

## JUSTICE 4 ROHINGYA UK

## SERVING HUMANITY JUSTICE & PEACE

Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Dear Hon Dominic Raab MP

I am writing to you to ask that the British government support the case of genocide brought against Burma at the International Court of Justice.

The report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar has concluded that Burma's military should be put on trial at the International Criminal Court for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It has further described what is taking place as an ongoing genocide.

Your government has failed to accept either the findings or the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Mission. As penholder on Burma at the United Nations Security Council, you have failed to officially and publicly support the recommendation that Burma be referred to the International Criminal Court.

While we accept the current challenges in persuading the UN Security Council to make a referral, it was nevertheless important that the effort be made, as has been done repeatedly over Syria for example.

Arguing that domestic investigations in Burma should be supported is not a credible position. Your government knows as well as anybody that such investigations cannot be credible both because of the 2008 Constitution, and the position of both the civilian government and the military towards the Rohingya.

Nor is it enough to say that the current investigation into the crimes of deportation and associated crimes against humanity at the International Criminal Court means further action is not necessary. This investigation does not cover the crime of genocide.

Britain once proudly led the world in promoting human rights and democracy in Burma. Now the 57 members of the Organisations for Islamic Co-operation, and Canada and The Netherlands, stand in front of you.

Promoting human rights and ensuring justice regarding genocide in Burma did not even feature in your recent publication of priorities with ASEAN.

China and Russia have no veto over whether your government supports the current case at the International Court of Justice. This is a question as to whether you will take a stand against one of the most serious crimes in the world happening on your watch, or look the other way.

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## **SERVING HUMANITY JUSTICE & PEACE**

We urge you to reconsider your current position and return to a policy of proudly standing on principle and doing the right thing with regards to the promotion of human rights in Burma.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Justice 4 Rohingya UK.

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