

REFUGEE RELIEF AND REPATRIATION COMMISSIONER (RRRC)



Mohammed Mizanur Rahman

“Repatriation is the only solution to the Rohingya crisis”

In conversation with Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, Cox's Bazar

The Daily Star (TDS): What is the current situation of refugee relief and repatriation in the Rohingya camps?

Mohammed Mizanur Rahman (MIR): Since 1992, there have been two registered camps—Kutupalong Registered Camp and Nayapara Registered Camp, where around 34,000 refugees have been given refugee status. The rest of the Rohingya population is referred to as Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs) by the Government of Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh government has been managing the relief facilities in collaboration with the United Nations agencies, international organisations and local non-governmental organisations (NGOs). We have not received a single complaint of starvation or lack of basic health facilities. However, there are complaints regarding shelter. Since most of the people are not recognised as refugees, they have to live in temporary shelters. We don't have plans to establish a permanent shelter for them since we want them to return to their country as soon as possible.