

Ambassador Marciel Visit affected Rohingya in Burma

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BBC journalist Jonah Fisher interviews MP Aung Win, Chairman of the Rakhine Investigation Committee. Fisher asks Win about the reports of rapes of Rohingya women, this is how he answered.

Aung Win: [laughter] "They are very dirty. [laughter] They are dirty."

Jonah Fisher: What do you mean by that?

Aung Win: "The Bengali or Rohingya women have a very low standard of living and poor hygiene. They are not attractive. So neither the local Buddhist men or the soldiers are interested in them."

This is rape culture: the victims are dehumanized and their pain and suffering is dismissed because they are viewed as inferior.

Rape is one of weapons used to advance genocide, and these horrible crimes are happening as we speak! That is why we are urgently calling on the US Ambassador Scot Marciel and the Canadian Ambassador Mark McDowell to visit Northern Rakhine, as such visits in the past have proven to halt attacks against Rohingya.

Take Action

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Canada:

- Mark McDowell, Canadian Ambassador to Burma. 95-1-384-805, Twitter: [@CanadaBurma](#), Facebook: [click here](#).

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Ask

- The attacks against Rohingya must cease. End the arbitrary arrests, curfews, and executions.
- Full relief aid should be resumed to the 80,000 suffering Rohingya who have seen it blocked.
- The ambassador, like representatives from other nations should visit Northern Rakhine state immediately. Such visits in the past have shown to calm tensions and prevent the escalation of violence.

Talking Points

- The Rohingya are an indigenous people living in their ancestral lands.
- The Rohingya are one of the most persecuted people on the planet and as stateless people must have their citizenship rights fully recognized and restored.