

World Rohingya Day August 19th & 3 Month Action

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The life is worsening for the Muslims of Burma:

- Aung San Suu Kyi, officially rejected using the name “Rohingya” for the persecuted Muslim minority and called on foreign governments to follow suit; in effect, Suu Kyi caved to the demands of Burma’s rising, violent Islamophobic Buddhist nationalist movement.
- Sadly, a representative of the European Union was all too happy to accede to Suu Kyi’s anti-Rohingya request.
- During this past month new attacks were perpetrated not just against the Rohingya but also ethnic Bamar and Chinese Muslims whose villages were attacked and mosques destroyed.

Call to Action

We are requesting that all Rohingya supporters and friends around the world prepare for the upcoming World Rohingya Day!

World Rohingya Day, August 19 is also World Humanitarian Day. World Rohingya Day is being held on the same day because media attention is focused on other humanitarian issues: the vast movement of migrants into Europe, Brexit, the continuing civil war in Syria, etc. The worsening plight of the Rohingya has fallen off the radar.

What You can do

- Organize a rally in your city or town and invite everyone. The plight of the Rohingya is an issue all humans should be aware of and support. It is not a Muslim only issue.
- Contact us if you want to participate in World Rohingya Day and we will provide resources to help you put together an event to raise awareness for the persecuted Rohingya.

Summary Action Plan August 2016-October 2016:

August Focus

Insist on the use of Rohingya name, identity and citizenship

- Target 20 countries: See Appendix 1

- Contact their ambassadors, set up meetings to share memo #1 (see appendix 2) which argues that the world keep using the name Rohingya and articulates with references that Aung Suu Kyi's first 100 days have been harmful for Rohingyas
- Submit the memo #1 to countries leaders
- Ask human rights organizations to issue statements of their own
- Organize 1st World Rohingya Day: August 19, 2016
 - Press conferences
 - Demonstrations/rallies including banners, tee-shirts, photography, speakers & entertainment in cities around the U.S. and the world

September Focus

Demand better treatment of Rohingya refugees around the world.

- Custom Pressure on 20 countries
 - Small demonstration at selected embassies. BTF will give memo #3 customized to each country asking for educational and job opportunities if in ASEAN or to take more refugees if in the West.
 - Letter writing campaign
 - Follow up of asking a formal response for September memo
- Interfaith Rohingya Conference organized in each city with invitations to other indigenous people to assert that Rohingyas are indigenous people living in their ancestral lands in Burma.

October Focus

Demand increase of Calories to those in Burmese IDP camps

- Pressure on 20 countries
 - Small press conferences at selected embassies & give memo #2 asking Burmese government & the UN to increase the calories provided to those in Burma's concentration camps which are just above the Nazi camp level.
 - Letter writing campaign
 - Follow up of asking a formal response for August memo
- Food Can Left in Front of Burmese Embassies: Food Drive with food labelled "to be given to Rohingya" in front of Burmese Embassies: Sept 15
- There will be several Social Media campaigns targeting leaders of important countries

Background

The Rohingya Muslims, an indigenous minority have faced discrimination in their homeland for over 60 years; the past several decades have seen an escalated level of persecution. Eight Nobel Prize laureates, Yale, the London School of Economics and Queen Mary Universities' Law Schools have termed the treatment of the Rohingya a "genocide."

State-led genocide has resulted in massive internal displacement, the creation of concentration camps and thousands of Rohingya fleeing by land and sea, often at the mercy of violent, criminal human traffickers. The Rohingya seek refuge in local nations where they have little rights and still face abuse as a vulnerable minority.

What can **we** do for the Rohingya Muslim population?

Burma Task Force creates domestic and international pressure to improve the treatment of Rohingya by the Burmese government. To date, with **your** help, our efforts **have** made a difference in stopping attacks and pressuring the government.

We need your continued support for Burma Task Force. Will you help us be a voice for the persecuted? Together we can be a voice for the Rohingya.

Thank you for your support and effort. May God reward you.

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