

## 'It Is All Gone,' Say Rohingya Forced to Flee

### Massacre in Myanmar Spurs Refugee Surge

By HANNAH BEECH

REZU AMTALI, Bangladesh — They stumble down muddy ravines and flooded creeks through miles of hills and jungle in Bangladesh, and thousands more come each day, in a line stretching to the monsoon-darkened horizon.

Some are gaunt and spent, already starving and carrying listless and dehydrated babies, with many miles to go before they reach any refugee camp.

They are tens of thousands of Rohingya, who arrive bearing accounts of massacre at the hands of the Myanmar security forces and allied mobs that started on Aug. 25, after Rohingya militants staged attacks against government forces.

The retaliation that followed was carried out in methodical assaults on villages, with helicopters raining down fire on civilians and front-line troops cutting off families' escape. The villagers' accounts all portray indiscriminate attacks against fleeing noncombatants, adding to a death toll that even in early estimates is high into the hundreds, and is probably vastly worse.

"There are no more villages left, none at all," said Rashed Ahmed, a 46-year-old farmer from a hamlet in Maungdaw Township in Myanmar. He had already been walking for four days. "There are no more people left, either," he said. "It is all gone."

The Rohingya are a Muslim ethnic minority who live in Myanmar's far western Rakhine State. Most were stripped of their citizenship by the military junta that used to rule Myanmar, and they have suffered decades of repression under the country's Buddhist majority, including killings and mass rape, according to the United Nations. A new armed resistance is giving the military more reasons to oppress them.

But the past week's exodus of civilians caught in the middle, which the United Nations said had reached nearly 76,000 on Saturday, dwarfs previous outflows of refugees to Bangladesh in such a short time period. Friday's influx alone was the single largest movement of Rohingya here in more than a generation, according to

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Rohingya refugees illegally crossing into Bangladesh on Friday. They faced another day of walking to reach crowded camps.

## After Surviving a Storm, an Overwhelming Start to the Recovery

By JACK HEALY

HOUSTON — She couldn't sleep. Not now.

Kris Ford-Amofa lay next to her husband in a spare bedroom at her sister's house, thinking once more about the brown water that had slithered under the front door of the first home she had ever owned. The water that swirled around her three children as the family fled, wading up City Green Trail to seek refuge at a neighbor's house. The water that had buckled their living room floor, rotted the drywall and made them homeless. The floodwater that was not covered by their insurance.

Where did she even start? On Thursday, she got up early, set two phones on the kitchen table — one for Federal Emergency Management Agency, and one to call Enterprise about a rental car — and started dialing, launching into her third day on the job as a disaster-recovery coordinator for her up-ended family.

With no preparation and few road maps to guide them, tens of thousands of hurricane survivors



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Yaw Amofa removed insulation from his house, where his family was trapped for several days by flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

like the Amofas are now stumbling through their first bewildering days after Hurricane Harvey. The rains may have passed, but now they are consumed with worry about their children's futures, precarious family finances and what remains of the homes

they fled. They need to find their way out of shelters and relatives' extra bedrooms. Find new schools for their children. Find hotel rooms when everything is booked, find rental cars when everything is

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## WOING DONORS, DEMOCRATS START 2020 RACE EARLY

### LOOK BEYOND MIDTERMS

### Fund-Raising Suggests a Shadow Campaign to Challenge Trump

By KENNETH P. VOGEL  
and RACHEL SHOREY

WASHINGTON — Aides to Senator Kamala Harris of California say that her fund-raisers in Martha's Vineyard and the Hamptons this summer have been all about helping Democrats in 2018. Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s allies say his new political group is building an email list so he can communicate directly with his supporters about the future of the party and the country. And Representative Tim Ryan of Ohio says he has been traveling to Iowa and New Hampshire in part because "I like being out around the country."

But the packed fund-raising calendars, brisk political spending and trips to early primary states suggest that in fact a shadow campaign for the party's 2020 presidential nomination is already well underway.

In interviews, more than three dozen leading Democratic donors, fund-raisers and operatives agreed that it was the earliest start they had ever seen to the jockeying that typically precedes the official kickoff to the campaign for the party's presidential nomination. It is a reflection of the deep antipathy toward President Trump among Democrats, and the widespread belief that the right candidate could defeat him, but also of the likelihood that the contest for the nomination could be the longest, most crowded and most expensive in history.

"They used to start coming to talk to you two years before the election. Now, it's six months after the last presidential election," said the Wall Street billionaire Marc Lasry, a major political donor who has met recently with several Democrats mentioned as prospective presidential candidates.

"It's gotten ridiculous," Mr. Lasry said. "Everybody believes they can be the person who will stack up great against Trump. I tell them all that it's way too early,

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## Teachers Promote Their Brands, Drawing Fans and Controversy

By NATASHA SINGER

MAPLETON, N.D. — One of the tech-savviest teachers in the United States teaches third grade here at Mapleton Elementary, a public school with about 100 students in the sparsely populated plains west of Fargo.

Her name is Kayla Delzer. Her third graders adore her. She teaches them to post daily on the class Twitter and Instagram ac-

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counts she set up. She remodeled her classroom based on Starbucks. And she uses apps like Seesaw, a student portfolio platform where teachers and parents may view and comment on a child's schoolwork.

Ms. Delzer also has a second calling. She is a schoolteacher with her own brand, Top Dog Teaching. Education start-ups like Seesaw give her their premium classroom technology as well as swag like T-shirts or freebies for the teachers who attend her workshops. She agrees to use their products in her classroom and give the companies feedback. And she recommends their wares to



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In Kayla Delzer's flexible classroom in Mapleton, N.D., the third graders sit where they please.

thousands of teachers who follow her on social media.

"I will embed it in my brand every day," Ms. Delzer said of Seesaw. "I get to make it better."

Ms. Delzer is a member of a growing tribe of teacher influencers, many of whom promote class-

room technology. They attract notice through their blogs, social media accounts and conference talks. And they are cultivated not only by start-ups like Seesaw, but by giants like Amazon, Apple, Google and Microsoft, to influence which tools are used to teach American

schoolchildren. Their ranks are growing as public schools increasingly adopt all manner of laptops, tablets, math teaching sites, quiz apps and parent-teacher messaging apps. The corporate courtship of these

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## Shared Bikes Bring Chinese A 'Monster-Revealing Mirror'

By JAVIER C. HERNÁNDEZ

BEIJING — Liu Lijing, a mechanic in Beijing, does not usually pay much attention to manners. He does not mind when people blast loud music, and he strolls the alleyways near his home in a tank top stained with grease. But when a stranger recently ditched a bicycle in the bushes outside his door, Mr. Liu was irate.

Start-ups have flooded the city with shared bikes, he complained, and people have been leaving them all over the place without thinking about other residents. "There's no sense of decency anymore," he muttered, picking up the discarded bike and heaving it into the air in anger. "We treat each other like enemies."

There are now more than 16 million shared bicycles on the road in China's traffic-clogged cities, thanks to a fierce battle for market share among 70-plus companies backed by a total of more than \$1 billion in financing. These start-ups have reshaped the urban landscape, putting bikes equipped with GPS and digital locks on almost every corner in a way that Silicon Valley can only dream of.

But their popularity has been accompanied by a wave of misbehavior. Because the start-ups do not use fixed docking stations, riders abandon bicycles haphazardly along streets and public squares, snarling traffic and cluttering sidewalks. Thieves have taken them by the tens of thousands, for personal use or selling them for parts. Angry and mischievous

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Zhao Qi roams Beijing's streets looking for vandalized bikes and misbehaving riders.

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