

**Question for written answer E-002115/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Fire in Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh)

On 22 March 2021, the Commission approved EUR 500 000 in emergency aid to deal with the aftermath of the large-scale fire in the refugee camps at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.¹

One report² states that this is not the first fire this year. The cause of the fire has not yet been established, but the possibility that it was self-inflicted has not been excluded.³

1. Has the Commission seen reports which verify the cause of the fire?
2. In the event of further fires, is the Commission planning to provide more financial assistance to Bangladesh?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_1421

² <https://www.br.de/nachrichten/deutschland-welt/erneut-feuer-in-rohingya-fluechtlingslager-in-bangladesch,SMQzhT4>

³ <https://www.vaticannews.va/de/vatikan/news/2021-03/bangladesch-fluechtlinge-rohingya-brand-coxs-bazar-malteser.html>