

## CCNF Statement on the 6th Year of Rohingya Influx



# We Demand Justice and Accountability for Ethnic Genocide in Myanmar We Strongly Condemn Double Standard of the Global Communities on Rohingya Crisis

**Dhaka - August 24, 2023:** On 25<sup>th</sup> August in 2017, around 1 million Rohingya refugees sought refuge in Bangladesh, escaping the brutal genocide and persecution inflicted upon them by the Myanmar army. However, despite the passage of six years, a sustainable resolution to this crisis still appears distant. Bangladesh displayed a compassionate approach by opening its borders to provide sanctuary for the oppressed Rohingya community. While Bangladesh had no initial role in sparking this crisis, the responsibility for its resolution now rests upon the nation's shoulders.

Nevertheless, it is crucial to emphasize that the burden of addressing the Rohingya crisis should have been shared by international organizations, foremost among them the United Nations. Regrettably, the UN's ability to effectively address the Rohingya crisis has been severely compromised due to the negative influence of certain member states. This failure underscores a glaring lapse in the UN's designated role. It is disheartening to observe that both global organizations and citizens worldwide are falling short of their responsibilities. In many instances, a distressing double standard prevails within various countries and organizations, casting a shadow on their credibility.

We vehemently denounce the contradictory positions taken by multiple countries and organizations in relation to the Rohingya crisis. Our conviction remains steadfast: Myanmar's military junta is orchestrating a systematic and extensive campaign of ethnic genocide against the Rohingya populace in Rakhine. We advocate for the strictest penalties to be imposed upon those implicated in this reprehensible massacre.

## Exposing Global Injustice: Ethnic Genocide Ignored – Beyond Grammar Book, a Cry for Action!

The plight of the Rohingya people, subjected to heinous atrocities by the Myanmar army, remains an appalling reminder of the global community's failure to intervene effectively. Despite incontrovertible evidence of ethnic genocide and brutalities, the United Nations and several nations have faltered in their responsibility to halt these crimes. The continued lack of decisive action underscores a distressing hypocrisy that cannot be ignored.

## Challenging Hypocrisy: Western Countries and Human Rights Organizations, Unite for Rohingya Justice! It is already late!!

We call upon Western nations and human rights organizations to align their rhetoric with actions. Their role in advocating for refugee rights is crucial, yet their stance on the Rohingya crisis raises questions about their true commitment to justice. Taking strong and clear actions against the ongoing genocide is a moral imperative that must be upheld.

The blatant failure of global systems is glaringly evident in this context. Despite the United Nations and countries advocating fervently for global peace and security, their inability to take effective action concerning the Rohingya crisis stands as an undeniable testament to this systemic breakdown. The Myanmar army's actions have gone unchecked, with no meaningful consequences. The UN's repeated failures to address this matter accentuate the gravity of this situation. This scenario reveals a striking hypocrisy that cannot be overlooked.



Moreover, the double standards are painfully apparent. Some Western nations, known for their vocal support of refugee rights, have fallen short in shouldering their responsibilities towards the Rohingya refugees. Their internal policies and treatment of refugees reflect an unacceptable disregard for human dignity. While these nations and purported human rights organizations vocally champion the rights and living conditions of Rohingya refugees residing in camps in Bangladesh, their silence on the atrocities and genocide perpetrated by the Myanmar army is both striking and ironic.

#### Bridging the Funding Gap: Lack of Funding Leaves Rohingya Refugees Vulnerable

Presently, the vulnerability of Rohingya refugees is amplified as the 2023 Appeal, seeking USD 876 million, is only 24.6% funded as of June 1. This dire situation has led to the reduction of crucial programs and activities. Earlier this year, refugees received a ration from the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) amounting to USD 12 per person per month, just enough to sustain their basic needs. However, owing to insufficient funding, this ration was lowered to USD 10 on March 1. Disturbingly, starting June, the ration will diminish further to a mere USD 8 per person.

It is crucial to highlight that the Rohingya crisis has prompted UN agencies and Bangladesh to seek and gather funds through the Joint Response Plan (JRP). While the 2022 JRP emphasized fostering good relations between Rohingya refugees and locals, regrettably, this priority had to be dropped from this year's JRP. The stark reality is that in 2022, only 62% of the support was provided against the JRP demand, marking the lowest contribution in comparison to previous years – 73% in 2017, 72% in 2018, 75% in 2019, 65% in 2020, and 72% in 2021.

### Guiding Global Compassion: Our Plea to the International Community for Rohingya Relief!

- Immediate Action to End Impunity: The global community, particularly Western nations, must exert relentless pressure on the Myanmar military junta to dismantle the culture of impunity. This includes demanding justice and accountability for the grave crimes committed against the Rohingya population
- A Unified Global Response: The urgency of the situation demands a unified approach from
  the international community. Western countries, renowned for championing human rights,
  must demonstrate their commitment by collectively prioritizing the Rohingya crisis and
  implementing effective measures to end their suffering.
- **Urgent Funding and Support Amid Decreasing Resources:** Donor nations must fulfill their financial commitments to support Rohingya refugees and host communities. The concerning funding situation, where only 24.6% of the 2023 Appeal seeking USD 876 million has been secured as of June 1, underscores the critical need for swift action.
- **Diplomatic Pressure for Safe Repatriation:** Western governments should employ diplomatic strategies to ensure the dignified repatriation of Rohingya refugees. Addressing the root causes of the crisis, such as discrimination and citizenship rights, is pivotal.
- **Ending Complicity:** Countries indirectly or directly supporting the Myanmar government must be held accountable for enabling ongoing atrocities. Trade and financial relationships perpetuating human rights abuses must be reevaluated and recalibrated.

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