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**Forced prostitution and sex trafficking of women and girls**

**in Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh**

Dear Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed,

I am concerned about the reports of sexual violence against women and girls in the Rohingya refugee camps.

In late August 2017, the Rohingya experienced extreme suffering during the wave of violence in Rakhine in western Myanmar. Women were raped in very high numbers.

Soon, the wave of refugees began. Bangladesh proved to be very welcoming. For this, the world is indebted to the country and its people.

Unfortunately, the flight did not end the plight of women and girls. Rohingya women and children, who make up more than half of the up to 700,000 refugees at times in the Kutupalong camp near Cox's Bazar, are today subjected to many forms of human rights violations. Among them include sex trafficking and forced prostitution. They are widespread in the refugee camps.

We ask you to ensure

* that the Government of Bangladesh takes precautions to stop trafficking and harassment against women.
* that the Government ensures that allegations of trafficking, harassment, abuse and discrimination are investigated.
* that durable solutions are put in place to protect and give psychological assistance and other support survivors of trafficking in the camps.
* that women are consulted prior to actions and decisions that affect them.
* that access to education and work opportunities for girls and women is ensured. The lack of access to work and education has led to the increase in human trafficking, child marriage and forced marriage, sexual exploitation and forced labour.

In the hope that these women and girls will soon receive more support, I thank you very much for your efforts.

Yours sincerely