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Biharis demand Pakistan repatriation

Leaders of tens of thousands of mainly Urdu-speaking people in Bangladesh, have renewed their call to hold talks with the Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, when he visits Dhaka on Monday.

The group, known as Biharis, are calling on the Bangladeshi and Pakistani authorities to allow their repatriation to Pakistan.

Bangladeshi and Pakistani officials have said the status of the Biharis will be discussed between Mr Musharraf and his host, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

Some 300,000 Biharis have been demanding the right to return to Pakistan, following the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

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