



## **Bangladesh - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on Monday 13 February 2012**

### **Information on freedom of movement**

A report issued in April 2011 by the *United States Department of State* reviewing events of the preceding year, notes:

“The law provides for freedom of movement within the country, foreign travel, emigration, and repatriation, and the government generally respected these rights in practice except in the cases of some opposition political figures” (United States Department of State (8 April 2011) *2010 Human Rights Report: Bangladesh*, Section 2d Freedom of Movement, Internally Displaced Persons, Protection of Refugees, and Stateless Persons).

Research carried out by the *Refugee Review Tribunal of Australia* in May 2007 states:

“There are no official impediments for a person moving from a rural to rural area” (Refugee Review Tribunal of Australia (11 May 2007) 1. *Is relocation to Dhaka an option for people who fear harassment or violence in their local community? What social or other impediments might there be to relocating from rural to urban areas?* 2. *Is relocating from one rural area to another rural area an option? What social or other impediments might there be to such a move?* 3. *Under the current emergency situation, have there been restrictions or otherwise on freedom of movement within Bangladesh? Is this likely to change in the near future?*).

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any

particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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