ROHINGYA IN NORTHERN RAKHINE STATE WOULD MAKE REPATRIATION ‘CATASTROPHIC’



Rohingya communities in Myanmar’s northern Rakhine State are facing forced labour, food and health crises, severe restrictions on movement and escalating armed conflict, Amnesty International said today as it warned against dangerously premature decisions to repatriate refugees from Bangladesh.

The UN General Assembly will convene the High-level Conference on the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar on Tuesday (30 September), which aims to formulate a plan under which the more

than one million Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh can return home to Myanmar after the majority were violently driven from the country by the military in 2016 and 2017.

Joe Freeman, Amnesty International’s Myanmar Researcher, said:

“Existing conditions in Myanmar’s northern Rakhine State are nowhere near ready for Rohingya to return safely.

“To many Rohingya the Arakan Army has replaced the Myanmar military as their oppressor.

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