



CPJ lecture identifies challenges handling Rohingya exodus

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Dhaka, Jan 27 (UNB) - The Centre for Peace and Justice (CPJ) at Brac University organized a public lecture Sunday analyzing Bangladesh's response to the Rohingya influx since 2017, identifying the challenges faced and how they could have been met better by the international community.

The discussion titled 'Complex Humanitarian Emergencies and Disaster Management in Bangladesh: the 2017 Rohingya Exodus' was held at the Brac Inn's Auditorium.

The lecture was delivered by Dr Alistair Cook, a research fellow at the Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, who emphasised some of the key areas of Bangladesh's disaster management mechanism while handling the 2017 Rohingya exodus, indicating the gaps and areas offering room for improvement minding all stakeholders interests.

He pointed out four 'broad thematic challenges' faced at the point of emergency response --- operational constraints, coordination, accountability, and localisation.

"Absence of feedback mechanism for the Rohingyas is also a drawback," he added.

Dr Cook elaborated that there is plenty of scope for improvement, at both national and international level, to handle such humanitarian crises better.

Brac University Pro-vice-chancellor Professor Mohammad Tamim chaired the event.

Concluding the program, he said, "Bangladesh has shown tremendous willingness and effort to handle the Rohingya crisis."

He also mentioned that CPJ will continue to hold such dialogues among different stakeholders to promote peace and justice.