

## Myanmar to take back Rohingya

Amid mounting international pressure on Myanmar to end atrocities on Rohingya people, Bangladesh and Myanmar on Sunday agreed to form a joint panel for repatriation of Rohingya refugees.

The joint panel was proposed by Myanmar to take back the Rohingya who had come to Bangladesh, fleeing the violence in the Rakhine State since August 25.

“Myanmar has proposed taking back the Rohingya refugees. We have agreed on forming a joint working group to oversee the repatriation process,” Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.H. Mahmud Ali told the media in Dhaka on Sunday after holding a meeting with visiting Myanmar Minister of the Office of State Counsellor Kyaw Tint Swe.

“Kyaw Tint Swe has shown interest in taking them [the Rohingya] back after forming a joint working group to identify the Rohingya people,” said Mr. Ali. However, the Myanmar Minister did not say anything about the framework of the commission.

This was the first bilateral meeting between the two countries since refugees entered Bangladesh following actions by the Myanmar security forces in late August. According to the UN, more than five lakh Rohingya people have entered Bangladesh since August 25.

Mr. Ali also said that Bangladeshi Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal will visit Myanmar soon to “discuss with the Myanmar government regarding border security and border management issue”.

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