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HEAVY RAINS DAMAGE OVER 1,400 ROHINGYA HOMES IN BANGLADESH REFUGEE CAMPS

53 landslides reported across 33 refugee camps

Heavy monsoon rains in Cox's Bazar on Bangladesh's southeastern coast have damaged over 1,400 Rohingya homes.

In just two days, 53 landslides were reported across 33 refugee camps. One refugee was killed as a wall collapsed, while lightning strikes reportedly injured 11, the UNHCR said late Monday.

The heavy monsoon rains “highlight once again the critical needs of Rohingya refugees,” it added.

More than 1.3 million Rohingya are seeking refuge in Cox's Bazar district. The majority arrived following a crackdown by Myanmar's military in 2017. “Steep slopes, floods and makeshift shelters make a dangerous mix in such a densely populated place, while strong winds risk further weakening shelters made of bamboo and tarpaulin,” said



Juliet Murekeyisoni, the interim UNHCR Representative in Bangladesh. Thousands of newly arrived Rohingya fleeing targeted violence and persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State have further shrunk the already overcrowded space, said UNHCR.

A critical funding shortfall also threatens the ability of humanitarian actors to meet urgent needs and fully implement the required preparatory actions, it added. “Preparing for these disasters is not just essential – it is lifesaving,” said Gwyn Lewis, UN Resident Coordinator, from the Cox's Bazar camps. Monsoon preparedness usually starts before May, but partners could not take this measure because of the shortfall.

■ Source: aa.com.tr

ROHINGYA REPATRIATION STILL NOT IN SIGHT

The Rohingya refugee crisis is one of the most pressing humanitarian catastrophes of the 21st century, marked by violence, displacement, and a crisis of identity.

This tragedy, deeply rooted in decades of systematic persecution of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar's Rakhine State, has transcended borders and burdened neighboring nations, particularly Bangladesh.

Since the massive exodus of Rohingya people in August 2017, triggered by a brutal military crackdown dubbed a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing” by the United Nations, over a million refugees have sought sanctuary in Cox's Bazar, transforming the region into the world's largest refugee settlement.

While Bangladesh has been lauded globally for its humanitarian generosity, the prolonged presence of Rohingya refugees has revealed complex socio-economic, environmental, and security implications.

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LANDSLIDES, FLOODING
KILLED ONE IN COX'S BAZAR
ROHINGYA CAMPS



Heavy rainfall and strong winds have triggered 53 landslides across 33 Rohingya refugee camps at Ukhia and Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar district.

The devastation also resulted one death, 11 injuries due to lightning strikes, and damage to over 1,400 homes.

Mosharraf Hossain, Communications Associate for UNHCR Sub-Office Cox's Bazar confirmed these figures in a statement on Monday evening.

The statement detailed that the refugee camps have been severely affected by continuous heavy rain for the past four to five days, with the 53 landslides occurring during two days of intense downpour.

In addition, more than 1,400 shelters have been damaged by flooding and strong winds. The fatality from a collapsing wall and the lightning injuries occurred in the early hours of Monday.

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MALAYSIA BACKS
BANGLADESH'S BID FOR
ASEAN MEMBERSHIP

"I believe it is a great idea that ASEAN should seriously consider," he said while meeting with a visiting delegation from the National Defence College (NDC) of Bangladesh led by Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman in Kuala Lumpur on Friday.

"I read that in a keynote address to Nikkei's annual Future of Asia conference in Tokyo, Chief Adviser of the Bangladeshi interim government Dr Yunus has once again expressed his country's interest in joining ASEAN," he wrote in a Facebook post, shared by the Bangladesh Embassy in Kuala Lumpur today (June 3).

The junior minister hoped to see greater economic ties between Malaysia and Bangladesh in the coming days. He said that Bangladesh is a country very relevant to the Malaysian economy, not just because millions of Bangladeshis had worked here but also because of its economic potential as the world's 8th most populous nation.

The deputy minister informed the delegation that he will visit Bangladesh at the end of June.

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Malaysian Deputy Minister Liew Chin Tong met Bangladesh's NDC delegation in Kuala Lumpur on Friday, urging ASEAN to consider Bangladesh's membership. Photo via state news agency

MORE THAN 4 MILLION
REFUGEES HAVE FLED
SUDAN CIVIL WAR, UN SAYS

The number of people who have fled Sudan since the beginning of its civil war in 2023 has surpassed four million, U.N. refugee agency officials said on Tuesday, adding that many survivors faced inadequate shelter due to funding shortages.

"Now in its third year, the 4 million people is a devastating milestone in what is the world's most damaging displacement crisis at the moment," U.N. refugee agency spokesperson Eujin Byun told a Geneva press briefing.

Sudan, which erupted in violence in April 2023, shares borders with seven countries: Chad, South Sudan, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Central African Republic and Libya.

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