

## REFUGEE AND MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS RESEARCH UNIT (RMMRU)

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5. Objectives :
  - 1) Collect information and generate data through field research on refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPS) and other forms of migratory movements within Bangladesh and in the region;
  - 2) Disseminate information and organize seminars/workshops/conferences/law courses on the causes of migratory movements, its legal aspects and conditions of the refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants and sensitize the policy makers, the public and donor agencies about the relevant causes and conditions;
  - 3) Collate, maintain and update rules, regulations and legislation affecting refugees, displaced persons and migrants';
  - 4) Assist and advise the government, non-governmental bodies and other agencies on issues concerning these vulnerable groups;
  - 5) Act as an informed advisory group on matters related to refugees, internally displaced persons and migratory movements in Bangladesh and in the region.

6. Recent Research Publication : 1) Nine issues of its Newsletter 'UDBASTU: the Of the Organisation (1996-99) uprooted' with field Reports and input from research findings.
- 2) Translation of an important refugee related document, *Handbook of Status Determination of Refugees*.
- 3) Occasional Paper on *National Responsibility towards the Migrant Workers*.
7. On-going Research Projects : 1) Condition of the returnees and internally displaced people in CHT: a preliminary Survey.
- 2) Condition of Women and Children in the Bihari Camp.
8. Future Plan of Research : 1) Plight of the internally displaced: a case of the bastibashi women and children in Dhaka '99.
- 2) Women and Children in Refugee Situation: Case of the Rohingya refugees.
9. Chief Researchers : 1. **Dr. C R Abrar**. Professor., Dept. of International Relations. University of Dhaka, Spec: Interna-tional Political Economic Relations, Human Rights', Refugee Movement, IDPs, Defense and Environment Civil-Military Relations.

**Publication:**

- 1) 'Environmental Refugees in Bangladesh' in DD Khanna edited Sustainable Development, Macmillan, New Delhi. □
2. **Dr. Shahdeen Malik**, Consultant, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST); Spec: Law. Public Interest Litigation, Human Rights. Refugees.

**Publications:**

- 1) 'Overview of the Situation of Refugees, Stateless Persons and Internally Displaced Persons in Bangladesh' in Report of Regional Consultation Refugee and

Migratory Movements in South Asia, New Delhi, 14 -15 November 1996.

3. **Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui**, Associate Professor. Dept. of Political Science, University of Dhaka; Spec: Comparative Political System, Human Rights, Refugees, Resettlement. IDPs, Migration, Migrant Workers.

**Publications:**

- 1) Transcending the Boundaries: International Labour Migration of Bangladeshi Woman, University Press Limited, Dhaka (forthcoming)
- 2) "Interactions between International Financial Institutions and the Non-Governmental Organizations in Bangladesh", in Abul Kalam (ed.) Bangladesh.- International Dynamics and External linkages, University Press Limited. Dhaka, 1996.
4. **Dr. Sumaiya Khair**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, University of Dhaka. Ph D, Spec: Law, Human Rights, Child Rights, Trafficking.

**Publications:**

- 1) "Refugee in Armed Conflict and Internal Disturbances: Protection and Assistance", BISS Journal, Vol. 12, No 3 July 1991.
- 2) "The Girl Child in Bangladesh: Towards an understanding of a Labor", Journal of Bangladesh Institution of Law and International Affairs (BILIA). June 1997