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B'deshi deportation likely Thursday



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Stunned by widespread criticism, the Centre is understood to have been preparing to clear the decks for deporting 17 Bangladeshi immigrants by Thursday.

According to sources, the clearance if received in time, the Karimganj district authorities would hand over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](#) these immigrants in the morning at Steamerghat near Karimganj town to the Border Guards Bangladesh [\(/taxonomy/term/2420\)](#) jawans. Then they would be formally accepted at Zakiganj.

Those include Bhagabati Goala, Rahul Das [\(/taxonomy/term/1926\)](#), Mou Das [\(/taxonomy/term/1926\)](#) apart from other 13 Muslim [\(/taxonomy/term/2482\)](#) immigrants who have been languishing in the Cachar Central Jail since 2015.

Notably, they were to be deported to Bangladesh (/taxonomy/term/2420) on Monday morning. But the non receipt of the necessary clearance from home ministry (/taxonomy/term/1724) forced the authorities to suspend the process.

Highly placed sources told Assam Times that the district authorities were well prepared to deport these 17 immigrants who were lodged in jail for the last one and half year.

But the Union home ministry (/taxonomy/term/1724) failed to issued the required clearance in time and it has forced the authorities to suspend the process.

The confusion assumes significance amid the UPA Government's move to give refugee status to the Hindu immigrants from the neighbouring countries amending the Citizenship Act (/taxonomy/term/1974), 1955.



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