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**100,000 Rohingya refugees**-- Please forward to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina --

Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,

I am gravely concerned about the lives of the more than 1, 600 Rohingya refugees, who were moved to Bhashan Char island on 4 December 2020. It was further distressing to learn that not only have 300 Rohingya refugees been confined on Bhashan Char against their will since May 2020, but an additional 100, 000 others are at risk of immediate relocation. Some Rohingya refugees have told rights organizations that they have been coerced to go to the island.

I urge your government to:

* Immediately halt the relocation of more Rohingya refugees to Bhashan Char and return those already on the island to their families and community in Cox’s Bazar;
* Allow the UN, humanitarian and rights organizations to carry out independent assessments on Bhashan Char’s habitability, access to basic freedoms and rights, and only after it is deemed habitable, open the island to the public, not just the Rohingya;
* Outline in a publicly accessible, transparent and rights-respecting policy framework the participation of Rohingya refugees in the decisions that affect them.

Yours sincerely,