

Humanitarian crisis looms as Rohingya flee

Nearly 90,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh since violence erupted in Myanmar in August, pressuring aid agencies helping hundreds of thousands of refugees suffering from previous spasms of violence

Aug 25: Rohingya militants kill 12 members of security forces in coordinated attacks on police posts in Rakhine state

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Cox's Bazar district:

Bangladesh already shelters 300,000 to 500,000 Rohingyas driven out of Myanmar in recent years

Kutupalong

Nayapara

Maungdaw

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■ **Refugee camps**

● **Fires detected (Aug 25-28)**

50km
30 miles

At least 400 people killed in ensuing clashes and army counter-offensive

Army says it is conducting clearance operations against "extremist terrorists" but Rohingya fleeing to Bangladesh say campaign of arson and killings aims to force them out

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■ Muslim ethnic minority group, largely descendants of Arab traders, living in region for generations

■ Rohingya – one million strong – are denied citizenship as government views them as illegal migrants from Bangladesh

■ They face routine official and public discrimination

Sources: Human Rights Watch, UNHCR, wire agencies

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