

Relief Aid to Rohingya Refugees Rescued by Sri Lankan Navy



On 19 December 2024, a multi-day trawler carrying 116 persons, including 57 children, from the Rohingya community in Myanmar drifted towards the coast off Mullivaikkal in Mullaitivu. Local fishermen provided humanitarian assistance including water and food, and the Sri Lanka Navy escorted the boat to Trincomalee. Several persons had in fact perished during the journey. Later, the survivors were brought before the Trincomalee Magistrate and eventually detained at the Mullaitivu Air Force Camp.

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Relief Assistance Has Become Possible!

There are currently 117 Myanmar refugees staying under supervision at the Mullaitivu Air Force camp. Among them are 53 females including young children, 63 males, and even a newborn baby. The group includes infants, children, youth, and adults. The camp authorities have announced that it has become possible to provide necessary supplies for them. Arrangements for donations should be made through the Controller General, Department of Immigration and Emigration.

Particular attention should be paid to the children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick, and those with special needs.

A team is planning to make a visit to the camp and to carry as many relief supplies as possible.

Donations of packaged food, medicine, clothing, toys, baby formula, diapers, sanitary napkins, toiletries, and any other useful items may be sent or delivered to BRM. 152/1 Riverdale Road, Anniwatte, Kandy 20000.

For more information, call 077-964-9292



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LEAD STORY

Protest in Mullaitivu for Rohingya refugees

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A protest was held in front of the Mullaitivu District Secretariat today (09) demanding that the refugees from Myanmar who are being held at the Mullaitivu Air Force Base not be deported back to Myanmar.

This protest was held by a group of civil society activists, women's organization representatives, journalists and fishermen.

The protesters have been protesting demanding that the government treat these refugees humanely.

They also submitted an open letter to the government, in which the protesters requested that Sri Lanka act in accordance with the UN Conventions on Refugees to which Sri Lanka is currently a signatory.

Mr. Ruki Fernando, a human rights activist who participated in the event, stated that there are even children among this group. He further stated that if Sri Lanka acts in violation of international agreements regarding this group, the country could be greatly disgraced.