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Dhaka, Bangladesh – Many Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh have condemned the military coup in Myanmar. However, others say they do not "feel sorry" that Aung San Suu Kyi has been removed from power.

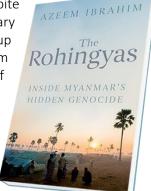
Speaking to Al Jazeera at the Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar

district, Rohingya community leader Mohammad Yunus Arman said the Myanmar military had killed their families in Rakhine state while Aung San Suu Kyi was in power.

"She remained silent about it. She didn't even utter the word 'Rohingya'. Once we used to pray for her success and used to treat her like our queen. But after 2017, we realised her real character," he said.

International relations experts say the coup in Myanmar has removed the "facade of democracy" in the country, and that the probability of repatriating the Rohingya has further diminished. "You can't have a real democracy when 25 percent seats are automatically allocated to the military, which also controls four of the major

ministries. So despite elections, the military never really gave up power," Azeem Ibrahim, author of the book, *The Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar's Hidden Genocide*, has said.



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