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ROHINGYA REFUGEE RELIEF WORK

Kanchan Kunj | New Delhi



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ROHINGYA RELIEF WORK

On June 12, 2021, at around 11:00 pm, there was a huge fire mishap reported at the Rohingya Settlement at Kanchan Kunj. The settlement, situated primarily on the land of the UP Irrigation Department was already under huge pressure from the administration for eviction. For the past couple of months, immense pressure was being built by the UP Administration to remove the settlement. Officials visiting the area and threatening these refugees with dire consequences had become a regular routine there.

Under these circumstances, a fire started at one of the vacant houses and soon engulfed the entire settlement. Miles2Smile Foundation was one among the various NGOs and Good Samaritan groups that reached the place while fire tenders were still trying to extinguish the fire. We immediately moved these people to a safer location and arranged for drinking water and first aid. For the night, we managed plastic sheets so that they can rest with their family. From the next morning, we started mobilizing relief materials from our resource centres in North East Delhi.





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We collected used and new clothes from a number of NGOs and individuals and segregated them as per different age and gender groups. By the next morning, we were able to provide clothes to almost all the families. The next big task was to ensure a roof over every head and with the help of the SDM , tents were placed at an adjacent area. Soon, we were able to provide fans, folding beds, bed sheets, utensils, dry ration and other essential household items to all. The fire caused distress to a lot of innocent individuals, their happiness seemed lost but by the grace of the almighty, we were able to restore those precious smiles.





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ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP
Kanchan Kunj, New Delhi



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Aasif Mujtaba is at Shaheen Bagh, Okhla New Delhi.
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A massive fire is reported at the Rohingya settlement at Kanchan Kunj in Delhi. Talking to the locals, a women told that some hindutva fanatics keep on coming and threatening them to burn the settlements. Fire brigades are on their work. I wonder, how much more trouble these oppressed souls would go through. First their state persecuted them while another state has failed to provide safety.

Aasif Mujtaba
13 Jun 2021 · 🌍

It was 5 in the morning, when we returned from the gutted Rohingya settlement at Kanchan Kunj in Delhi. It's beyond an iota of doubt, a case of systemic violence against the Rohingyas. I talked to many refugees and they all have the same ordeal. Almost every week hindutva fanatics would threaten them of dire consequences if they don't leave the area. They were so afraid that every night on a rotational basis 4 of them would guard the whole area. Unfortunately they missed and the mishap was inevitable. Their pain and their sufferings seems to have no ends. We at Miles2smile Foundation would try our best to rehabilitate them asap.

Aasif Mujtaba
13 Jun 2021 · 🌍

Latest updates from the fire mishap at the Rohingya Camp at Kanchan Kunj,
1. Food, water and other assistance is being provided by a number of NGOs and the local administration. Met few people (Qasim & Maroof bhai) from MIM arranging for the food of these people. Few people from team Khidmat assisted us in arranging plastic sheets, yester night.
2. Talked to the Executive Magistrate, he has assured that arrangements for tents are being made for all the 53 families.
3. The only structure that is safe from the fire is their community mosque, we are planning to shift the elderly and ill people there.
4. Situation seems settled. Miles2smile Foundation has mobilised clothes and other household items from our storage in North East Delhi to people here. We are constantly monitoring the developments too.

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It's the extreme scorching heat here at the Rohingya Camp. It's 1 pm and feels as if the sun is lying just above. It's the latest update from the camp,
1) 40 makeshift tents have been erected and the refugee families have been shifted there. Last night mosquito nets and mats were distributed along with other essentials.
2) We are arranging for the stand fans for each families, separate electrical connections are being made for each tent.
3) Today's project would be to establish washrooms and toilets for women in the camp. The work is under progress.
4) cooked meals have been provided by various NGOs.
5) In the morning today, we distributed donated clothes (used and new) to all the families.

Please keep these Rohingya families in your prayers. They are a victim not only of the violence by their State but of the nefarious right wing propoganda too.

Aasif Mujtaba
14 Jun 2021 · 🌍

"She is not speaking for the past two days, gets disturbed even with the slightest of noise. Today she has got fever and digestive upset too." It was Farooq a Rohingya refugee at Kanchan Kunj whose house was gutted in the recent fire. His daughter, Fatima has almost caught in the flames. "If there was a delay even of a minute, I would have lost her. " said a visibly shaken Farooq.
We took Fatima to a hospital for a better medical care. Even now I think about her. Who would answer for all these psychological stresses induced on these kids.

Aasif Mujtaba
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The first batch of our relief materials has arrived and is getting stored. Thanks to JNUCC for extending this help. We have also centralised the relief effort with team members form other NGOs.



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The first lot of fans have come and they are getting assembled. We would be able to distribute them in another hour.
#rohingya

Syed Farman Ahmed
15 Jun 2021 · 🌍

गर्मी से राहत दिलाने के लिये पंखें मंगवा लिए गए हैं। इनकी सेंटिंग करके जल्द ही रोहिंगिया झुग्गियों के अंदर हर एक परिवार को एक एक पंखा दे दिया जाएगा ईशा अल्लाह!

Aasif Mujtaba भाई रिलीफ को लीड कर रहे हैं। MEEM लगातर रिलीफ में लगी है। अल्लाह इस काम को आसान करें।
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Aasif Mujtaba
20 Jun 2021 · 🌍

"Refugees didn't just escape a place. They had to escape a thousand memories until they'd put enough time and distance between them and their misery to wake to a better day."

— Nadia Hashimi

Aasif Mujtaba
18 Jun 2021 · 🌍

It's the 5th day of our relief work for the Rohingya refugees. We were able to distribute a folding bed to each of these families along with other essentials. Arrangements are also being made to cover the entire area with plastic sheets to safeguard them from rains. Thank you Syed Farman Ahmed for the much needed help. Kindly remember us in your prayers.

On the World Refugee Day, let's remember the Rohingyas who were subjected to severe persecution by their state and even in a country that calls guests as gods, they are subjected to inhuman demonization and witch hunt.
These Rohingya kids have all my heart. May almighty ease their pains.

Aasif Mujtaba
19 Jun 2021 · 🌍

Arrangements are being made to cover the makeshift Rohingya canopies with waterproof sheets. In view of the upcoming monsoon, this was the most important task to be taken up. 6 days have passed since the mishap, but still the basic question as to how long they are going to stay in these overcrowded tent remains. We at Miles2smile Foundation will soon start educational and skill based programmes for these people.

Ali Zakir
16 Jun 2021 · 🌍

Aasif Mujtaba भाई की देख-रेख में रोहिंगिया कैम्प में रिलीफ का काम बेहतरीन तरीके से चल रहा है, आसिफ भाई ने वहां काम कर रहे सामाजिक संगठनों का एक कोऑर्डिनेशन ग्रुप बनाया है और उनके बीच काम को बांट दिया है जिससे मेडिकल, राशन, पानी, टेंट और अन्य जरूरी चीजें जल्दगती से आसानी से पहुंच रही हैं। आसिफ भाई की टीम और मीम टीम ने भीषण गर्मी से परेशान रोहिंगिया लोगों के बीच पंखे बटवाने का फैसला किया. मीम टीम के बालदियर्स ने इस काम में अपना पूरा सहयोग दिया. कुछ अन्य संस्थाओं ने अपनी कंपैसिटी के हिसाब से कॉन्ट्रिब्यूट किया. किसी ने थंडर तलाश किया तो किसी ने ट्रांसपोर्टेशन में मदद किया. सबकी हिम्मत को सलाम है. कुल 25 पंखे और आज 28 पंखे तैयार करके सभी 53 अल्लतमन्द परिवारों को दे दिए गए हैं.

आसिफ मुजताबा के साथ मीम टीम ने दिल्ली दंगा रिलीफ में काम किया था, उनकी मैनेजमेंट स्किल और सबको एक साथ लेकर काम करने का तरीका बहुत शानदार है.
अल्लाह काम लेता रहे



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MOSQUE IN INDIAN CAPITAL'S ROHINGYA CAMP BULLDOZED. REFUGEES



Zafar Aafaq
22 Jul 2021

Rohingya living in a camp at New Delhi's Madanpur Khadar area accuse authorities of demolishing the makeshift mosque.

Police and civil authorities in the Indian capital have demolished a makeshift mosque in a Rohingya camp, say the refugees, weeks after a massive fire had engulfed the settlement. The mosque made up of tarpaulin sheets and bamboo sticks were bulldozed at about 7 am local time (01:30 GMT) on Thursday, at the camp located in New Delhi's Madanpur Khadar area in the city's south, bordering Uttar Pradesh state.

Activist Aasif Mujtaba, whose group Miles to Smile assists the Rohingya and collaborates with the government in their rehabilitation, said officials had been alleging that the camp, including the mosque, stood on encroached land.



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INDIA CONTRADICTS ITS OWN CONSTITUTIONAL 'RIGHT TO LIVE' BY DEPRIVING BASIC RIGHTS FOR MUSLIM ROHINGYA REFUGEES



Sarib Yousuf and Darash Dawood
10 September, 2021

The exodus of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar has been filled by exceeding violence. With a proportion of the community now seeking refuge in India, the marginalised community now faces double discrimination, as both a refugee and a Muslim in BJP India

On June 12, Mohammad Saleem, a Rohingya refugee, living in the Kalindi Kunj area of South Delhi, was forced to evacuate the refugee camp as a massive fire broke out in the dead of night. As a result of the fire, 56 homes were gutted, leaving nearly 300 people screaming desperately on the streets without a home to go to.



Asif Mustafa, a research scholar, runs an NGO to provide support to the victims of this catastrophe. He has taken an active part in organising logistics and health management for these people. "From the day of fire: June 12, we have been helping the victims," Asif tells The New Arab. In the fires, Rohingyas lost all their assets. So the help was to be provided in terms of food, shelter and basic healthcare. Asif teamed up with the local administrations and other NGO's to set up tents and supply food items.

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INDIA. FIRE RIPS THROUGH ROHINGYA CAMP, LEAVING HUNDREDS HOMELESS



Zafar Aafaq
13 Jun 2021

Hundreds of Rohingya rendered homeless after a massive fire razes Rohingya camp in the Madanpur Khadar area of Delhi.

A massive fire has destroyed a Rohingya refugee camp in the Indian capital, New Delhi, leaving hundreds of people homeless. The fire service department of the national capital said that it put 15 fire tenders into service and brought the blaze under control in about six hours. "We rushed to the spot quickly and started dousing the flames," Sandeep, an operator at the Delhi Fire Service, told Al Jazeera by telephone on Sunday.

Asif Mujtaba, a Delhi-based activist, told Al Jazeera that his group was one of the first to provide relief as soon as the flames were doused. "We shifted those who needed medical attention to nearby hospitals, and arranged water and food for the refugees," Mujtaba said, adding that he was reaching out to officials to help set up an interim relief camp for them, in the scorching summer heat. "We are also mapping out details of the families who suffered losses in the fire," he said.



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