



Burma Alert

New Burma Leaders Follow Old Line about Muslim Citizenship

Asalamu Alaikum:

Despite all the hopes, the new Burmese government is following the same old hateful genocidal lines.

The new Burmese minister of religion, Aung Ko (former member of the military regime), has described Muslims with the fictitious category of “associate citizens,” implying they are not “full citizens” with the same rights as their Buddhist neighbors.

While the Rohingya Muslims have been completely stripped of their citizenship for decades, this is the first time that there is talk of making even the non-Rohingya Muslims non-citizens.

Muslims make up nearly 6 million in Burma and voted en masse for the NLD although Rohingyas were not allowed to vote. Now that support has been thrown back in their face. Instead of the progress they hoped for, where their place as “full citizens,” (already assured by the Burmese constitution) is actualized, they are now being told they aren’t.

Statements such as these are expected from the military-backed regime of Thein Sein but for it to come out of the mouth of the newly appointed religious affairs minister of the democratically-elected NLD is horrifying.

Your urgent action can save the citizenship of non-Rohingya Muslims of Burma.

Action Items:

- Ask the Party leader Aung San Suu Kyi to repudiate the statement and reaffirm the NLD’s commitment to Religious Freedom and Democracy for all Burmese religious and ethnic groups.
- Demand the resignation of Minister of Religion Aung Ko for his inflammatory remark or clarify his statement.

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Talking Points:

- Rohingyas are indigenous people living in their ancestral lands.
- Seven Noble Peace Laureates have declared it a textbook case of genocide.
- There is no country in the world with the funny term “associate” citizenship.
- Burma must restore Rohingya citizenship and preserve the citizenship of non-Rohingya Muslims as the first class citizens.
- All world relief organization must be provided free access to help Rohingya.

Do a Bit More to Stop this Genocide:

- Post it on your Facebook.
- Sign up on the website to receive this alert electronically: www.BurmaMuslims.org

Hashtag: #Rohingya #Genocide #Myanmar



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