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220 British Muslim community leaders call for Burma to be referred to ICC

More than 220 British Muslim community leaders have written to Prime Minister Theresa May calling on her to support referring Burma to the International Criminal Court. The letter was organised by Justice4Rohingya, which works for justice and accountability for international crimes against the Rohingya and other ethnic and religious minorities in Burma.

This week the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar issued its full report, detailing appalling crimes committed against the Rohingya by the Burmese military, and further crimes they committed in Kachin and Shan States. They concluded they constitute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

"We cannot allow the Burmese military to get away with this slaughter", said Dr Sheikh Ramzy. "There must be justice and the British government must now support referring Burma to the International Criminal Court where those responsible can be investigated, put on trial and jailed."

The letter states: "As the lead country on Myanmar at the United Nations Security Council, it is up to the British government to support a referral and work to build a consensus so that a referral can be made. Every effort must be made on and off the UN Security Council to build support for a referral."

It continues: "There is no greater international crime than genocide. This is a matter that requires your personal engagement and leadership in order to build the required support to hold those responsible to account."

Last week 160 British Parliamentarian also wrote to the Prime Minister calling on her to support an ICC referral.

"We must not rest until there is justice, so this can never happen again", said Dr Sheikh Ramzy. "This letter demonstrates the strength of feeling from the British Muslim community that Britain must take the lead, using every tool available, to bring Burma's generals to justice."

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Rt Hon Theresa May MP

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## Dear Prime Minister

We undersigned are faith and community leaders of British Muslims across the UK deeply concerned about the plight of the Rohingya Muslims who are in and have fled from Myanmar, to ask you to support in full the recommendations of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar.

The report of the United Nation Fact Finding Mission has identified many crimes committed in Rakhine State, Myanmar, against the Muslim community including massacres, gang rapes, slavery, murder, torture. They have concluded that the crimes constitute genocide and crimes against humanity under international law.

These crimes cannot be allowed to go unpunished. Further, allowing continued impunity only encourages further human rights violations against the Rohingya and other ethnic and religious minorities in Myanmar.

The Fact Finding Mission has made specific recommendations for action required by the international community, including a referral of the situation to the International Criminal Court.

As the lead country on Myanmar at the United Nations Security Council, it is up to the British government to support a referral and work to build a consensus so that a referral can be made. Every effort must be made on and off the UN Security Council to build support for a referral.

There is no greater international crime than genocide. This is a matter that requires your personal engagement and leadership in order to build the required support to hold those responsible to account.

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