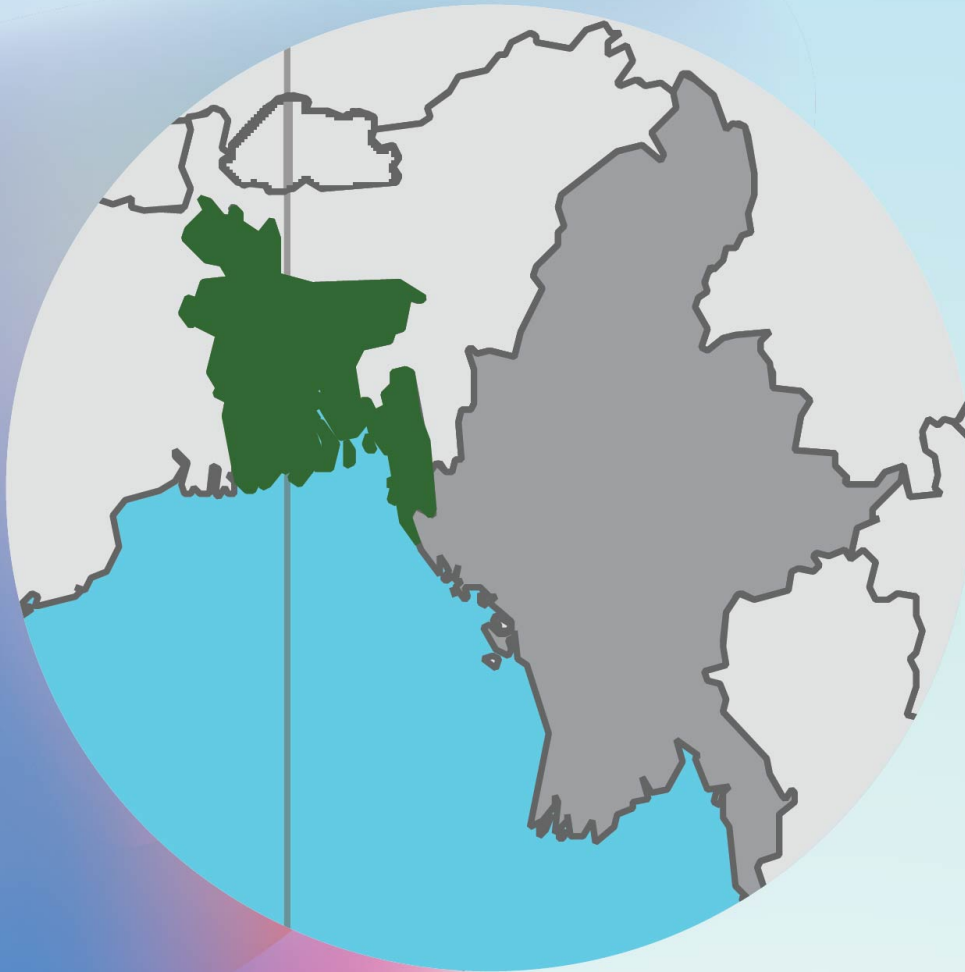




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# ROHINGYA CRISIS IN THE CONTEXT OF BANGLADESH-MYANMAR BILATERAL RELATIONS

## Background

Bangladesh took a proactive approach towards Myanmar in building a bilateral relationship. Despite several efforts on behalf of Bangladesh, bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Myanmar has remained relatively low.



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## Challenges

- a) Perpetuation of military domination in Myanmar necessitates construction of an adversary
- b) Military dominated/indoctrinated views prevail across Myanmar
- c) Over securitization against minority community has resulted in conflicts between the Myanmar government and its people
- d) Assertion of military abuse as media fabricates and produces fake news
- e) Decades of misperception about Bangladesh is being promoted by the Myanmar military
- f) Deep prejudice against Muslims and xenophobia in Myanmar
- g) Misperceived demographic and security threats from Bangladesh
- h) Myanmar's indifference towards Bangladesh
- i) Forcing Rohingya to come to Bangladesh



## Recommendations

- i. Consistently and coherently pursue “hybrid diplomacy” of bilateral, regional and multilateral pathways anchored in accountability and justice for Rohingya (ICC and ICJ).
- ii. Revive Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s proposal to establish “safe zones” in Northern Rakhine by invoking “Right to Protect” to ensure return of Rohingya to their homeland.
- iii. Efforts should be made not to follow status quo as an option.

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