

ROHINGYA ISSUE

# JS body fears crisis may drag on for years

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A parliamentary body yesterday made several recommendations to the government including taking long-term measures to deal with the Rohingya issue, saying the crisis might last for many years.

Bazar soon to get first-hand experience on the plight of the "forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals".

As of October 3, more than 5.09 lakh Rohingyas have entered Bangladesh since August 25, the day Myanmar army launched a fresh offensive against the minority in Rakhine State.

Pointing to the biometric registration of Rohingyas, the committee asked the authorities concerned to expedite the activities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Long-term plan
- Special measures for orphans, pregnant women
- Coordinated efforts
- Archiving media reports

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At the meeting, the JS body discussed the traffic jam problem and hailed police for their recent "brave actions" against the drivers who used wrong side of Hare Road of the capital.

In a rare instance, police on September 24 filed cases against 57 drivers and fined them for using the wrong side of Hare Road as part of their drive to mitigate traffic

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## Repatriation best option

**Says Switzerland**

**UNSB, Dhaka**

Lauding Bangladesh's efforts over Rohingya issue, Switzerland has said there are three solutions to such a large scale displacement - repatriation, and the best solution is their return to their homeland with safety and dignity.

"You've three solutions (for this displacement) - return, integration and settlement in the third country. The best solution is, of course, to bring people back to their homeland where they grew up and where they had their houses," head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid Ambassador Manuel Bessler told the news

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## SECURITY DIALOGUE IN WASHINGTON

# US lauds Bangladesh for humane approach

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The United States has highly appreciated Bangladesh's humane approach in providing temporary shelter and emergency humanitarian assistance to more than half a million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals.

Bangladesh side expressed its deep appreciation for the US support to Bangladesh in handling this unprecedented humanitarian crisis.

The issue of displaced Myanmar nationals taking refuge in Bangladesh since August 25, featured prominently in the Sixth US-Bangladesh Bilateral Security Dialogue held at the US Department of State in Washington, DC on Tuesday.

The safe and sustainable return of these people to Myanmar was emphasised in the day-long dialogue, said a press release of Bangladesh embassy in Washington.

Bangladesh delegation was led by Director General for the Americas at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Abida Islam and the US side by Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Michael Miller.

The dialogue, established in 2012, reflects "our growing

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