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## 'TELL EVERYONE THEY LEFT US IN THE SEA': ROHINGYAS DEPORTED, FAMILIES TORN APART

"Why did they do this to us? Haven't we faced enough? They should have sent the whole family, why separate and break us like this?"

As tears struck her eyes, a haggard Rohingya refugee, Shamina\* (38) talked about how five members of her family were deported abruptly, leaving families like hers in utter shock and fear.

It wasn't just another deportation. Shamina's family is among the 43 Rohingya refugees who were arrested, flown from Hindon airport to Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar islands, shifted on boats and then with life-jackets, allegedly dumped in the international waters in Tanintharyi region, Southern Myanmar by Indian authorities.

Coincidentally, they were deported on the same day the Supreme Court observed



that if Rohingya refugees in India are found to be foreigners, they must be deported, despite possessing their identity cards issued by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). Among these Rohingya refugees were children as young as 15 and elderly as old as 66 years old, a cancer patient, those with other ailments abandoned into the sea.

The Quint visited a Rohingya camp and nearby areas and met with Rohingyas whose family – a sister, a mother, a brother – have been forcibly taken away. We looked into the modus operandi of the deportation, their calls with the deportees and the impact of this move on their community.

■ Source: thequint.com

## U.S. ISSUES MAJOR 'DO NOT TRAVEL' WARNINGS FOR BURMA, VENEZUELA

Venezuela wasn't the only country to receive the "do not travel" warning on May 12 either. Burma also received a "do not travel" warning due to "armed conflict, the potential for civil unrest, arbitrary enforcement of local laws, poor health infrastructure, land mines and unexploded ordnance, crime, and wrongful detentions."

The U.S. also cited "armed conflicts" throughout the nation and civil unrest as a major factor. "The level of armed conflict and civil unrest varies significantly between and within states and regions and may change at any time," it said in a statement.

"Attacks by opposition militia on locations connected to the military and security authorities regularly occur in Rangoon and many other parts of the country. Local opposition militia groups actively operate around the country. Travelers are cautioned of the potential for the regime to limit access to highways and airports, causing an isolating situation."

■ Source: msn.com

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■ The UNHCR said in a statement on Thursday that at least 40 Rohingya refugees were detained in New Delhi and cast into the sea by the Indian navy near the maritime border with Myanmar.



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INDIA IS ACCUSED OF  
INHUMANELY DEPORTING  
ROHINGYA REFUGEES

NEW YORK TIMES REPORT



The United Nations has called for an investigation into “credible reports” that Indian authorities rounded up Rohingya refugees and expelled them, in some cases by putting them into the Andaman Sea off the shore of the same country they had escaped from, fearing persecution and death.

The episode appeared to be part of a broader recent crackdown, as officials of India’s government used a moment of conflict with its neighbor Pakistan to expand a campaign of oppression against minority Muslims.

“The idea that Rohingya refugees have been cast into the sea from naval vessels is nothing short of outrageous,” said Tom Andrews, the U.N. special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. “I am seeking further information and testimony regarding these developments and implore the Indian government to provide a full accounting of what happened.”

Source: nytimes.com

"FANCIFUL IDEAS": TOP COURT ON PLEA  
CLAIMING ROHINGYAS DROPPED IN  
ANDAMAN SEA

The Supreme Court on Friday rapped petitioners who claimed 43 Rohingya refugees including women and children were dropped in the Andaman sea for deportation to Myanmar and said "when the country is passing through a difficult time, you come out with fanciful ideas".

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh also questioned the authenticity of materials placed before it by petitioner Mohd Ismail and others and refused to stay any further deportation of Rohingyas, saying similar relief was denied by the court.

"When the country is passing through a difficult time, you come out with such fanciful ideas," the bench told senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for the petitioners.

It said the materials placed by petitioners appeared to be taken from social media and termed the averments of torture and deportation of Rohingyas by throwing them into the sea as "mere allegations".



"Where is the material substantiating the allegations?" Justice Kant asked.

The bench said the recording of the alleged phone call conversation between those who were deported and the Delhi-based petitioner was not verified.

"Did anyone verify these phone calls that they originated from Myanmar? Earlier, we heard a case where calls were made from Jamtara in Jharkhand from phone numbers of the US, UK and Canada," Justice Kant scoffed.  
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When Mr Gonsalves tried to refer to the report of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, saying it had also taken note of the issue and started an inquiry into the matter, the bench said, "People sitting outside cannot dictate our authorities and sovereignty."

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