LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO RFL BENEFICIARIES: A BETTER LIFE AHEAD

BDRCS, NHQ: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) provided livelihood support in the forms of three-wheeled light vehicle to two beneficiaries - who were repatriated from Malaysia and later reunited with their families upon their return. Supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and facilitated jointly by the Restoring Family Links (RFL) and Community Development (CD) departments of BDRCS, both beneficiaries received income-generating assistance so they can be able to sustain a dignified living.

The ICRC detention team found Nayan*, a 15-year-old unaccompanied minor from Dhaka when they were on a visit to one of the immigration detention centers (IDCs). Nayan finally saw a ray of hope as he was able to inform his family in Bangladesh about his whereabouts using Restoring Family Links network. ICRC facilitated his repatriation to Bangladesh to be reunited with his family.

It has been almost 10 months that he had returned to Bangladesh, but yet, could not forget the trauma he had gone through. His father is a poor man, managing his family by pedaling a light three-wheeled vehicle, popularly known as Rickshaw; and it was hard for him to afford medical treatment for his elder son.

BDRCS-ICRC teams jointly carried out an assessment, and have come to a decision to support the young boy and his family so he can seek and afford better medical treatment to live a dignified life. Two Rickshaws were given to Nayan’s father, to be able to manage the family as well as his son’s medical expenses.

Similar support was also provided to another RFL beneficiary, an 18-year-old Reza*. He was finally able to contribute to his family needs through the donation of a battery run three wheeler, commonly known as Tomtom. In a touristic destination like Cox’s Bazar, this assistance will help Reza* earn a decent earning to enjoy a better life.

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Caption: Nayan’s father at the garage with the newly received Rickshwas, waiting to bring a better life for their family.
Captions: Young Reza received a Tomtom, a battery-run three-wheeler light vehicle which will help him to generate income for his family.