
ROHINGYA REFUGEES INCREASINGLY DRIVEN TO DANGEROUS BOAT JOURNEYS, UN SAYS

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Dire humanitarian conditions in Myanmar and Bangladesh are driving more Rohingya to risk dangerous boat journeys to safety, such as one in May that ended in a sinking and estimates of 427 deaths, the UN refugee agency said on May 23.

The minority communitys plight might have been worsened by aid funding cuts, the agency added.

The humanitarian sector has been roiled by funding reductions from major donors, led by the US under President Donald Trump, and other Western countries as they prioritise defence spending prompted by growing fears of Russia and China.

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