

## FIELD HOSPITAL

# Malaysian Field Hospital in Cox's Bazar to Continue Operating Till December 2021



**MFH staff helped with the delivery of two newborn babies at the hospital. – facebook..com**



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The Cabinet plans to continue operating the Malaysian Field Hospital (MFH) in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh until December 2021, an extension of another two years.

Malaysian Deputy Defence Minister Senator Liew Chin Tong said although the size of operation remains at 50 beds, starting next year, the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) would work with the Ministry of Health and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in getting the services of medical practitioners.

“Our hospitals and the ATM health division are experiencing shortage of doctors, so we need help from the Ministry of Health to enable us to continue with our operations,” he said in Parliament in Kuala Lumpur.

The Malaysian Field Hospital situated in a refugee camp in Ukhia, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh was established in Dec 2017 to meet healthcare needs of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya ethnic refugees fleeing southeast Bangladesh following conflict in western Myanmar.

Earlier, the government had planned to operate the hospital until December this year (2019).

Liew said the hospital at Cox's Bazar had served as a training ground for the Armed Forces in improving on its preparedness for humanitarian and health assistance.

“The Malaysian field hospital not only provides medical and health assistance to Rohingya refugees but also provides services to the locals“ he said adding that to date 81,698 cases have been treated there. — **Bernama (Malaysian National News Agency), Kuala Lumpur, November 18, 2019**