

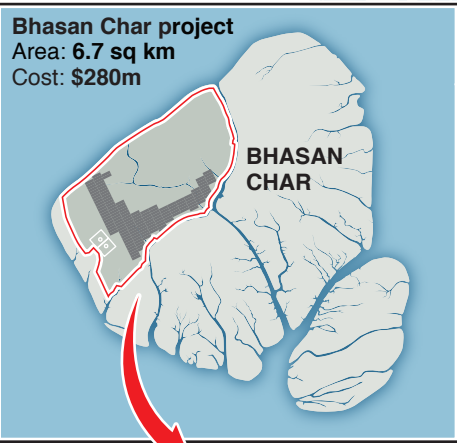
“Floating Island”: New home for Rohingya



Bangladesh is turning a cyclone-lashed island in the Bay of Bengal into a home for 100,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled violence in neighbouring Myanmar

Bhasan Char, meaning “floating island”, emerged from silt around 20 years ago. It regularly floods during Jun-Sep monsoon season

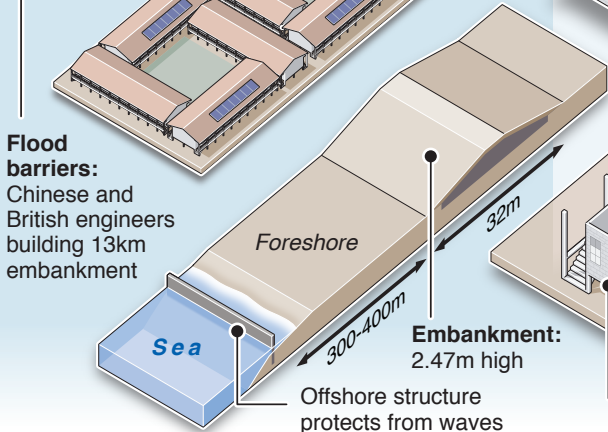
Bhasan Char project
Area: 6.7 sq km
Cost: \$280m



Plan: 120 plots of land



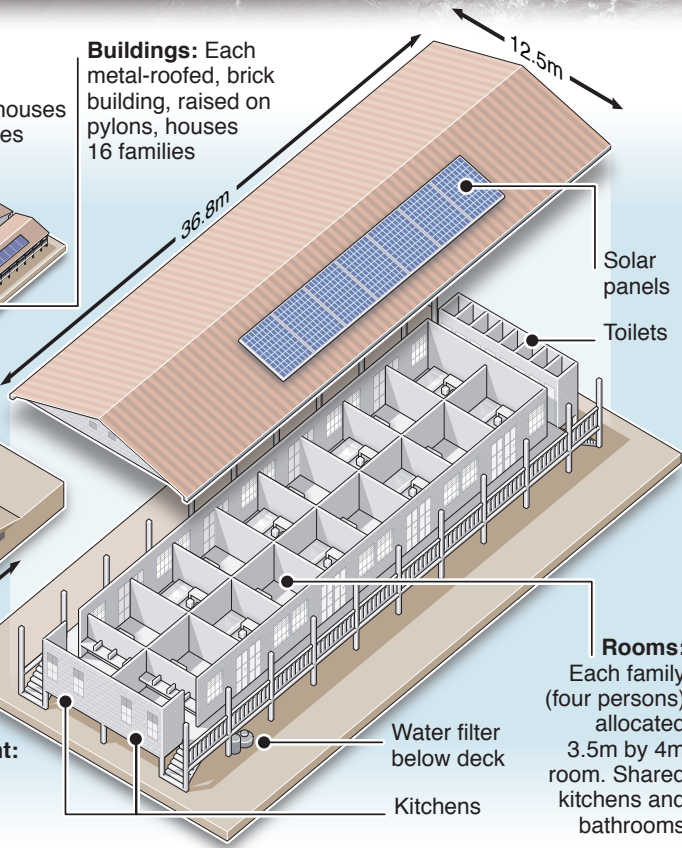
Flood barriers: Chinese and British engineers building 13km embankment



Plots: Each contains 12 buildings and one cyclone shelter



Buildings: Each metal-roofed, brick building, raised on pylons, houses 16 families



Rooms: Each family (four persons) allocated 3.5m by 4m room. Shared kitchens and bathrooms



More than 688,000 Rohingya have fled persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State since Aug 2017, joining around 300,000 refugees already in Bangladesh

