

**PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR REPATRIATION OF DISPLACED
MYANMAR RESIDENTS FROM BANGLADESH UNDER THE
ARRANGEMENT ON RETURN OF DISPLACED PERSONS FROM
RAKHINE STATE**

Pursuant to the Arrangement on Return of the Displaced Persons from Rakhine State, herein after referred to as 'Arrangement', signed by the Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 23 November 2017 at Nay Pyi Taw, and Terms of Reference(TOR) for the Joint Working Group on the Repatriation of Displaced Myanmar Residents from Bangladesh, herein after referred to as 'TOR', signed by the Senior Officials from both countries on 19 December 2017 at Dhaka, Myanmar and Bangladesh agreed to the following physical arrangement :-

1. This physical arrangement is to receive the verified Myanmar residents who have crossed over to Bangladesh after 9 October 2016 and 25 August 2017. The repatriation of Myanmar residents who crossed over to Bangladesh before October 2016 will be considered separately on the conclusion of the present arrangement for return.
2. Myanmar will establish two reception centers for the safe and voluntary return and Bangladesh will establish five transit camps in order to facilitate easy repatriation of the duly verified Myanmar residents. The transit camps in Bangladesh and reception centers in Myanmar will be located as under:

Bangladesh

Ghumdhum
Anjumanpara
Nayapara
Dumdumia
Teknaf

Myanmar

Taung Pyo Letwe (by land route)
Nga Khu Ya (by river route)

The number of transit camps and reception centers may be increased based on the need and requirement depending on the progress of repatriation.

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3. Those who have chosen to voluntarily return using the land route will be received at the Reception Center in Taung Pyo Letwe, while those who use the waterway will be received at the Reception Center in Nga Khu Ya, respectively.
4. The returnees will be temporarily located at Hla Pho Khaung transit camp should the villages are not ready in time. Myanmar will take all possible measures to see that the returnees will not be settled in temporary places for a long period of time, and reiterates that transit camps shall not become Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps.
5. The JWG will determine batch sizes for verification, batch sizes for return and periodicity of return of batches (per week or per month) and periodically review them based on the progress of verification and actual return.
6. Actual batch size for return will be agreed through mutual consultation based on progress on verification, voluntariness and logistical and physical facilities and logistical arrangement made for return.
7. Bangladesh will provide whatever data it can obtain on the displaced persons from Myanmar following the 9 October 2016 and 25 August 2017 attacks. The two sides will then quickly engage to find out details of their residentship in Myanmar prior to their taking shelter in Bangladesh.
8. Bangladesh side will arrange to hand over of two sets of batch for verification to the Myanmar side, containing information or evidence, as stated in the Arrangement on residentship of displaced Myanmar residents in Rakhine State. Myanmar side will verify them following criteria and evidence or information as agreed in the para 6(a) of the Arrangement, preferably within two months.
9. Bangladesh proposed to Myanmar to receive 15,000 verified persons per week. Initially, Myanmar shall receive, to ensure smooth and safe return, 300 returnees (150 per reception center) per day and five days per week. The number shall be increased based on the progress of the return and shall be reviewed within three months.
10. Myanmar will provide necessary forms to be filled by the head of the family. Family shall be the unit for verification and return. The agreed form to be filled up by the prospective returnees is attached as **Annex**.

11. Persons with falsified information or evidence will not be considered for return. Persons with incomplete information will be included for re-verification after due rectification of information/evidence at the latest stage of the process.
12. In accordance with the criteria set in para 6(a) of the Arrangement and certification provided by a Court of Bangladesh, children under foster care and children born out of unwarranted incidents shall be considered for verification. Previously unregistered children, whose bona fide has been established, will be considered for verification together with their parents.
13. Additional information or data, if not already available, may be collected as evidence of membership of a family and past residence in Myanmar. Relevant information or data generated by, and available with, relevant UN agencies may be used for reference, as and when necessary.
14. Upon receipt of verified lists from the Myanmar side, Bangladesh will make returnees ready, family-wise and village-wise, for repatriation within the next four weeks to the corresponding reception centers in Myanmar. List of persons for return will be provided in batches to the Myanmar side two weeks in advance of the proposed dates of repatriation. Efforts will be made to include families or extended families in a village or in the neighbourhood in one batch for return.
15. Bangladesh will transfer or hand over verified Myanmar residents on five days in a week in the presence of UNHCR representatives. Myanmar will draw upon the services of the UNHCR as needed and at the appropriate time.
16. Bangladesh may provide verified lists of returnees from Bangladesh to the UNHCR Representatives for ascertaining voluntariness from prospective returnee families.
17. The procedures for the reception in Myanmar are as follows:
 - (a) Match and verify the Verification Form and other information/documents of the returnees as clearly described in the Arrangement;
 - (b) Collect the Biometric data of returnees;
 - (c) Issue National Verification Card to the returnees who do not have any other verification/registration card issued by Myanmar or duplicate

identity documents, in place of old documents except temporary registration card (white card), as stated at para 7(i) of the Arrangement

18. When Bangladesh receives the list of eligible returnees verified by Myanmar, Bangladesh shall categorically inform the intended date and time to dispatch the returnees and the means of transportation such as land route or river way.
19. Should there be any extra people who are not in the list of eligible returnees, Bangladesh will take them back accordingly.
20. Myanmar shall resettle the displaced Myanmar residents who are currently residing on the zero line through verification process.
21. The returnees will be provided with reasonable amount of food, shelter and relief items as well as other assistance as mobilized by UNHCR and mandated UN agencies at the transit camps of Bangladesh before they cross the border to return to Myanmar
22. Myanmar side will also provide relief items and resettlement support. Myanmar will avail, as appropriate and needed, the services of the relevant UN agencies and interested international partners in the process of humanitarian assistance, resettlement and reintegration under the Government-led mechanism.
23. Myanmar side shall provide relevant information including on resettlement plan, provision of livelihood assistance, access to basic services, and safety arrangements. Myanmar reiterates facilitation of freedom of movement in Rakhine State for the returnees, following the existing laws and regulations. The JWG may organize field visits, if necessary, to ascertain whether situation is conducive for return with the consent of the other side. Bangladesh side will appropriately share this information with the prospective returnees as part of advocacy needed for voluntary return.
24. For the purpose of voluntariness, consent of the family head shall be considered sufficient for under-aged members of the family including foster children or orphan. All prospective returnees will be verified in accordance with the criteria set in the Arrangement.
25. Should there be anyone in the family who is under medical treatment at the time of repatriation and unwilling to return for any valid reason, which is acceptable to Myanmar side, those families will be considered for return without those. The

remaining lawful family member will be allowed to join their family at a later batch as a priority case. Necessary remarks will be made in the family of household list on the left behind members.

26. Two Technical Working Groups, one on verification and the other on return will be formed, immediately. With the prior consent of the other side, they may undertake field visits, as needed and appropriate as stated in the TOR.

27. The following shall act as alternate focal points for timely communication among the JWG members: -

Bangladesh

Director-General,

MOFA, Dhaka

Myanmar

Director-General,

MOFA, Nay Pyi Taw

28. Other Liaison Officers/Focal Points who are officers of the respective government may be designated on specific operational issues.

29. To facilitate smooth conduct of return, identified focal points will communicate directly with each other, in addition to communications through normal diplomatic channel. They will decide on the best mode of communication at the field and group level. For each identification and communication between the two sides at the field level, the Myanmar side will use two foot square red coloured flag and the Bangladesh side will use two foot square blue coloured flag.

30. Should there be any difficulty in the process of repatriation, preliminary technical level meetings could be held at the field level and only when the matter needs the attention of the higher authorities, the JWG shall consider such matters for seeking solution. Failing to reach any satisfactory solution the two sides will take the matter up to the higher level for settlement.

31. Each side shall decide on appropriate transport and logistic arrangement for returnees and seek assistance from mandated UN entities and international partners as required and when appropriate.

32. On the continued outflow of Myanmar residents to Bangladesh, Myanmar shall continue to take necessary measures to halt the outflow of Myanmar residents.

33. Both sides will start the process for repatriation by 23 January 2018. They also further agree to complete repatriation in a time-bound manner agreed by both parties preferably within two years. This time frame will be reviewed based on the progress made.

Done at Nay Pyi Taw on the Sixteenth Day of January Two Thousand Eighteen in the English language, in duplicate.



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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Verification Form for Resident of Myanmar

Annex

Head of
Family Photo

1.Sr. No.....

2.Date

3.Name Of The Head Of Family 4.Other Name(If Any).....

5.Gender..... 6.Age/Date Of Birth(Optional).....

7.Place Of Birth 8.Address In Myanmar

9.Father's Name 10.Father's Address In Myanmar

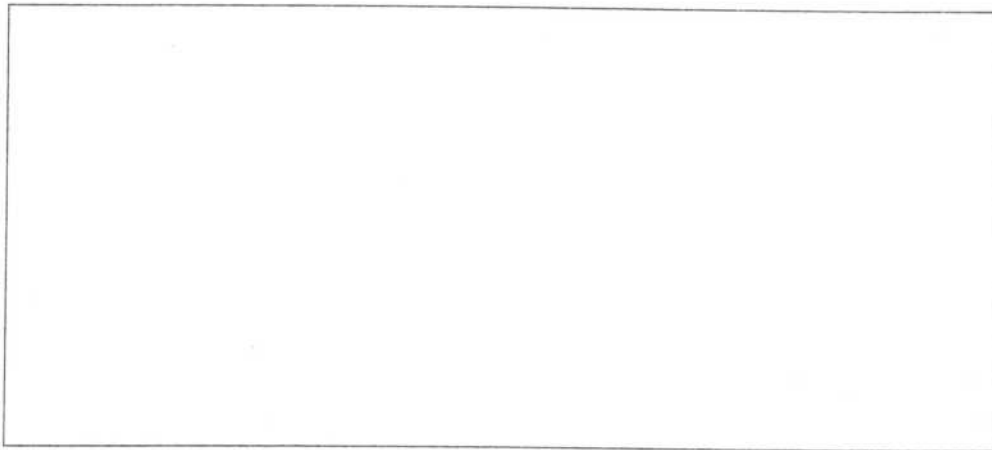
11.Mother's Name 12.Mother's Address In Myanmar

13.Spouse's Name 14.Spouse's Address In Myanmar

15.Visible Mark(Optional) 16.Occupation

17.Current Holding Card No.(Optional) 18.Numbers Of Family Member

Family Photo



Declaration:

- a. I apply to return and live in Myanmar voluntarily without any threat or encouragement.
- b. If permission is granted to me to enter Myanmar, I will abide by the existing laws of Myanmar.

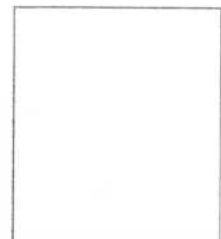
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Date For all Entry In Bangladesh



List Of Family Member/ Dependents

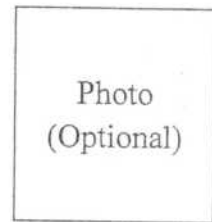
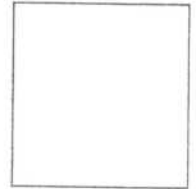


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- (e) Place OF Birth
- (f) Gender
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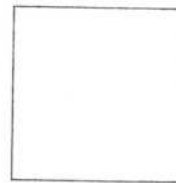


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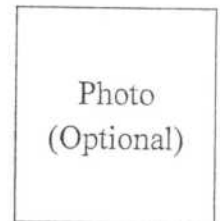


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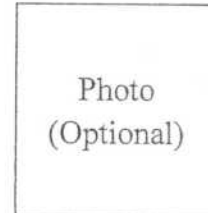


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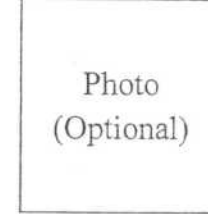


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- 7. (a) Full Name
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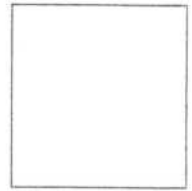
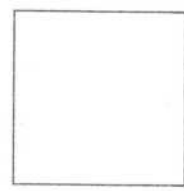


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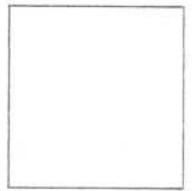
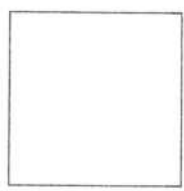
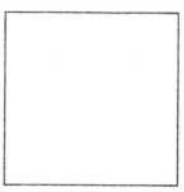


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