

Part one: Reading

A-Reading Comprehension: Read the text carefully then do the activities below:

The United Nations has said Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar are facing a "catastrophic" humanitarian situation. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled from Myanmar over the border to Bangladesh. The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, said the Rohingya are escaping continued attacks from Myanmar security forces. Over 379,000 Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh since violence began last month. The BBC reports that whole villages have burned down. The Myanmar army denies it is targeting the Rohingya. The Rohingya are a mostly Muslim people who live in the state of Rakhine in Myanmar. They have lived there for generations, but Myanmar says they are illegal immigrants.

Many people are asking Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi to help the Rohingya. They want her Nobel Peace Prize to be taken away if she doesn't act. They say she cannot keep the prize while the Rohingya are suffering in her country. Ms Suu Kyi has not criticised the attacks on the Rohingya. Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, has asked Myanmar to take the Rohingya refugees back. However, the Myanmar army said Myanmar could not accept them back. A spokesman said: "Rakhine ethnics (Buddhists) are our original people who had long been living in Rakhine since the time of their forefathers."

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1) Say whether the following statements are true or false

- a) The UN says the Rohingya people are facing a catastrophe.
- b) A million Rohingya have escaped over the Bangladesh border.
- c) Aung San Suu Kyi has lost her Nobel Peace Prize.
- d) Bangladesh's leader doesn't want to send the Rohingya back.

2) In which paragraph is it mentioned that?

The Myanmar government said the Rohingya are illegal immigrants.

3) Answer the following questions according to the text

- a) Why have Rohingya fled from Myanmar?
- b) How long have the Rohingya lived in Myanmar?
- c) Has Aung San Suu Kyi condemned the attacks on the Rohingya?

4) What or who do the underlines words refer to?

a-They §1

b-she §2

c-They §2

B-TEXT EXPLORATION:

1) Find in the text words closest in meaning to the following:

a-tragic §1

b- rejects §1

c-take steps §2

2) Rewrite sentence B so that it means the same as sentence A.

1-a- Organizations are obliged to provide food and drinking water for Rohingya Muslims

1-b -Organizations.....

2-a-The Rohingya were able to escape continued attacks from Myanmar security forces

2-b- The Rohingya.....