

Rohingya Moved to "Prisoner Island"

Authorities in Bangladesh have begun to relocate thousands of Rohingya refugees to what has been described as a "prison island."

Located at about 21 miles from the mainland, the controversial island facility can accommodate a tenth of the refugees who are in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, near the Myanmar border.

The island only surfaced only 20 years ago. It has never been inhabited and is regularly submerged during monsoon season. As such it is prone to the cyclones and extreme flooding that regularly beset the Bay of Bengal.

"They have taken us here forcefully," a 31-year-old man told Reuters as he boarded a bus near Cox's Bazar. "Three days ago, when I heard that my family is on the list, I ran away from the block, but yesterday I was caught and taken here," he said.

An 18-year-old woman said that her spouse had put their names on the list thinking it was for rations. He fled when they were told to go to Bhasan Char, she said, adding that she is also hiding in the camp.

With our partner Christian Aid, *Commitment for Life* works to secure the well-being of the refugees who languish in Cox's Bazar. Please keep the refugees in your prayers. Pray especially for a softening of hardened leaders' hearts in Myanmar, and for visible, compassionate action from the international community.



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*Thank you so much to **Commitment for Life** for your support this past year of the Christian Aid Prophetic Activists' 'Stop Fuelling the Fire' campaign.*

We petitioned the government to end the use of UK Export Finance to fund fossil fuel projects overseas. Over a thousand people signed the petition and many people contacted their MPs to raise their concerns about the issue. We went to Downing Street on Friday 4th December 2020 with a coalition of organisations for a socially distanced 'hand-in' event of all of our petitions.

Thank you for everything you have done to help the campaign!!