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ROHINGYA IN SRI LANKA SHOULD NOT BE REPATRIATED WITHOUT RISK EVALUATION: HRCSL



Rohingya asylum seekers who were rescued from a boat off Sri Lanka’s northern Mullevaikkal coast on December 19 should not be repatriated without evaluation of the risks of enforced disappearance detainees faced in Myanmar, the Human Rights Commission Of Sri Lanka has said.

“The Commission clarified that the obligation not to repatriate any persons to their home country when there is a risk of enforced disappearance is not only an international obligation by which Sri Lanka is bound,” HRCSL said in a statement.

“It is also clearly found in Sri Lanka’s domestic law in section 18(1) of the International Convention for

the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Act of 2018.

“Therefore, the Rohingya asylum seekers cannot be repatriated without a clear evaluation of the risks of enforce disappearance they face in their home country.”

The HRCSL statement followed a meeting on the situation of the Rohingya asylum seekers at the Sri Lanka Air Force Camp in Mullaitivu.

The meeting comprising HRCSL officials Justice L T B Dehideniya, Prof Farzana Haniffa, Dr Gehan Gunatilleke, and representatives from the Ministry of Public Security, Department of Immigration and Emigration, and Sri Lanka Air Force, reviewed the implementation of the recommendations arising from the commissions observations made in January 2025.

■ Source: economynext.com

REPORTS OF INDIAN NAVY FORCING ROHINGYA REFUGEES INTO SEA 'UNCONSCIONABLE': UN EXPERT

A United Nations expert has censured Indian naval forces for reportedly abandoning Muslim Rohingya refugees in the sea and telling them to return to Myanmar by swimming.

UN special rapporteur Tom Andrews said on Thursday that he was investigating "credible reports" that Rohingya refugees were forced off an Indian navy vessel into the Andaman Sea.

Andrews, an independent expert mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to investigate the matter, said he was "deeply concerned by what appears to be a blatant disregard for the lives and safety of those who require international protection."

Last week, Indian authorities in New Delhi reportedly rounded up several Rohingya refugees.

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■ Myanmar's military forces launched a genocidal campaign against the Muslim Rohingya that started in 2017 during the rule of the ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was supported by the West.



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**UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR
DEMANDS ANSWERS OVER
REPORTED ROHINGYA
EXPULSIONS IN INDIA**



A UN human rights expert has strongly condemned reports that Indian authorities forcibly expelled Rohingya refugees by pushing them off a naval vessel into waters near Myanmar.

The incident, described as "unconscionable" and "unacceptable," has prompted the expert to call for an investigation and demand full transparency from the Indian government, Caliber.Az reports, citing Turkish media.

Tom Andrews, the UN special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar, issued a statement on Thursday expressing outrage at the allegations. "The idea that Rohingya refugees have been cast into the sea from naval vessels is nothing short of outrageous," he said. Andrews is actively seeking more information and witness accounts about the incident and urged India to provide a complete explanation of the events.

■ Source: caliber.az

**PUCL SAYS ROHINGYA REFUGEES TORTURED,
'ABANDONED TO DIE' AT SEA BY INDIAN
AUTHORITIES; DEMANDS INDEPENDENT PROBE**

The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) has issued a scathing condemnation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Government, alleging a covert and brutal deportation operation involving Rohingya refugees. In a statement released on Thursday, PUCL accused Indian authorities of kidnapping, torturing, and forcibly deporting refugees registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in violation of domestic and international law.

Earlier this week, Maktoob reported the incident after receiving the evidence that 40 Rohingya refugees India threw in the sea near the Myanmar coast are safe and now under the protection of the National Unity Government (NUG), a coalition of pro-democracy groups formed after the military coup in 2021.

"The fact that the refugees thrown into international waters, belong to the Rohingya community, which is one of the world's most persecuted minorities, indicates that the Indian Government is even prepared to cast aside its obligations

under one of the most important significant human rights treaty it has ratified, namely the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide of 1948."

According to PUCL, the incident began on May 6 when several Rohingya refugees, including Muslim and Christian minorities, were detained from across Delhi by police under the pretence of biometric data collection. The detainees, who included children, elderly individuals, women, and people with serious illnesses like cancer, were then transported to Inderlok Detention Centre and, later, secretly flown to Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. There, the group was allegedly blindfolded, bound, and put onto Indian naval ships, only to be abandoned in international waters near the Tanintharyi region on the Myanmar-Thailand maritime border. PUCL asserts that the refugees were beaten, tortured, interrogated, and subjected to sexual abuse, with officials accusing them of involvement in terrorism, specifically referencing the Pahalgam attack in Jammu & Kashmir, without any evidence. ■ Source: maktoobmedia.com