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Many perceive the Rohingya presence in Bangladesh as our problem. It is not. It is a global crisis. If the Rohingyas become desperate, it will pose a challenge not just for Bangladesh but for the entire region," he said on Monday (February 3) at a seminar at the Foreign Service Academy (FSA) in Dhaka.

He urged the international community to step up its support for the Rohingyas, warning that potential funding cuts by the new US administration could worsen the humanitarian crisis.

He said, "Foreign aid for over a million Rohingya refugees has already been declining, and any further US fund cuts will make the situation even more difficult

The US has been a major donor for the Rohingya response. However, the new Trump administration has issued an executive order to review US foreign aid programmes, excluding emergency food assistance.

The foreign adviser highlighted the ongoing civil war in Myanmar, predicting changes in its political landscape.

He emphasised that ethnic groups and civilian leaders negotiating with the Myanmar military must include Rohingya repatriation in their agenda to ensure the forcibly displaced people regain their citizenship and basic rights.