

Burma Task Force Applauds UN Human Rights Council's Decision on Myanmar

The United Nations Human Rights Council has officially established a mechanism for systematically gathering and archiving evidence for the future prosecution of Burmese war criminals. The UNHCR's resolution represents a major step toward accountability and justice for the Rohingya, and provides an important step towards a real resolution of the crisis.

"We welcome the UN Human Rights Council's responsible decision to create an official Mechanism for collecting evidence to be used in future criminal trials," said Abdul Malik Mujahid, Chair of Burma Task Force.

"This is a major positive step and sends a strong message. Now we must utilize our momentum and press onward with even bolder steps," he continued. "First, the world should take the lead in pressuring the UN Security Council and its allies in the international community to prosecute Myanmar's war criminals at the International Criminal Court, or at least in a legitimate International Tribunal. Second, the U.S. and the international community must make every effort and utilize every option to force accountability and justice for the Rohingya, including full sanctions on Burma since targeted sanctions are not working. It is critical for a safe, voluntary, and dignified return of refugees to their ancestral land in Burma with security and citizenship."

Burma Task Force is committed to resolving the Myanmar crisis with justice, security, and respect for the Rohingya. It will continue to work with allies in the U.S. Government, the United Nations, and around the world to pressure the Myanmar regime into a just settlement of the issue.

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