
ROHINGYA'S SAFE RETURN TO MYANMAR 'IMPOSSIBLE' UNTIL CRIMES END: UN INVESTIGATIVE BODY

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The safe return of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar cannot happen until violence ends and perpetrators are held accountable, the head of the UN's Myanmar investigative body warned Thursday.

"More than one million Rohingya forcibly displaced to Bangladesh will not be able to safely and sustainably return to Myanmar until the violence against them ends and perpetrators can be brought to justice," Nicholas Koumjian, the head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM), said in a statement.

Koumjian will join the Stakeholders' Dialogue in Cox's Bazar on Aug. 24-25, organized by Bangladesh and feeding into a high-level UN conference in September. The event coincides with the 8th anniversary of Myanmar's 2017 clearance operations, when security forces carried out mass killings, sexual violence and village destruction that forced three-quarters of a million Rohingya to flee, the statement underlined.

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