

# CRITICISM of HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

## **In general, and especially concerning its malicious and untruthful position on the Muslim / Buddhist conflict in Rakhine State, Burma/Myanmar**

In any report or statement Human Rights Watch makes concerning this issue - (such as the most recently issued report 'All You Can Do is Pray' in April, 2013)

**Human Rights Watch** (HRW) is deliberately trying to cover the truth, hide the history, and is shaping the public to see nothing good about the Rakhine Buddhist culture, and in fact, is conditioning the public to hate them, and to no longer see Buddhism as a peaceful, honest and morally strong religion.

**There is actually quite a bit of criticism of Human Rights Watch** - among other places, go to: [Criticism of Human Rights Watch at Wikipedia.org](#).

**Robert Bernstein - the founder of Human Rights Watch**, and long time Chairman, and **now strong critic of HRW**, now accuses the organization of poor research methods, for relying on "witnesses whose stories cannot be verified and who may testify for political advantage or because they fear retaliation from their own rulers."

He further states, "**Human Rights Watch has lost critical perspective**" and now accuses HRW of allowing repressive regimes to play a "moralequivalence game" by failing to distinguish the evidence available from open and closed societies, and of failing to recognize the "difference between wrongs committed in self-defense and those perpetrated intentionally."

David Bernstein (no relation to founder Robert Bernstien) writes, in July 2009, "A delegation from Human Rights Watch was recently in Saudi Arabia.

- To investigate the mistreatment of women under Saudi Law?
- To campaign for the rights of homosexuals, subject to the death penalty in Saudi Arabia?
- To protest the lack of religious freedom in the Saudi Kingdom?
- To issue a report on Saudi political prisoners?

No, no, no, and no.

The delegation arrived to raise money, as they have been doing for years."

**HRW is strongly criticized for raising money in Saudi Arabia for human rights** - with no logical explanation, and for not releasing the names of its Saudi donors.

Critics point out, "**A human rights organization raising money in Saudi Arabia is like a women's rights group asking the Taliban for a donation.**" According to The Times, HRW "does not always practice the transparency, tolerance and accountability it urges on others." Others charge HRW with "faulty methodology", "misrepresenting international law", and "**being unwilling or unable to perceive threats posed by radical Islam**".

And Human Rights Watch thinks it can judge what's happening in Arakan?

Their false, manipulative, deceptive, demonizing 'reports' are causing death and destruction in Rakhine State, Burma, and HRW is condoning and, in fact, perpetuating and participating in the destruction of the indigenous Rakhine Buddhist culture that is being overrun by Bengali Muslims intent on taking the land and eliminating the Buddhist culture.

HRW should be brought before international courts and tribunals and charged with malicious deceit and conspiracy to cause harm resulting in death to innocent civilians.

**I stand by what I said here:** I would be happy to testify against them.

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