

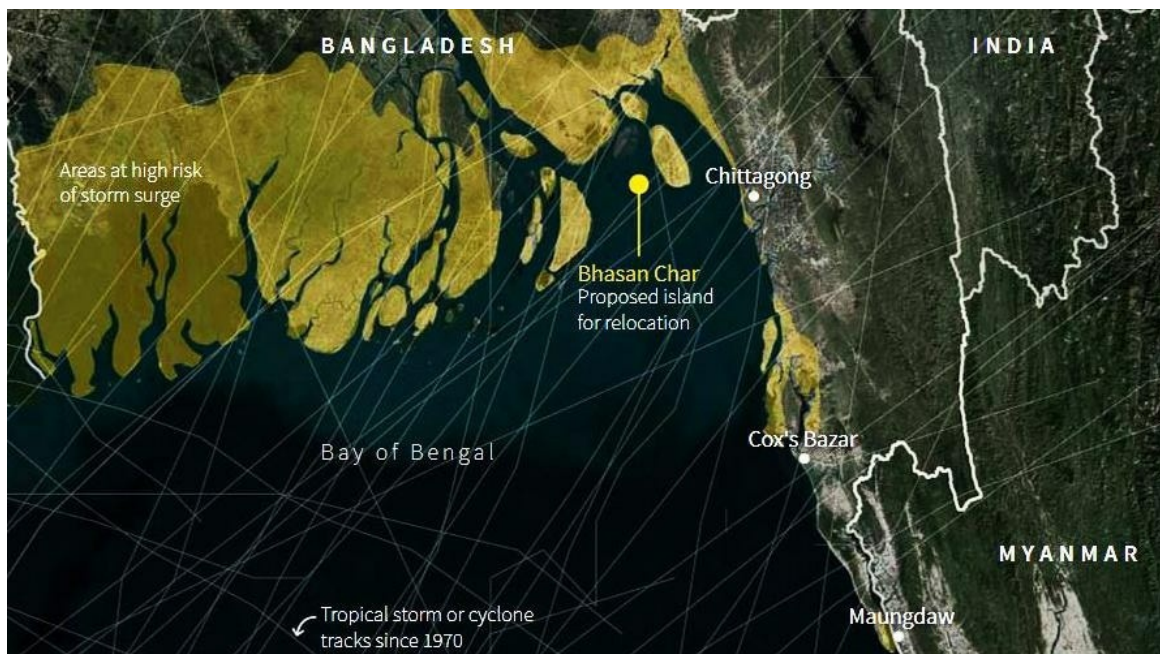


Bhashan Char Island

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The Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh camps have agreed to move to Bhashan Char Island in the Bay of Bengal.

The island is also known as **Thengar Char Island**.



- Bhashan Char island was formed about **two decades ago** on the **mouth of river Meghna**.
The **uninhabited** island is located around **30 kilometres east of Hatiya island in South-East Bangladesh**.
- Bangladesh wanted to move 100,000 **Rohingya refugees** to the muddy silt island to take the pressure off the overcrowded border camps.
- The Bhashan Char falls in an **ecologically fragile area prone to floods, erosion and cyclone**.

Though the Bangladesh government has built a three-metre-high embankment along its perimeter to keep out tidal surges during cyclones.

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