

Appeal of Bangladesh Peace Council

in connection with

violation of human rights and “ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya minorities in Myanmar

The mass atrocities on the Rohingya minorities has assumed a scale that no one can sit idle on it. The violence being perpetrated by the Burmese army - what many have called ‘ethnic cleansing’ and others ‘a slow genocide’ has recently been accelerated. Of late, the horror pictures of the atrocities unfolded by the media has shocked the world consentience. Houses of the poor villagers have been set on fire indiscriminately; hundreds (more than 1000 estimated by UN officials) have been killed and thousands have been forced to leave their home and take shelter in Bangladesh as refugee. The United Nations estimated the number of refugees who have crossed to Bangladesh had reached about 270,000. According to UN estimates, up to 300,000 Rohingya could be displaced into Bangladesh due to so called “clearance operations” by the Tatmadaw, Myanmar’s armed forces. The huge refugee influx into Bangladesh has put sky-high pressure on the social and economic situation of Bangladesh. The situation is so alarming that the world needs to step up its response urgently.

We urge upon all the peace forces of the world and the forces defending the rights of ethnic minorities in the world, justice and human rights to –

- a. stand against ‘ethnic cleansing’ and extreme violation of human rights in Myanmar;
- b. call on Aung San Suu Kyi – who is being respected world over for her courage to stand for democracy and human rights of her people - to end the military-led operations ethnic minorities in Myanmar’s Rahkine region”;
- c. allow the refugees to come back to their homes in Myanmar and help in their rehabilitation.

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