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FOR ROHINGYA MOTHERS, EID MARKS RARE CHANCE TO SERVE MEAT FOR FAMILY



- Around 1.3 million Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh are dependent on food aid
- Their meals normally lack proper nutrition, as assistance consists mostly of rice, lentils, oil

As she prepared for Eid Al-Adha celebrations on Saturday, Nikash Tara could not recall the last time she served a proper meal for her family. In the cramped camps of Cox’s Bazar, a nutritious meal was a near-impossible treat available only during special occasions and solely dependent on charitable contributions.

Most days, Rohingya refugee mothers like Tara could only rely on food rations, which have been slashed in recent years due to insufficient funding. “It was probably during Eid Al-Fitr when we last had a truly nutritious meal ... We survive on the food rations, which are not enough now. Sometimes, I skip meals so that my children can eat,”

Tara told Arab News. “We get rice, lentils, and oil, but no vegetables, no milk. It’s hard to call it a ‘meal,’ let alone nutritious.”

“On the occasion of Eid, we received a small portion of meat ... I prepared a curry with potato and the meat I received. Although it’s not much in quantity, it made the children happy, as it is a chance to have a meal with beef for the first time this year,” Tara said. Though Eid was a joyful occasion, she said it was “painful that joy comes only once or twice a year.

“It breaks my heart when the children look at the meat and ask: ‘Will we eat this again tomorrow?’ I have no answer.”

Before fleeing her village in Myanmar, the 29-year-old mother of two used to prepare spicy beef curry, her children’s favorite, frying the meat until it was crispy.

“Maybe only on this Eid, we got a little meat. That’s the only time this year my children got something with some nutrition. We’re not living; we’re just trying not to starve.”

■ Source: arabnews.pk

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Washington had been the largest provider of aid to the Rohingya refugees, contributing nearly \$2.4 billion since 2017.



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**PROF YUNUS DISMISSES
'CORRIDOR TO RAKHINE',
REAFFIRMS ROHINGYA
REPATRIATION**

Trashing the propaganda on so-called corridor to Rakhine, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on Friday said this is completely a lie and they will continue their efforts to resolve the Rohingya crisis as their repatriation is the only solution.

"We have noticed that a propaganda is being spread that Bangladesh has provided a corridor for Rakhine. I am saying clearly, this is a complete lie," he said in a televised speech to the nation in the evening.

Talking about the propaganda on corridor, Prof Yunus said this is a story to be told with a grain of saltband this is the work of those who are constantly misleading the people of Bangladesh by making false stories and creating unrest.

"You should be careful about this. Do not be misled in any way. Despite this propaganda, we will not deviate from our goal. We will continue our work to solve this complex problem," said the Chief Adviser.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, during his visit to Dhaka in March last year, proposed a relief channel to deal with the humanitarian disaster in Rakhine State.

■ Source: unb.com.bd

**WILL ROHINGYAS
BE ABLE TO RETURN
BACK TO MYANMAR
SOON!**

The UN agency reportedly requires \$ 383.1 million in 2025 to stabilize the lives of refugees and their host communities across Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and those displaced inside Myanmar.

Even though India gives shelter to nearly 20 million undocumented people from neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Nepal, Tibet, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Union government in New Delhi always remains aggressive towards the illegal migrants (termed infiltrators, asylum seekers or refugees) from Pakistan since the days of independence.

But lately, both the government and people of the south Asian nation have taken an united stand against the Bangladeshi nationals and Rohingya people from western Myanmar too, projecting them as security threat and instigators of demographic changes as well as social unrest.

The dramatic change took place soon after the Pahalgam terror attack in the Kashmir valley, where 26 innocent civilians were brutally killed by the Islamists with suspected backing from the Pakistani regime in Islamabad.

■ Source: pratidintime.com

**CAMEROON:
THE WORLD'S
MOST NEGLECTED
REFUGEE CRISIS**

Cameroon's displacement crises are overlooked and underfunded: nowhere else is there such disparity between the political and media attention and the gravity of the situation, reports the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Whenever a conflict flares up anywhere in the world, there's generally three things outsiders can do. Governments and institutions can mediate at the diplomatic level and exert political pressure through resolutions or sanctions. Aid organizations can alleviate the plight of the affected civilian population, mostly financed by donations or government funding. And the media can help create, through their reporting, the necessary public pressure.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the largest humanitarian organization in the Scandinavian country, systematically examines conflicts worldwide on the basis of those three criteria. The NRC has just published its annual report of the most neglected displacement crises in the world. Eight out of 10 of those crises are unfolding on the African continent.

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