

## Celebrating a tree on World Refugee Day? Yes! Here's why



*Photo: Sina Hassan/DRC Bangladesh*

When more than 700,000 Rohingyas from Myanmar fled for their lives in the summer of 2017, they crossed the border into safety in Bangladesh. Here they were welcomed and have been hosted ever since in a district called Cox's Bazar – a place that in a few weeks turned into the world's largest refugee camp. The refugees had no other option than to cut down the trees for space, shelter construction and firewood - and the land turned barren.

The lonely tree in Camp #10 was one of the few trees in the 34 camps that survived.

Now, the camps are getting greener day by day as the refugees are getting help from DRC and other NGOs to cope, and while they are waiting to be able to return home. This tree has become a local trademark and is famous and treasured by all in the world's largest refugee camp.

And the hill behind the tree - that is Myanmar. Home.