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ON



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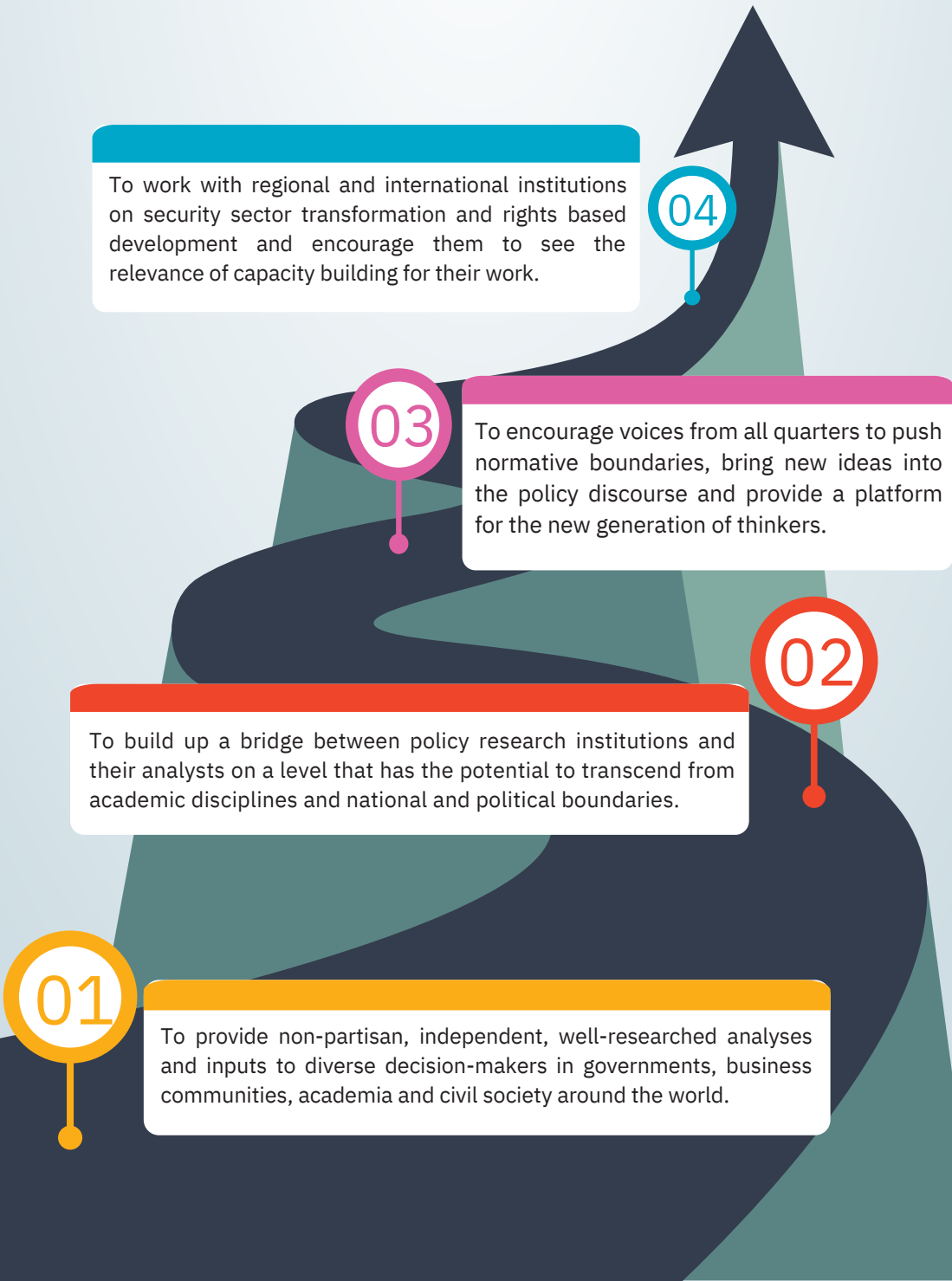
Central Foundation for International and Strategic Studies (CFISS) is a state-of-the-art research organization from Bangladesh which specializes in new dimensional security issues. In the year of 2020, the world has witnessed a tremendous turbulence in the name of COVID-19 which took the international community by surprise and put the global order in shambles. The world system has taken drastic measures and changed their policies accordingly to handle the threat.

During the period of Bangladesh's transition to a new engagement with the transforming global order, several challenges emerged, evoking a need for effective and efficient bodies that could critically examine the problems going forward and help develop coherent policy responses. Thus, CFISS was formed to step up as a think tank of international caliber to represent Bangladesh in the Global community with its innovative policy agendas.

CFISS maintains an interactive website to inform, share and exchange knowledge and ideas to enrich the people who have a greater stake in security and related issues. You are cordially welcome to visit our website at www.cfissbd.com You can also write to us to express your opinion via email at info@cfissbd.com.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVE



OUR MISSIONS

Central Foundation For International and Strategic Studies (CFISS) has a three part mission,



To create a discourse that enables our population to bring about sustainable changes for the development of our country.

To frame the strategic goals of managing risk and building resilience for a more peaceful and secure world.



To emphasize the need for strategic anticipation, proactive response, and long-term engagement to provide a framework for cooperation across the institutional silos and geographic boundaries.

RESEARCH FOCUS

ROHINGYA CRISIS

The international community as well as the host country, Bangladesh is struggling to find out sustainable solutions to deal with the ongoing Rohingya crisis. CFISS aims to suggest policies that addresses the security concerns of the Rohingya community and improve their socio-economic condition.



CLIMATE CHANGE

CFISS recognizes environment and climate change as a prime concern in today's world as well as a core determinant in shaping the future world. CFISS plans to provide research, analysis and insights regarding climate change, environmental degradation.



BLUE ECONOMY

Blue Economy offers a suite of opportunities for sustainable, clean, equitable growth in both traditional and emerging sectors. CFISS recognizes the potential of blue economy in Bangladesh and shares strategic insights on this issue.



COUNTER-TERRORISM AND PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism forms an important area of CFISS's work. CFISS focuses on the early identification of threats and more importantly analyzing the effectiveness of measures available to respond to these threats.



RESEARCH FOCUS

GENDER INEQUALITY AND MARGINALIZATION

Gender marginalization is currently an accepted theoretical concern and enough empirical evidence is available to substantiate a strong presence of gender discrimination and oppression. CFISS emphasizes gender rights in the society and is working on promoting equal rights for all.



MARITIME SECURITY & BAY OF BENGAL DYNAMICS

With the rise of China, India and strategic alliances like AUKUS, BRI and QUAD, the Bay of Bengal is transforming into a zone of rivalry from a zone of peace. CFISS intends to conduct research, analysis, and strategic discussions on these topics.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CYBER SECURITY

Artificial intelligence is gradually taking a major place in the historic upheaval of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. In addition to this new technological transformation, the cyber world poses security threats, risks, and difficulties to national security. The objective of CFISS is to conduct research on these security concerns.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & DIPLOMACY

In this post-cold war era, new strategic dynamics are evolving covering wide spectrum activities, alliances like QUAD, AUKUS and megaprojects like BRI Etc. CFISS' goal is to conduct in-depth analysis and provide strategic insights on these issues.



PROJECTS UNDER CFISS



তরুণদের মাঝে আশা, আত্মবিশ্বাস আর অজৈয়কে জয় করার অসীম সম্ভাবনা আছে; তেমনি নিজেকে মেলে না ধরার আকোষ ও আছে। একুশ শতকের চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলায় জ্ঞান ভিত্তিক তরুণ সমাজ গড়ে তোলার বিকল্প নেই। ৫২'র ভাষা আন্দোলন, ৬৯'র গণঅভ্যুত্থান, ৭১'র মুক্তিযুদ্ধ সহ জাতীর সকল ক্রান্তিলগ্নে তরুণদের হাত ধরেই এসেছে মুক্তি। বর্তমান পরিবর্তিত পরিস্থিতিতে তরুণরা যাতে দেশের উন্নয়নে অংশীদার হতে পারে সেটা নিশ্চিত করা জরুরি। তরুণদের আশা-আকাঙ্ক্ষা, লক্ষ্য ও উদ্যোগ, সফলতা, উদ্ভাবন, ভাবনা এবং ব্যর্থতার বিষয়গুলো নীতি-নির্ধারক পর্যায়ে পৌঁছানোর লক্ষ্যে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায়ে “তারুণ্যের প্রত্যাশা” নামক অনুষ্ঠান আয়োজন করছে এনএসআই। গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান CFISS - এর সহযোগিতায় পরিচালিত এই অনুষ্ঠানটি টেলিভিশন চ্যানেল বাংলা টিভি সম্প্রচার করছে।



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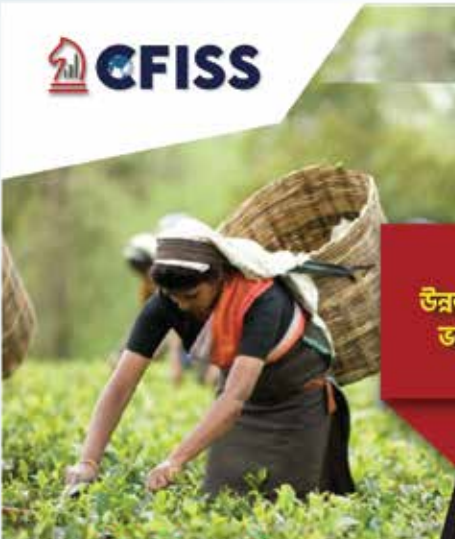
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নেশায় বৃদ্ধ হয়ে থাকা তরুণ নয়; প্রয়োজন সু-শিক্ষিত তরুণ। ধর্মের অপব্যবহার বলি হয়ে জঙ্গিবাদ এবং সন্ত্রাসের সঙ্গে তরুণরা যুক্ত হয়ে জীবন ধ্বংস করছে। এর মাধ্যমে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হচ্ছে ব্যক্তি, পরিবার এবং রাষ্ট্র। তাই জঙ্গিবাদ প্রতিরোধে প্রয়োজন কাউন্টার ন্যারে-টিভ। সবার আগে তরুণরা কি ভাবছে সেটা জানা প্রয়োজন। হলি আর্টিজান হামপার মাধ্যমে প্রথাগত জঙ্গির উৎসের ধারণার পরিবর্তন হয়েছে। নামকরা বেসরকারি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ও ইংলিশ মিডিয়াম স্কুলের শিক্ষার্থীরা জঙ্গিবাদে জড়িত পড়ছে। এমতাবস্থায় ভিরেডিকা-লাইজেন্স প্রসেস এর অংশ হিসেবে বেসরকারি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের মাঝে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ-বাহীনতা ও দেশপ্রেমে উদ্বুদ্ধ করা প্রয়োজন। সে-লক্ষ্যে বিশেষজ্ঞ প্যানেলের সঙ্গে ছাত্রছাত্রীদের অংশগ্রহণমূলক অনুষ্ঠান “এগিয়ে যাও এগিয়ে চল” আয়োজন করছে এনএসআই। গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান CFISS - এর সহযোগিতায় পরিচালিত এই অনুষ্ঠানটি টেলিভিশন চ্যানেল এটিএন নিউজ সম্প্রচার করছে।

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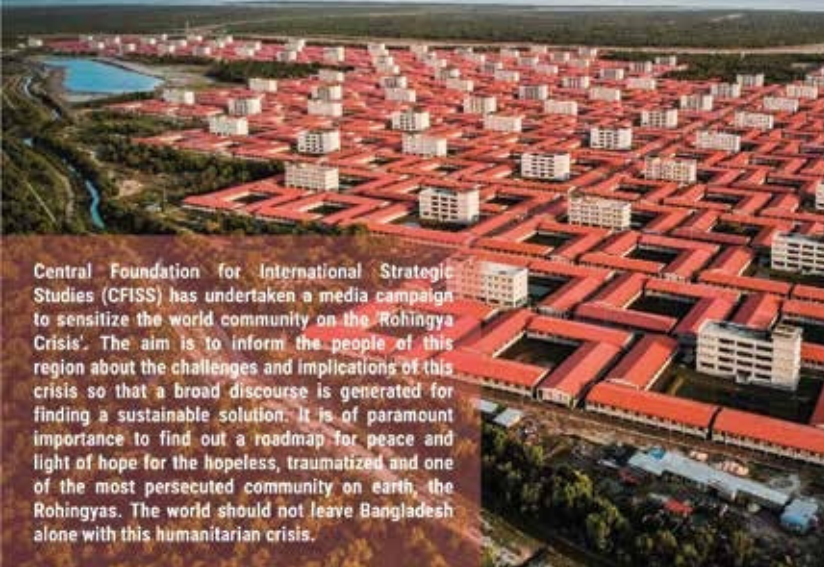
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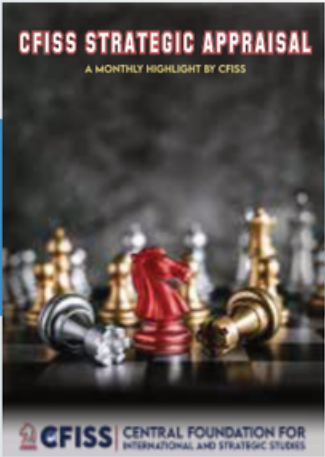


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Bhasanchar: A Beacon of Hope for the Rohingyas

**A Research Project Initiated by CFISS
in Collaboration with University of Dhaka**

Central Foundation for International Strategic Studies (CFISS) has undertaken a media campaign to sensitize the world community on the 'Rohingya Crisis'. The aim is to inform the people of this region about the challenges and implications of this crisis so that a broad discourse is generated for finding a sustainable solution. It is of paramount importance to find out a roadmap for peace and light of hope for the hopeless, traumatized and one of the most persecuted community on earth, the Rohingyas. The world should not leave Bangladesh alone with this humanitarian crisis.



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A quarterly Journal by CFISS containing articles of different contemporary issues.

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Booklets on working projects providing on field pictures and proper insights.



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REVIEW PAPER
Is Bhasan Char Island, Noakhali district in Bangladesh a sustainable place for the relocated Rohingya displaced people? An empirical study

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Abstract
More than one million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals, known as Rohingya, are currently living in the 34 camps in the Cox's Bazar district in Bangladesh. To reduce the pressure of Rohingya in Cox's Bazar, the government of Bangladesh has started the process of relocating some of the Rohingyas to Bhasan Char Island located in Noakhali district, Bangladesh. However, some international organizations, NGOs, and some people expressed their concerns over this relocation process. This article, thus, offers an evidence-based holistic perspective that explains the available facilities and opportunities that could bring a new hope instead of a threat to Rohingyas. Through a multi-method research approach, the paper argues that the Island is suitable for the displaced Rohingyas people. It also explains that the relocation project has opportunities for Rohingyas to engage in some livelihood activities. The Island is stable and fertile on a temporary basis and has adequate safety and security measures, embankments, water facilities, shelter centers, and modern housing facilities have been undertaken. This article, thus, concludes that Bhasan Char can offer a new hope and a place with dreams for the Rohingyas displaced people, in line with the vision of the government of Bangladesh.

Keywords Rohingyas crisis · Bhasan Char · Relocation · Displaced people

Introduction
Bangladesh is housing more than one million displaced Rohingyas people living in 34 camps in Cox's Bazar district. The government of Bangladesh has started the process of relocating some of the Rohingyas to Bhasan Char Island located in Noakhali district, Bangladesh.

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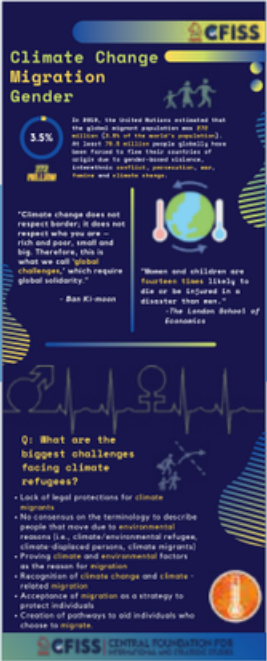


Coffee Table Book

A coffee table book focusing the Rohingya Crisis which was presented in the 2021 UNGA.

Infographs

CFISS publishes regular infographs containing data, comparison and basic analysis of different contemporary and security related issues.



Posters

Creates attractive posters to create awareness and reach more people via the use of media.

CFISS WEBINARS



1-11-2020

“The Rohingya Genocide: Responses of Bangladesh and the World”

19-12-2020

“Bhashan Char: A Beacon of Hope for the Rohingyas”

10-07-2021

“Ou Phrontis: The Rohingya Crisis and the Response of the International Community”

3-10-2021

“Humanitarian Norms, National Security, and the Rohingya Policy of Bangladesh”

1-11-2020

“The Rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan: Strategic Implications for Global Security”



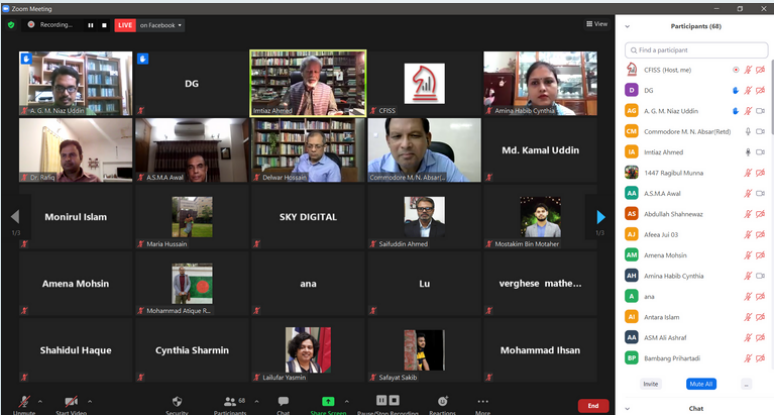
CFISS and Green Project

CFISS is actively engaged in organizing seminars, webinars, and FGDs to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration among stakeholders in the renewable energy sector, with the aim of advancing sustainable development and meeting Bangladesh's energy needs.



"Advancing Bangladesh's Renewable Energy Sector: Opportunities and Challenges"





Investing in Renewable Energy in Bangladesh: Opportunities and Risks

The Role of Policy in Promoting Renewable Energy in Bangladesh



CFISS SEMINARS



Seminar on,
'Relocation of the Rohingya Displaced People from Cox's Bazar to Bhasanchar: Opportunities and Challenges',

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***Department of Peace & Conflict,
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and
Central Foundation for International and Strategic Studies (CFISS).





Roundtable Discussion on,
“Bangladesh - US Relations”

A joint event by,
Central Foundation for International & Strategic Studies (CFISS)
and
Dhaka Tribune



CFISS FIELD VISITS



CFISS Research team visiting Bhasanchar along with other researchers. (2020)



CFISS Research team along with other researchers visiting Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps.

CFISS IN MEDIA



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Commodore Mohammed Nurul Absar

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Chairman and Founder

Central Foundation for International and Strategic Studies (CFISS)

Commodore Mohammed Nurul Absar, NGP, ndc, psc, BN (Retd) is a former military officer who served 38 years in active duty. After completing his training in Yugoslav Center for Higher Naval Studies (Now Croatia, Split) and Royal Naval Engineering College, UK in 1986 and 1989 respectively he returned to Bangladesh. During his tour of duty in the Navy he served in various command and staff appointments both in establishments and the Fleet. He performed the duties of Naval Secretary from 2009 to 2013; and played an instrumental role in the policy formulation and development of Bangladesh Navy. He was also a faculty member in the Defense Services Command and Staff College at Mirpur, Dhaka from 1999 to 2005. During this period he contributed in the training of mid-level officers of the Armed Forces both from home and abroad. In this period he was actively involved in different research projects of military and strategic nature, His written reading materials (Précis) on "Information War-A Challenge for the 21st Century" was prescribed as reading material for the officers for more than a decade. He also took interest in different issues related to national security, Maritime Strategy, Military Doctrine, Cyber Security, Geopolitics etc.

