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**MARIUM*, 11,
FROM MYANMAR**



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In a busy refugee camp in Bangladesh, the sound of sisters laughing fills the air. But these strong girls have been through so much to get here.

Marium and Fahira belong to the Rohingya community, who have suffered years of violence at the hands of the army in Myanmar. When their village was attacked, the girls and their family had to flee with only the clothes they were wearing.

Their father went back to the village to collect some of their belongings but didn't return. When Marium went to find him, she was shot in the leg by a soldier. She couldn't walk, so her uncle carried her on his back for 15 days, all the way to Bangladesh.

“When we were fleeing, we couldn't take any property with us,” says Marium's uncle, Rafiq.

“We were starving and hiding in the hills. There were thorns everywhere on the hills. We used to sleep in the jungle at night, holding our kids in our arms. Then somehow we reached the bank of the river (the Myanmar-Bangladesh border).”

“Upon crossing the river, my uncle took me to hospital instead of doing anything for his family,” says Marium. **“They put an iron stick in my leg there.”**

Now she's safe, Marium is determined to move forward. **“I will play all those games I can't play now. I will walk the way I want to.”**



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