

“We are Rohingya” photo exhibit launched on World Refugee Day by UNHCR and Liberation War Museum

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UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency in partnership with the Liberation War Museum in Dhaka commenced a three-week long photo exhibition called “Anra Rohingya” or “We are Rohingya” to mark World Refugee Day, showcasing photos taken by Rohingya refugees and providing an intimate glimpse into life for people living in the largest refugee camp in the world.

Based on the [Rohingyatographer](#) magazine showcasing the photographs of ten talented Rohingya artists living in refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar, this exhibit allows visitors to learn more about the Rohingya who have found refuge in Bangladesh, after fleeing violence and persecution in Myanmar.

More than 50 per cent of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh are children under the age of 18 with no access to formal education, and very limited access to skill development activities or higher education. Amid the harsh conditions in the camps, many young refugees have a strong commitment to learn skills and to teach others. Art and photography are for them a mode of expression, to deal with emotions and feelings in a positive way and ease the trauma they have experienced. Photography is also a way of keeping their culture and history alive, by documenting their community’s daily lives.

Curated by David Palazón and Amena Khatun, this photographic exhibit explores themes of memory, hope, dreams, faith, beauty, craftsmanship, grief, loss, and love among the Rohingya refugees through 50 photographs. Additionally, 11 photographs from the Liberation War Museum archives have generously been included, showing the lives and stories of Bangladeshi nationals, who in 1971 were forced to flee and live as refugees in India, during the Liberation War.

The exhibit shows how the lived memories of millions of Bangladeshis uprooted during the Liberation War, inspired the generosity of Bangladeshis who now host nearly one million persecuted Rohingya refugees from neighbouring Myanmar.

The ‘Anra Rohingya’ exhibition will be open from 20 June to 8 July 2022 at the temporary exhibition hall of the Liberation War Museum.

About UNHCR

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. We work to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge, having fled violence, persecution, war or disaster at home. UNHCR has been working in Bangladesh since 1970. Today it provides protection and humanitarian assistance to over 920,000 Rohingya refugees sheltered across 33 camps.

Learn more about Rohingyatographer project here: <https://www.rohingyatographer.org/>

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