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The Burmese military has for years presented Muslims as a terrorist threat to the nation.

Today, they are doing it again: claiming that the long defunct Rohingya Solidarity Organization (RSO), was behind attacks on police outposts that left 9-10 policemen dead. The attacks and statements by Burmese officials blaming Rohingya are feeding into the Islamophobic, anti-Rohingya narratives that dominate the country: **reports indicate that 24 Rohingya have already been killed by police.**

In the past, the government stooped so low as to create a fictional terrorist group to sow fear of Muslims. In 2012, false rumors that Rohingya Muslims raped a Buddhist Rakhine woman led to riots against the Rohingya: hundreds were killed, 150,000 were forced into Internally Displaced Peoples (IDP) camps, and many had their property destroyed or looted. It was later revealed that the rape story was a lie spread by nationalists.

This is the track record of Burmese officials: lies, fear-mongering and sowing distrust among communities to keep them divided.

Action Item: Make Calls to STOP Mob Violence of Rohingya!

Urgent action is required. Contact the US & Canadian Ambassadors to Burma and the Secretary of State and ask them to make sure that we do not see a repeat of the anti-Rohingya mob violence of 2012.

Contact

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- Secretary John Kerry, Department of the Secretary of State. Call: 202-647-9572, Twitter: [@JohnKerry](#), [@StateDept](#), Email: [click here](#).
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- Mark McDowell, Canadian Ambassador to Burma. 95-1-384-805, Twitter: [@CanadaBurma](#), Facebook: [click here](#).

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Talking Points

- The attacks must not be used by Burma as a pretext to continue and enhance its persecution of the Rohingya through arbitrary arrests, curfews, and executions.
- The ambassador should visit Northern Rakhine state. Such visits in the past have shown to calm tensions and prevent the escalation of violence.

Ask

- The Rohingya are an indigenous people living in their ancestral lands.
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- 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.

Background

Rohingya Muslims are an indigenous peoples living in their ancestral lands. Eight Nobel Prize laureates, Yale, the London School of Economics and Queen Mary Universities' Law Schools have termed their treatment a "genocide."

Despite the state-led genocide against them the Rohingya struggle for self-determination has been entirely peaceful. Sadly, the persecution of the Rohingya has resulted in massive internal displacement and led thousands of Rohingya to flee their homes only to end up too often at the mercy of violent, criminal human traffickers.

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.

Can we count on 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 and do something.

Thank you for your support and effort. May Allah (swt) reward you.