

## GALWAN VALLEY Modi, Xi agree on 'expeditious de-escalation'

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to work for "expeditious de-escalation" along the entire Line of Actual Control (LAC), where tensions have been high since the violent face-off in June 2020 in eastern Ladakh's Galwan Valley.

The two leaders, who met on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in South Africa, agreed to direct officials in their countries for expeditious disengagement along the LAC.

"It was a conversation with President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. Prime Minister had interaction with other BRICS leaders. In the conversation with President Xi Jinping, the Prime Minister highlighted India's concerns over unresolved issues along the LAC and other areas along the India-China border," Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra told reporters yesterday.

Kwatra said PM Modi underlined that the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in border areas, and respecting the LAC are essential for the normalisation of India-China relationship.

"In this regard, the two leaders agreed to direct their relevant officials to intensify efforts at expeditious disengagement and de-escalation," the foreign secretary said.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Modi and the Chinese president shook hands and greeted each other ahead of the BRICS leaders' briefing. Both the leaders were shown interacting briefly on the stage.

This was the first interaction between the two leaders after the meeting at G20 dinner in Bali last November. The prime minister had shook hands with Jinping who smiled at him. PM Modi and Jinping had spoken to each other for few minutes then.

The Line of Actual Control has been disputed by India and China since the 1950s. They went to war over it in 1962.

### Correction

In a report published on August 24 in The Daily Star under the headline "S Alam's Businesses Abroad: SC halts probe till January 8", the names of two High Court judges were mentioned in a wrong order. Instead of "... a High Court bench of Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu and Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder...", it should have been "a High Court bench of Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu" since Justice Talukder is senior to Justice Lizu. The error has been fixed in the online version.

## Trapped in a geopolitical bind

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"Our only demand is the repatriation of the Rohingyas to their homes, not to stay in the camps," he recently told The Daily Star.

Commenting on the issue, Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, "We have allowed the Rohingyas to stay on our land, we're working round the clock to manage them, which is very costly. Now, if the international community cuts the funding for them and expects that we channel a portion of our development fund for them, it is too much for us."

### HOW IT GOT COMPLICATED

Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a repatriation deal on November 23, 2017, three months after around 750,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign in Myanmar's Rakhine State and entered Bangladesh, joining 300,000 others who had fled earlier waves of violence since the 1970s.

Dhaka and Naypyidaw have since held series of meetings. In 2018, China, which opposed internationalising the issue, took a trilateral initiative. Two repatriation attempts, one in 2018 and the other in 2019, fell flat as Myanmar met none of the demands made by the Rohingya – guarantee of safety, citizenship, and ethnicity recognition.

After a two year gap caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Dhaka and Naypyidaw met in January last year.

Earlier this year, China became very active, with Chinese Special Envoy for Asian Affairs Deng Xijun visited Dhaka twice – first in April and then again on August 1 this year. Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen also visited China and met the Chinese and Myanmar officials in Kunming on April 18.

In May this year, a 17-member Myanmar delegation visited the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar while a group of Rohingyas for the first time visited Rakhine to see the reality on the ground.

During his latest meeting in Dhaka, Deng Xijun, who met the Myanmar authorities several times in recent months, informed foreign ministry officials that Myanmar agreed to settle the Rohingyas in their original villages



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and heads of states and governments pose for photos at the BRICS summit in South Africa yesterday.

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### ROHINGYA CAMP

## Gonoshasthaya Kendra there to help from the start

Six years on, their healthcare and support for refugees have expanded

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While Dr Zafnullah Chowdhury's Gonoshasthaya Kendra has continuously caught the eye of the public during any crisis in the country, some of its remarkable works have been going on for year without much publicity.

Over the past six years, GK, also a first responder of the Rohingya crisis, has expanded their healthcare, mental healthcare, and nutrition support for the refugees from Myanmar.

At the beginning of the Rohingya influx in August 2017, GK responded immediately by setting up temporary tents at Teknaf's Shahpori Dwip with 10 staffers, including three doctors.

There, they provided primary medical services to the incoming refugees.

GK has since then expanded their medical facilities and have been serving around 25,000-30,000 refugees a month.

Even after around one lakh refugees were relocated to Bhasan Char, an island in Noakhali, Gonoshasthaya Kendra was one of the first humanitarian organisations to move there with all their facilities.

Remembering the beginning of



the Rohingya crisis, Shandhaya Roy, trustee board member of GK, said, "We were informed about the influx by our healthcare facilities that were previously established in Cox's Bazar.

"After going to Teknaf and witnessing the miserable situation of the refugees, we immediately deployed a medical team with 10 staffers, including three doctors, to provide emergency medical services by using our emergency funds."

Sandhaya, also director of GK's Cox's Bazar programme, added that Dr Zafnullah Chowdhury then made his way to Teknaf the very next day.

"He visited the camps where the refugees were being sheltered."

She added that he then spoke to different stakeholders and agencies, and initiated an organised healthcare service for the refugees.

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It has three Health Posts (HPs), specialised physiotherapy centre at Shamlapur near Camp 23, and one outdoor patient consultation point at the transit centre in Camp 7, Atiqur added.

"GK has also been providing Integrated Nutrition Services, including stabilisation centres, through four facilities in three camps. Meanwhile, 10 bed Mental Health IPD at Nayapara camp, for both refugees and people of the host community, has been operational."

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