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A Myanmar High-Level Delegation led by U Myint Thu, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar paid an official visit to Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh from 27 to 29 July 2019. During the visit, the Permanent Secretary met and explained the displaced persons in Cox's Bazar about the Myanmar Government's plans for the repatriation process. In a similar vein, the Permanent Secretary held a meeting with Acting Foreign Secretary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The salient facts about the visit and the meetings, and the Factsheets on the Myanmar Government's Repatriation Plan and Arrangement for the Returnees from Bangladesh, which have been distributed to the displaced persons from the camps in Cox's Bazar are as follow;

- Permanent Secretary briefed the displaced persons on the preparations for the repatriation, including the construction of buildings, repatriation process at the Reception Centres and Transit Centre, prevalence of law and order, access to education and health, citizenship in line with the 1982 Citizenship Law including the eligibility of naturalized citizenship, benefits for applying for a NVC Card, creation of job opportunities, social cohesion among various communities.
- Permanent Secretary explained on the cooperation with Bangladesh authorities for the return of Hindu communities.
- At the end of the meeting, Acting Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh handed over the verification forms of 25,047 people to Myanmar delegation. Myanmar Delegation requested the immediate delivery of colour photographs that is necessary for the systematic and effective verification.
- To fulfil the bilateral agreement signed on 23 November 2017, the Myanmar side had put in place the necessary logistic and other facilities to be able to receive the verified returnees since 23 January 2018.

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Benefits of NVC

- ▶ NVC holders are considered as the residents of Myanmar.
- ▶ NVC holders are to keep their cards while of their citizenship application is decided upon.



- ▶ The application of NVC holders who can submit the necessary documents for citizenship will be decided approximately within 6 months as to whether they qualify for citizens/ naturalized citizens/ associated citizens, according to Myanmar Citizenship Law and will be entitled to the rights linked to their respective citizenship categories.
- ▶ Children of NVC holders are entitled to apply for citizenship according to Myanmar Citizenship Law.
- ▶ NVC holders can travel to any States/ Regions in the country in accordance with regional instructions prescribed by the respective authorities of the States/Regions.

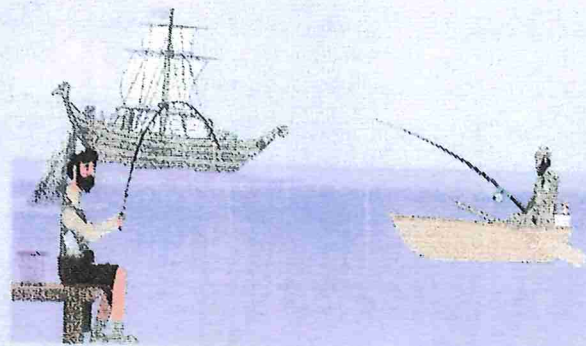


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- ▶ NVC holders in Rakhine State can legally travel to Bangladesh via Border Transit Points with the Border Pass.



- ▶ NVC holders in Rakhine State can freely travel in their townships of residence, and they can travel within the Rakhine State in accordance with the regional instructions of the Rakhine State Government.
- ▶ NVC holders in possession of the fishery license, just like holders of any other type of ID card recognized by Myanmar, will be allowed to go fishing in the international waters.



If you have any complaints about violation of Human Rights and Corruption you can contact:

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(2) Anti-Corruption Commission
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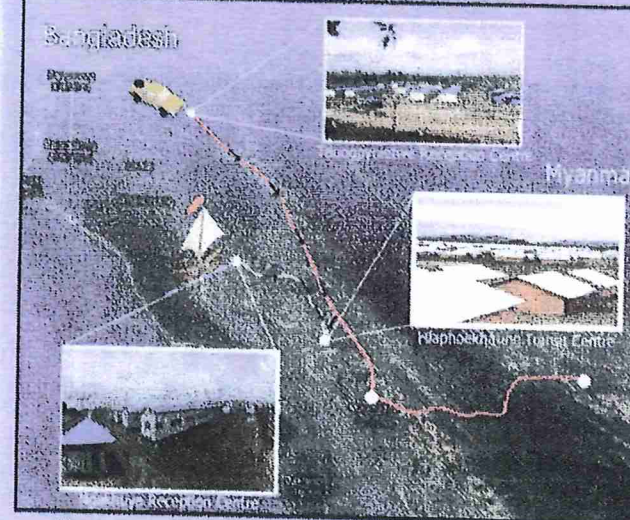
(3) Public Complaint and Appeals Committee
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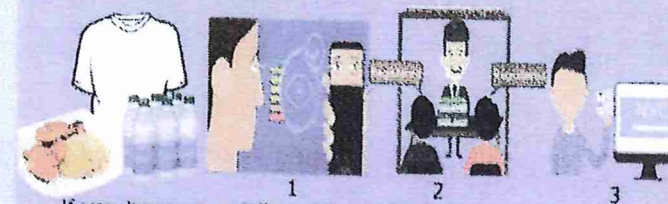
Repatriation Plan and Arrangement for the Returnees from Bangladesh

Two reception centres (one or two-day stay)

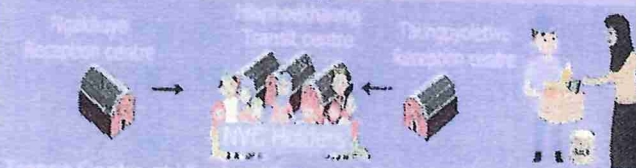
1. Ngakhuya reception centre for water route
2. Taungpyoletwe reception centre for land route



- Provision of food and non-food items
- NVC will be issued after the registration process



- If you have an existing citizenship scrutiny card or a national registration card, NVC is not needed, and you can proceed to the transit centre.(HlaphoeKhaung)



Final Centre at HlaphoeKhaung (A few days' to one-month's stay)
You will receive one month ration of food, non-food items, as well as cash assistance of 1000 Kyats per person a day.

At Hlaphoekhaung, you will have three choices for returning to your home

Option (1)

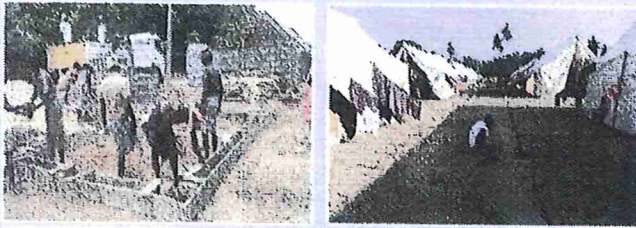
If your house is still intact, or if your house has been constructed, you could go to your house after receiving the assistance at transit centre.



If your house is burnt or not liveable, you will get a new house at your place of origin or nearest place. You can choose between rebuilding yourself (option-2) or by waiting for government to rebuild for you (option-3). This is because of township/ village plan to build a better place for you.

Option (2)

You can build your own house through the cash for work program, meaning that you will get paid while you are building your house. You will be provided building materials and a temporary tent to stay at your place.



Cash for Work Program

Option (3)

If you do not want to or cannot build your house, the government will build your house. You can stay at the transit centre at one of the temporary houses while your house is being built.



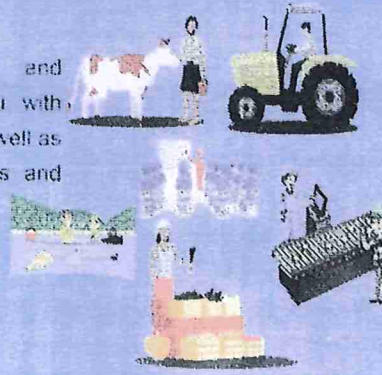
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Getting back to normal life

▶ You will get your land possessions and other assets that you have had in accordance with the existing law



▶ Different Ministries and partners will help you with livelihood activities, as well as get vocational trainings and other job opportunities



▶ If you have a National Verification Card (NVC), you can move within your township



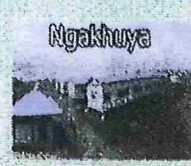
▶ NVC is the gateway to citizenship. It should facilitate freedom of movement, access to livelihood activities, education and health care services

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National Verification Card (NVC) Process and its Benefits

NV Card

- ▶ The NVC will be issued to all returnees at the two reception centres after verification and registration.
- ▶ The NVC is a temporary identification card (without mention of ethnicity or of religion) to be used during the process of citizenship category determination.



Ngakhtuya



Taungpyelatwe



- ▶ If the returnees already have citizenship scrutiny card or national registration card (NRC), NVC is not needed. If the returnees have lost their citizenship scrutiny cards, they can apply for a copy of their cards, and in this case, no NVC is needed.
- ▶ Citizenship application form will be given individually.



Biometric collection

- ▶ Facial scan
- ▶ 10-digit fingerprint scan
- ▶ Iris scan



Facial scan



Fingerprint scan



Iris scan

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