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ROAD TO THE HAGUE

ARMY OPERATIONS

- On Aug 25, 2017, Rohingya militants attack police posts; a dozen officers killed
- Army operations begin in Rohingya villages
- UN says at least 1,000 died in the first two weeks of crackdown

REFUGEE EXODUS

By Sept 5, 2017, more than **120,000** Rohingyas cross into Bangladesh, fleeing mass-killings, gangrapes and arson

POSSIBLE 'GENOCIDE'



- Bangladesh, Myanmar on Nov 23 agree to start repatriation
- > UN rights chief on Dec 5 warns of possible "elements of genocide", calls for int'l probe

PROBE ANNOUNCED

- >> On Sept 18, 2018, ICC announces preliminary probe into crimes against Rohingyas
- > In November, attempt to repatriate 2,260 Rohingya fails; they refuse to leave without quarantees of citizenship, safety

Protect Rohingyas from genocide

UN's top court in historic ruling asks Myanmar to take right steps, rejects Suu Kyi's arguments in genocide trial



AGENCIES

In a landmark ruling, the top court of the United Nations has ordered Myanmar to prevent acts of genocide against the country's persecuted Rohingya minority and to stop destroying evidence.

In a unanimously-ruled order issued by a panel of 17 judges, and read by presiding Judge Abdulaqawi Ahmed Yusuf, the court yesterday upheld the provisions of the 1948 Genocide Convention - saying Myanmar had "caused irreparable damage to the rights of the Rohingya".

The Hague-based International Court of Justice rejected arguments made by Myanmar's civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi in December and set out urgent steps for the majority Buddhist nation to end the violence.

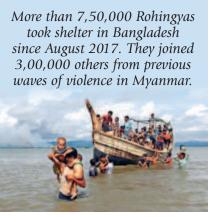
In November, the Gambia filed a suit against Myanmar alleging it was committing "an ongoing genocide against its minority Muslim Rohingya population". It also asked the court to impose emergency measures following a 2017 military crackdown by Myanmar that sent around 740,000 Rohingyas fleeing into neighbouring Bangladesh.

UN investigators last year branded the bloody expulsion a genocide, and called for the prosecution of SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



"The court is of the opinion that the Rohingyas in Myanmar remain extremely vulnerable and needed to be protected from further

ABDULQAWI AHMED YUSUF





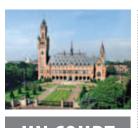
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PRESIDING JUDGE, ICJ

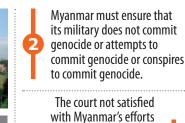


Following the August 25, 2017 attacks, rights violations and crimes in Myanmar reached a peak, with unlawful killings, rapes, and burning of villages on a large scale. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



UN COURT

Myanmar must take steps not to destroy or render inaccessible anv evidence related to alleged genocide.



to facilitate the return of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, and to promote ethnic reconciliation, peace and stability in Rakhine State.



Implement ICJ order in full

Dhaka urges Naypyidaw

STAR REPORT

Dhaka has urged Naypyidaw to fully implement the order given by the International Court of Justice and respect the expectations of the international community.

"It's a victory for humanity, a milestone for human rights activists, a victory for The Gambia, the OIC, the Rohingyas and of course, for Bangladesh,' Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said, hailing the order.

"God bless humanity and also the 'Mother of Humanity' Sheikh Hasina," he said, adding

SEE PAGE 6 COL 4 Press Myanmar to comply with

the ICJ order Global rights bodies urge int'l community

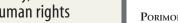
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Global human rights bodies have called for the international community to press Myanmar to comply with the order issued by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to protect Rohingyas in Rakhine from the acts of possible genocide.

They also called on corporations to end any business relationships with companies owned or controlled by the Myanmar army, saying that there can

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'Justice partially served'



for human rights activists, a victory for The Gambia, the OIC, the Rohingvas and of course, for

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The Rohingyas have been facing persecution for decades. They have lived without citizenship and faced restrictions on freedom of movement. They have also been denied

Many of them fled to Bangladesh or risked their lives to cross the seas to reach the shores of Malaysia and Indonesia, SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

Rohingya activists hail ICI ruling

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RE-RUN

Death came hissing thru' the air

Survivors recount horror that unfolded in a Rohingya village

PINAKI ROY and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

Hearing gunshots, Md Yunus realised that troops were closing in on their village. So he instantly ran towards a nearby hillock to hide with a belief that the military would target only young and grownup males.

But it was soon clear to his wife, Taslima Begum, that the army men were shooting at anyone and



