



WHEN I GROW UP

A colouring book made from
illustrations by Rohingya children



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If you love colouring books, then this cannot be more special. This exciting colouring book contains a curation of drawings by children who wish to become the characters they have sketched.

They need education to grow up and follow their dreams. That unfortunately is not in their means in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh, where they are growing up.

These children belong to the Rohingya community, an ethnic group in Myanmar, who have been forced to leave the country not because of what they did but because of who they are. Nearly one million Rohingya people have sought refuge in Bangladesh. Almost half of them are children below 18.

They have lost their family members, left the homes and friends they loved most, and moved to a new place to have a second chance at life. They wish to wear new clothes, go to schools, play with friends and be better human beings.



You can help them chase their dreams.

Sign the petition at the end of this colouring book and send to the Embassy or High Commission of Bangladesh in your country. If you are in Bangladesh, send this to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh.

You can also email the copy of the petition to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh by clicking on the button below.

If you are able to take the action, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Share with us your feedback at Bangladesh@amnesty.org

Enjoy colouring lives!

These works of art were produced by Rohingya children during an art camp organized by Amnesty International in partnership with UNICEF in the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh in June 2019.



Anamul's original illustration



“

I want to cure patients. A lot of people in my country died of illness. I don't want this to happen again.

”

Anamul Hakim
15 Years old





⤴ Ayatullah's original illustration



“

I wish to be a weatherman.

Ayatullah lost his parents and siblings to a storm as they drowned in the river. He misses them dearly. He wants to help others so that no one loses their family members like him.

”

Ayatullah
13 Years old





⤴ Bristy's original illustration

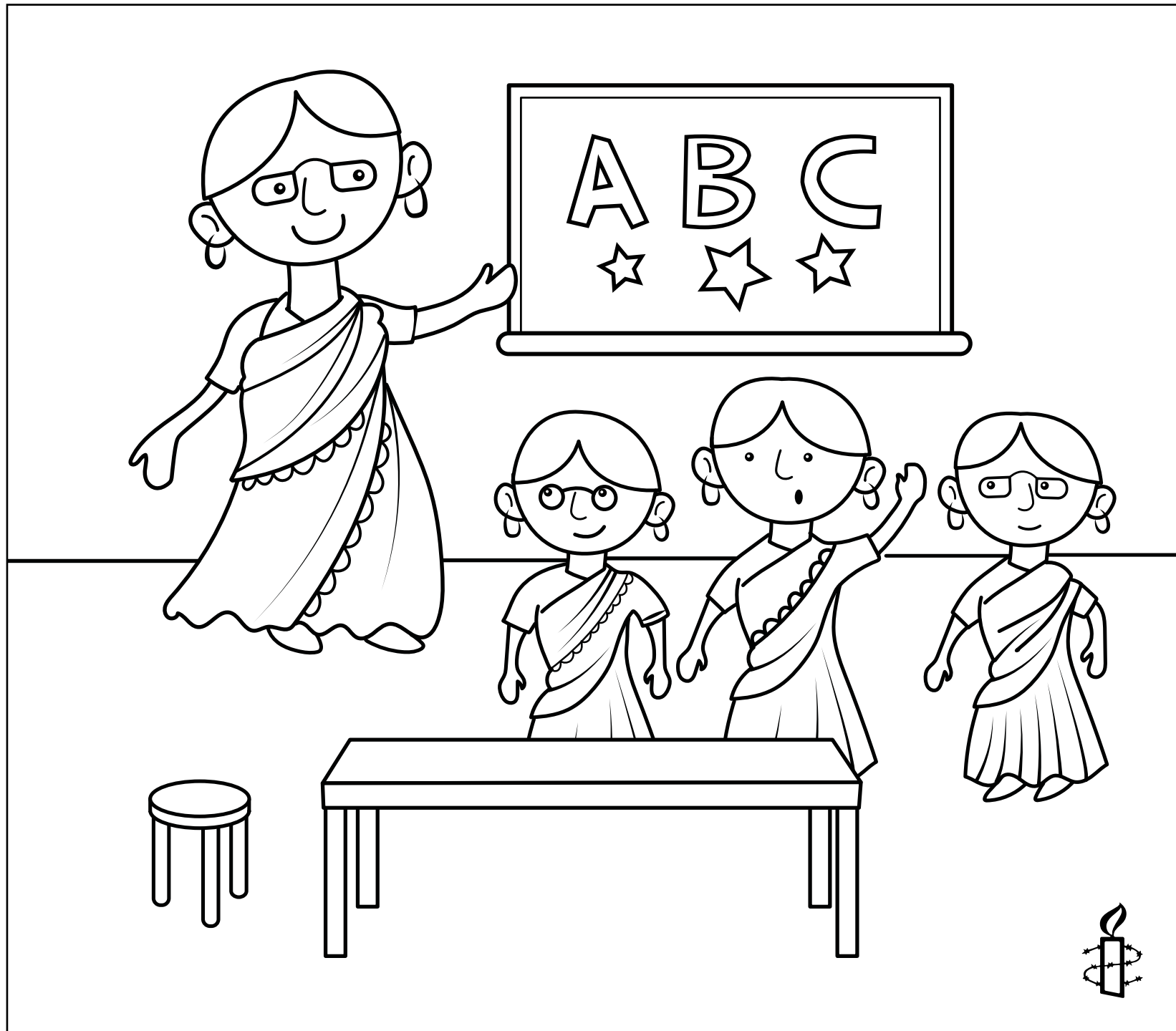


“

I want to become a teacher and so I sketched her. I have sketched children who I will teach and a blackboard where I will give them lessons.

”

Bristy
12 Years old





Enayet Ullah's original illustration

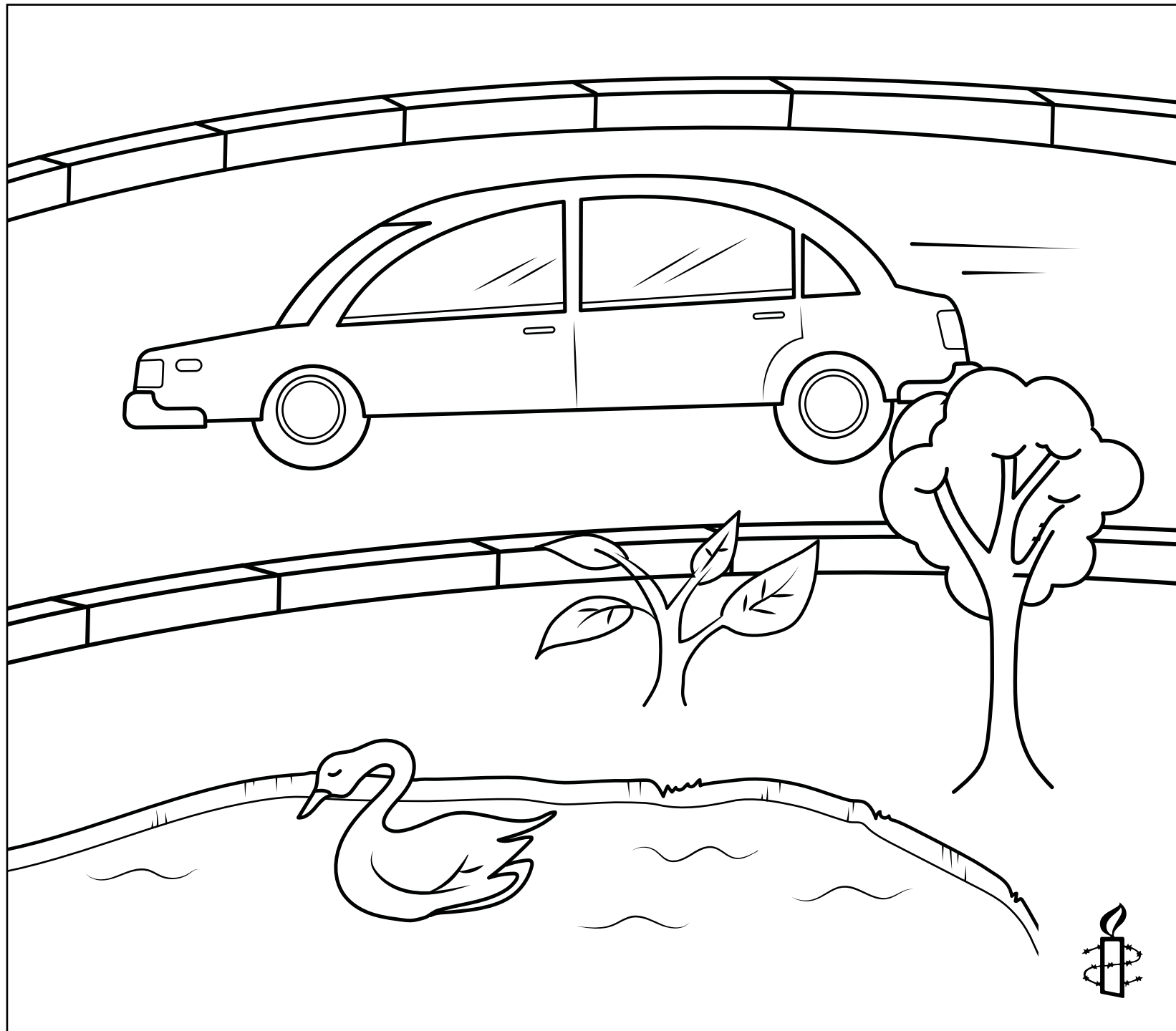


“

It took me four days to come to Bangladesh from Burma. I now stay at Lambasia in Kutupalong camp. I drew a car. When I grow up I will become a driver.

”

Enayet Ullah
10 Years old





Mohabur Rahman's original illustration



“
I will be an
engineer so that
I can rebuild
broken houses.
”

Mohabur Rahman
9 Years old





⤴ Mohammad Anas's original illustration

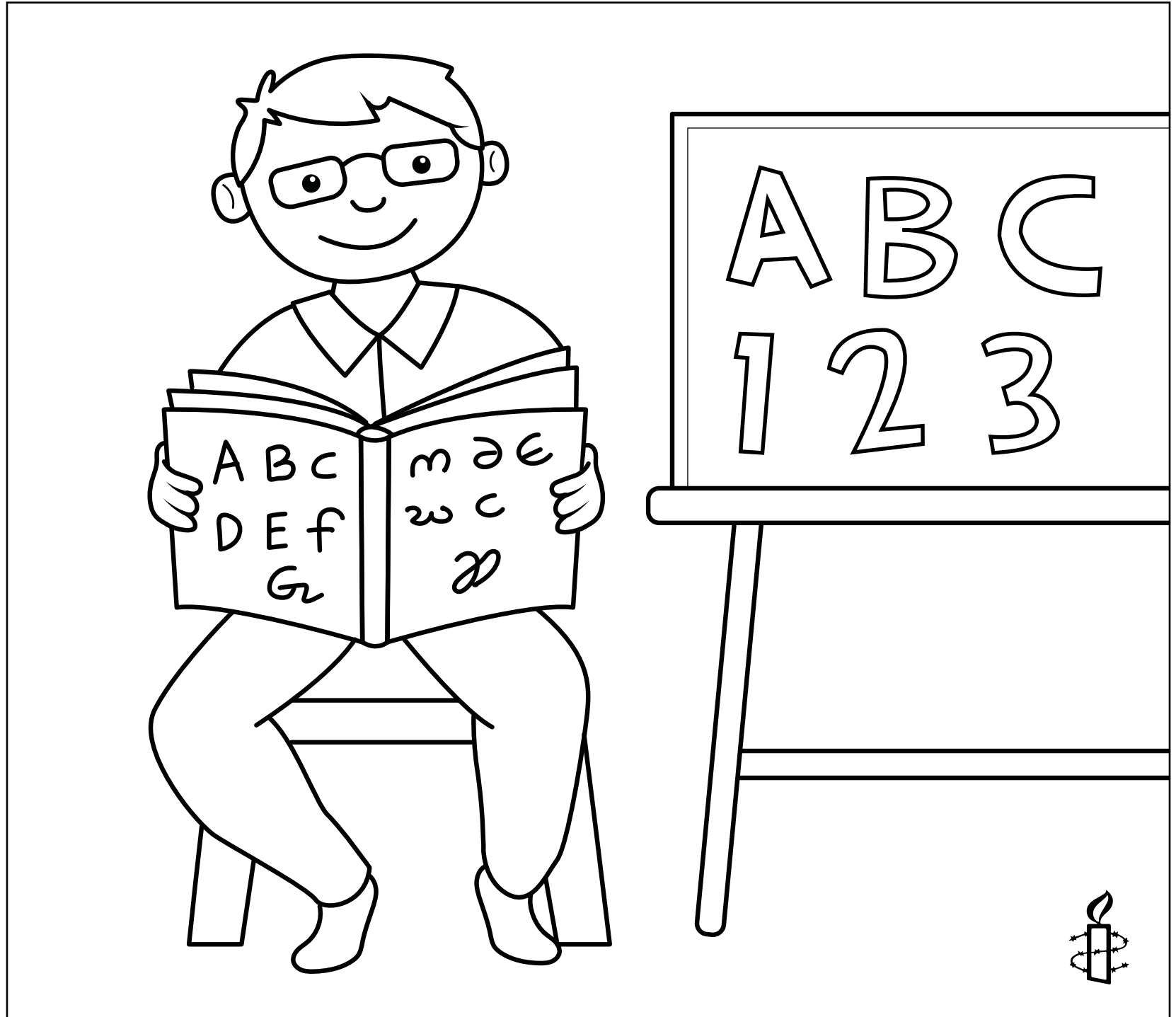


“

I will be a teacher so that I can help Rohingya children become educated.

”

Mohammad Anas
12 Years old





👁️ Rokiya's original illustration



“

Doctors wear stethoscope and white apron. I saw them in hospital. I like doctors because they cure patients.

”

Rokiya
8 Years old





Nur Kolima's original illustration



“

I will become a tailor so that people in my community can wear different clothes. Since we are in a new land, we do not have access to new designs of clothes. I will make them and give to my people.

”

Nur Kolima
7 Years old



Sabuku Nahar's original illustration

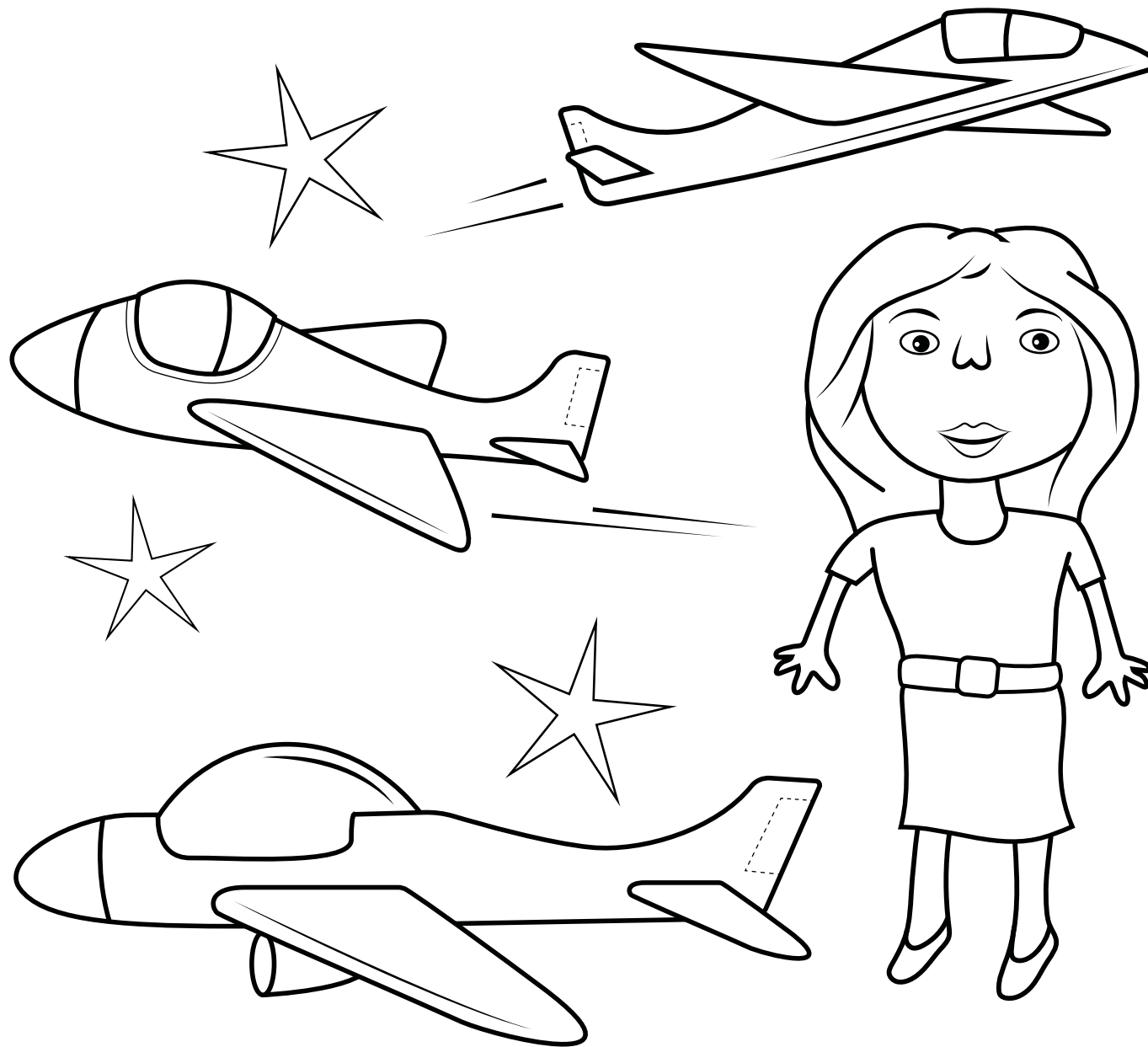


“

I will fly a plane and travel abroad. I will go to Malaysia and Burma. My uncle lives in Malaysia and Burma is my home.

”

Sabuku Nahar
XX Years old





Kamal Hossin's original illustration



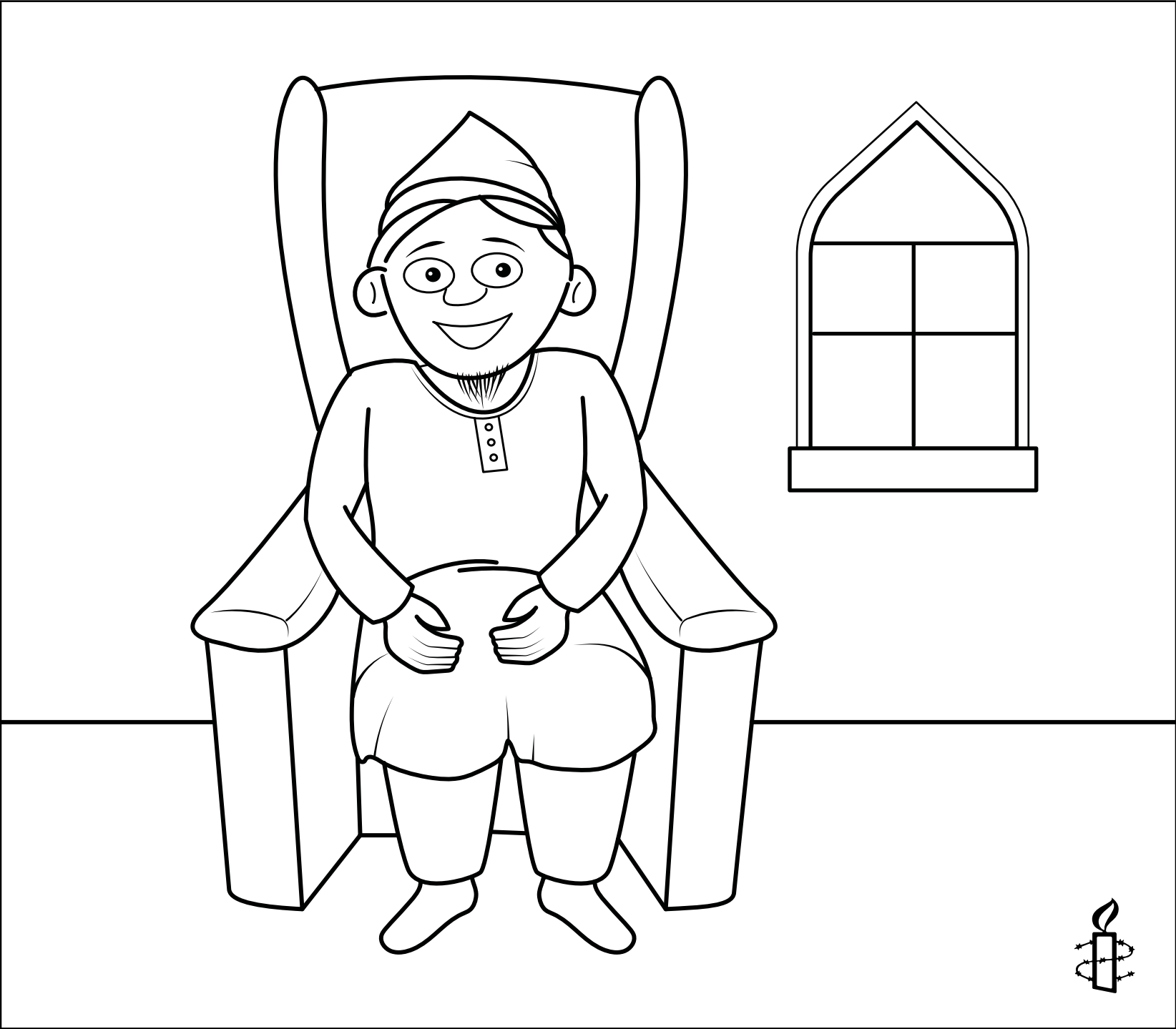
“
I want
to be a
postman.
”

Kamal Hossin
12 Years old





⏪ Md Humayun's original illustration



“

**I will become
chairman of Burma.
A chairman sits on
a chair and delivers
judgement.**

”

Md Humayun
8 Years old





⤴ Mohammed Aziz's original illustration



“

I want to be a pilot so that I can take people to travel around the world. I hope I will travel around the world too one day if I become a pilot.

”

Mohammed Aziz
11 Years old





Rejoana's original illustration



“
I will become a
policewoman so
that there is no
injustice in the
society. I will need
to study for that.
”

Rejoana
11 Years old





Yeasir Arfat's original illustration



“
**My plane is going
to Malaysia.**

**My father lives
there. I live here
with my mother.**

Yeasir Arfat
10 Years old

”





👁️ Mohammad Hojifa's original illustration



“

Doctor treats people so that they can be cured. I went to a doctor when I had stomach trouble. I would like to become a doctor.

”

Mohammad Hojifa
9 Years old



Your Excellency,

I write to seek your commitment to ensure that the human rights of Rohingya refugees, who have fled horrific crimes in Myanmar and sought refuge in Bangladesh, are protected until they feel safe to return to their homes.

Nearly one million Rohingya refugees are living in threadbare camps in Bangladesh, after they fled their homes in Myanmar due to the military's crimes against humanity - which are currently the subject of a case under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide at the International Court of Justice.

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For decades, the Rohingyas in Myanmar have been denied their rights to nationality, freedom of movement and access to services including education, employment and healthcare. By promoting and protecting their human rights and dignity, the Bangladeshi government and the international community can empower the Rohingya community to speak for themselves. That can only happen when they are given a voice in the decisions that affect them.

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