



# ➔ ROHINGYA GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE AT UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 25 REPORT / NEWSLETTER

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9:30 - 12:30 (Rohingya Only Session)  
12:30 - 2:30 (Session with Officials and Allies)

Church Center For The United Nations  
777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017



## SUMMARY

*On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Justice for All and the Arakan Rohingya Union’s “Rohingya Genocide Remembrance” event takes place, which includes a Rohingya-only session in the morning and a public session in the afternoon; Independent Diplomats attends and speaks in the latter. In attendance are the Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to the UN, representatives from the EU, Finland, Denmark, the UN Political Affairs Office, and the UN Human Rights Office. Marking the eighth anniversary of the Rohingya genocide, many speakers call attention to the ongoing actions of the Arakan Army, an insurgent group in control of Myanmar’s Rakhine state that continues to violently repress the Rohingya. They also present findings from an extensive survey in the camps focusing on health, security and education needs. Rohingya parties adopt a draft resolution ahead of high-level talks in September and note that similar deliberations were ongoing with Rohingya leadership in Cox’s Bazaar.*



## IN UNITED NATION , NEW YORK

### SPEECHES

- 1. OSAMAH SIDDIQUE OF ARU SET THE TONE FOR THE EVENT, REFLECTING ON THE INJUSTICE OF THE STATUS QUO BEFORE INTRODUCING IMAM SAFFET CATOVIC, DIRECTOR OF UN OPERATIONS AT JUSTICE FOR ALL, WHO LED THE GROUP IN PRAYER. OSAMAH SPOKE ON FAILURES OF THE IC TO ENFORCE A GLOBAL SANCTIONS REGIME, AND OF THE UNSC FOR FAILING TO PASS A BINDING RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION WHICH WOULD REFER TO THE ICC. HE MENTIONED THE HIGH-LEVEL WEEK MEETING AND THE EFFORTS OF**

**MALAYSIA, FINLAND, AND BANGLADESH IN PARTICULAR WHO HELPED MAKE THE EVENT POSSIBLE.**



- 2. THERE WERE REFLECTIONS FROM TEALE HAROLD OF ID AND DR. BOBBI NASSAR FROM THE UN NGO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHO BOTH AFFIRMED THEIR ORGANIZATIONS' COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF THE ROHINGYA. NASSAR ALLUDED TO CHINA'S OBSTRUCTION IN THE UNSC AND NOTED THAT THE GA WAS THE BEST AVENUE FOR ROHINGYA PROTECTIONS.**



- 3. SR. HENA ZUBERI AND SR. SABRINA MIRZA FROM JUSTICE FOR ALL DETAILED A RECENT REPORT ON WOMEN IN BANGLADESHI CAMPS WHICH THEY CONDUCTED FROM NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024. THE REPORT FOCUSES ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SECURITY AMONG ROHINGYA WOMEN IN THE CAMPS. AID CUTS BY THE US AND CANADA ARE LEADING TO DESPERATE FOOD AND HEALTH-CARE LANDSCAPES, TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE ON THE RISE, AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CAMPS IS SEVERELY RESTRICTED. INSIDE THE CAMPS, ROHINGYA "COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOOLS" LACK GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION MEANING THEY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR DONOR SUPPORT AND MUST CHARGE FEES WHICH MANY FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD. THE GOVERNMENT-RECOGNIZED, NGO-RUN LEARNING CENTERS ARE WIDESPREAD, BUT**

**RESPONDENTS NOTE THEIR POOR QUALITY AND FAILURE TO SUPPORT CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC RETENTION. THEY CALLED ON THE BANGLADESHI GOVERNMENT TO LIFT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON EDUCATION AND IMPLEMENT A CERTIFICATION SYSTEM TO STANDARDIZE ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT AND ALLOW STUDENTS TO TRANSITION TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**



- 4. MAUNG SAWYEDDOLLAH, THE FOUNDER OF THE ROHINGYA STUDENT NETWORK, AND A CURRENT NYU STUDENT, VOICED HIS EXPERIENCE OF THE 2017 GENOCIDE AND DISCUSSED HIS LIFE IN A CAMP IN BANGLADESH. HE EMPHASIZED JUSTICE, REBUILDING, AND EDUCATION.**



- 5. H.E. AMBASSADOR HAMEED AJIBAIYE OPELOYERU, THE PERMANENT OBSERVER FOR THE OIC TO THE UN SPOKE NEXT, EMPHASIZING THE OIC'S**

**SUPPORT FOR ROHINGYA ISSUES, FOR BRINGING VIOLATIONS TO THE GA, UNSC, AND ICJ, AND FOR INCREASING HUMANITARIAN AID.**



- 6. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARU REZA UDDIN DISCUSSED A NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION OF THE UK WHICH SEEKS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EDUCATION USING A NEW SOFTWARE. THE EXACT DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM ARE UNCLEAR, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT THE PROGRAM MIGHT HAVE SOME ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATION AND THAT TALKS WERE SCHEDULED WITH BANGLADESH'S OFFICE OF THE REFUGEE RELIEF AND REPATRIATION COMMISSIONER NEXT MONTH. HE PROMPTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE AND MENTIONED THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.**



**7. MP U SHWE MAUNG OF THE ARNC DISCUSSED THE HISTORY OF ROHINGYA PERSECUTION, AND A PROMINENT ROHINGYA INFLUENCER BY THE MONIKER "ARAKAN PRINCE" READ THE RESOLUTION.**



## → IN COX BAZAR , BANGLADESH

A special acknowledgment given by ARU Director General Reza Uddin to Brigadier General Manzur Kader, Senior Advisor to Arakan Rohingya Union (ARU), for representing us at this crucial dialogue.



Director General of Arakan Rohingya Union (ARU), sent his heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh for hosting the Stakeholders Dialogue on the Rohingya refugee crisis from August 24 to 26, 2025, in Cox's Bazar. This significant event is instrumental in raising awareness and addressing the challenges faced by the Rohingya community, especially in light of the upcoming high level conference at the UNGA in New York on September 30th, 2025. Also he extended special thanks to Chief Advisor of Bangladesh, H.E. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yunus, and the Special Rohingya Envoy and National Security Advisor, Hon. Dr. Khalilur Rahman, along with the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry, for their efforts in organizing this important dialogue. In addition he appreciated their commitment to bringing the Rohingya issues to the forefront of international attention.



# ARU RESOLUTION

THERE ARE FOUR MAIN DEMANDS FROM THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. FIRST, IT CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN AID, THE FULL FUNDING OF RESPONSE PLANS, THE CESSATION OF REFUGEE DEPORTATIONS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE CORRIDORS IN RAKHINE STATE. SECOND, IT DEMANDS JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT PROCEEDINGS, THE ARREST OF PERPETRATORS INCLUDING MILITARY LEADERS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUTH COMMISSION. THIRD, IT SEEKS THE RESTORATION OF FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS FOR ROHINGYA PEOPLE, THE REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY LAWS, AND GUARANTEED POLITICAL REPRESENTATION. FINALLY, IT INSISTS THAT ANY REPATRIATION MUST BE VOLUNTARY AND SAFE, WITH REFUGEES ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL LANDS RATHER THAN CAMPS, SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCES AND COMPREHENSIVE REPARATIONS PROGRAMS.

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