

Facilitating Rohingya refugee and citizenship rights





Rohingyas are not Bangalese, they are from Arakan or Rakhaine state

Who are the Rohingya?

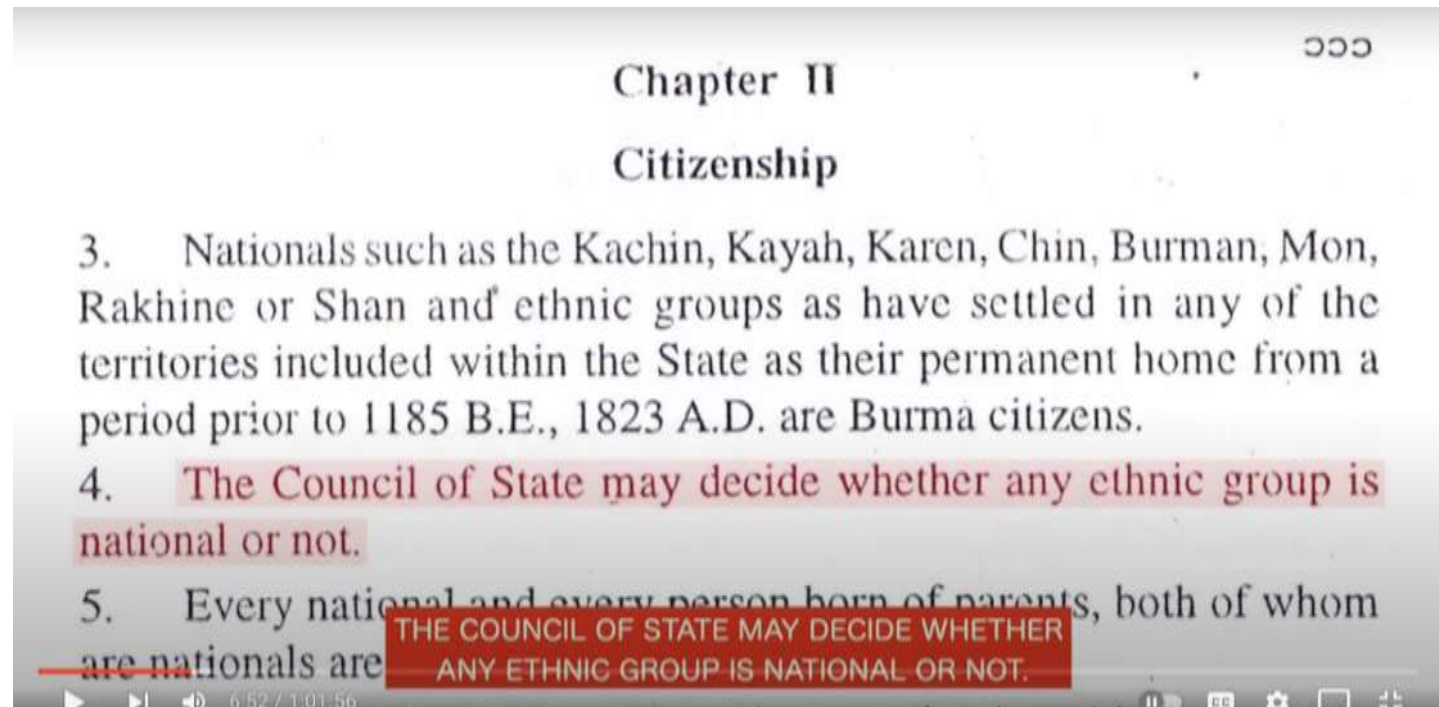
- Arakan was independent and sovereign kingdom for centuries
- It was an independent kingdom between Southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent
- Burmese intruded Arakan and occupied
- Arakan again become independent
- Again Occupied during the British era

Forceful eviction of the Rohingya Community

Citizenship revoked and denied

After 1982

Ultra nationalist, Buddhism and
Burmese



History of persecution

- 1785 (Arakan was over swept by the Bamar)
- 1799
- 1971
- 2012
- 2016
- 2017
- 2025

80% of the Rohingya people are out of the country



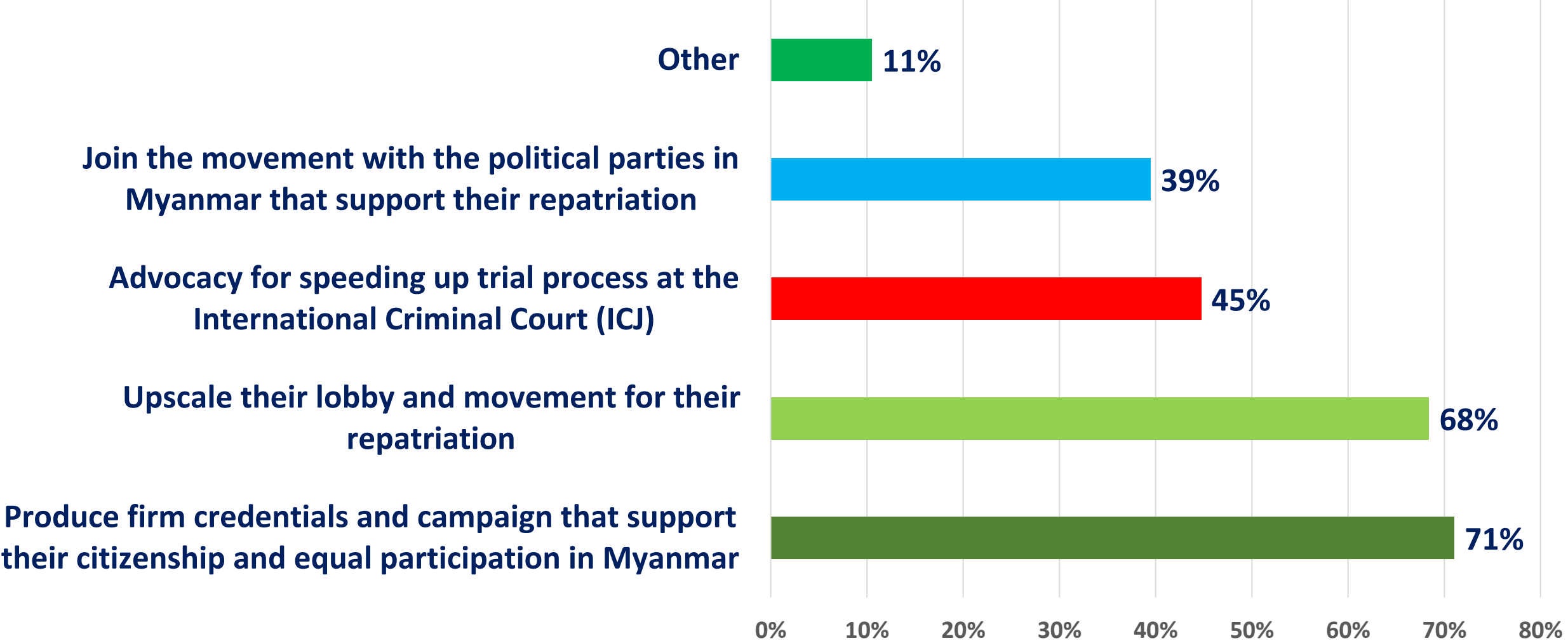
Are refugee rights and repatriation moving forward or falling behind?



- Bangladesh has done an incredible thing, showing humanity.
- JRP progress lags due to funding.
- Bangladesh is taking WB loan.
- Groundwater and waste management challenge.
- Visit of the UNHCR Chief and the UN Secretary General.
- Organizing 3 international conferences on Rohingya crisis.
- Global lack of political commitment to repatriation.

Flashback from a Survey in 2023

Do you think Rohingya community and their CSOs, both at home and abroad should- (multiple choice)?



Way forward

- Strengthen advocacy with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights for a global political action.
- Independence may not come only through dialogue.
- Put pressure on the Myanmar Junta to reinstate the citizenship of the Rohingya.
- Safe, dignified & voluntary repatriation conditions may set back the progress.
- Support Rohingya refugees, diaspora activists & Arakan Rohingya National Council (ARNC), etc.
- Encourage the govt. of Bangladesh to recognize refugee rights or at least to provide access to education, income-generating activities, travel passes, bank accounts & prefabricated shelters.





Thank you