



Open Bangladesh's Border for Rohingya Refugees



We issued a statement on November 30 where we supported the stance of the Government of Bangladesh to take a middle route for handling the case of Rohingya Refugees. We meant Bangladesh should sometimes push them back while give them shelter on a case by case basis. It was because we had a disappointing feeling that the International Community was not doing enough to create pressure on the Government of Myanmar to resolve this crisis.

However, we later observed that the crisis received due media coverage all over the world and International Organizations like the United Nations also did its best to resolve the problem for good. Many other Governments also created pressure on the Government of Myanmar so that the problem is resolved.

Now if the crisis still persists, then we have to accept the fact that we are actually negotiating with an extremist Government on this matter.

That does not mean that we have to sit idle on the matters of Rohingya Refugees. Since they are seeking shelter in Bangladesh, we need to embrace them all with open heart and stand beside them, no matter how little resources we have with us.

If we stay indifferent during this golden opportunity of saving people's lives, one day we will also be rated as an uncivilized nation. We know we don't want this.

There is nothing bigger than saving people's lives. This is the middle route.

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