

330 BGP members, others to be handed over to Myanmar authorities Thursday: BGB

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Online Desk: Three hundred thirty three members of Myanmar security forces and others, who have taken shelter in Bangladesh amid conflict between Myanmar military and armed rebel group there, will be sent back to their country by a ship on Thursday.

Under the supervision of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Myanmar nationals, including members of Border Guard Police (BGP), will be handed over to the authorities of Myanmar at 8 am through Naval jetty ghat in Inani of Cox's Bazar district, said Shariful Islam, public relations officer of BGB on Wednesday.

Earlier on Tuesday, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said that the security forces' members will be sent back to Myanmar very soon.

A tense situation has been prevailing along the border between Bandarban's Naikhongchhari Ghumdhum and Tumbru amid fierce fighting, skirmishes and gunfire between the armed forces of the military ruler and insurgent groups inside Myanmar for over two weeks. Amid the conflict, 330 members of Myanmar army, border guards, police, immigration and other officials took refuge recently in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, two people—a Bangladeshi woman and a Rohingya man— were killed when mortar shells from the Myanmar side landed on a kitchen at Jalpaitli village of Ghumdhum union in Naikhongchhari upazila of Bandarban recently.