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# Stranded Pakistani seek repatriation from Bangladesh

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Dhaka, Aug 12 (ANI): Pakistanis stranded in Bangladesh for more than three decades have urged the international community to pressurise Bangladesh and Pakistan for their immediate repatriation.

They made the appeal on the conclusion of a three-day annual conference of the Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) headed by Nasim Khan in Dhaka.

In an appeal to the United Nations, OIC and the political

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parties of Bangladesh and Pakistan, the conference called for a tripartite meeting with the government representatives of Bangladesh and Pakistan by December 30 this year.

"After the deadline SPGRC would have no other option but to initiate strong movement and agitation for repatriation of the stranded people," Nasim Khan said.

Some 2.5 million Pakistanis, who opted for going back to Pakistan after Bangladesh became independent in a war in 1971, are now languishing in 66 camps in 13 districts across Bangladesh.

The SPGRC in a resolution demanded halting of eviction and demolition of camps of stranded Pakistanis in Bogra, Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore and other places and maintain status quo as the Bangladesh government has decided to demolish some of the camps. It also urged the Bangladesh government to ensure water and electricity to those camps. Earlier, the Urdu language people demonstrated in Dhaka and held responsible both the governments in Bangladesh and Pakistan for not resolving the decades-long problem. (ANI)