

# **FRONTIER MYANMAR SETS EVER LOWER STANDARDS FOR FALSE MEDIA AND JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS AND ETHICS**

By Rick Heizman, Oct 31, 2018

**Show everyone your journalistic integrity: publish this!**

Thank you Frontier Myanmar. Your 'article' about the showing of my film, on Oct 26, 2018 - ARAKAN - ANCIENT BUDDHIST KINGDOM ENDANGERED BY JIHAD, and the panel discussion and Q and A afterwards, was the absolute best example of fake news, media bias, substandard reporting skills, attempted character assassination, double standards and selective reporting.

One of the most controversial issues in modern reporting is media bias, particularly on political issues, but also with regard to cultural and religion, and other issues. Sensationalism is another common complaint. Minor factual errors, as well as major errors are also extremely common, as almost anyone who is familiar with the subject of a particular report will quickly realize. There is also the real possibility, and actual reality, that news media may be deliberately manipulated by political groups, religious groups, countries, companies, wealthy and powerful individuals, or simply conniving editors. Selective reporting (spiking, double standards) are very commonly alleged against media, and by their nature are forms of bias not easy to establish, or guard against.

## **Learn how to use adjectives correctly**

As one would expect from your low reputation, ignorance and arrogance, I was introduced, in your 'article' as an anti-Muslim activist, speaking at a Tatamadaw linked event. But you failed to note that I spoke about Pantay and Kaman Muslims several times during the event, explaining that they are generally peaceful people, they have respect for others, and others respect them, and they are not agitating to break away from the country of Myanmar of which they are a facet in the fabric of the nation.

If a person is critical of (for example) Muslims who slaughtered kids at a school in Pakistan, is that anti-Muslim? Can girls that were kidnapped, forced to convert to Islam, forced to marry Muslims, can those girls dislike or even hate Muslims?

When referring to the Bengali Muslims (Rohingya is a made-up false term for political leverage with no history, as a true journalist would ascertain) you should use the rightful adjectives like this: The ARSA terrorist group linked Bengali Muslims / 'Rohingya'.....The militant Bengalis....The extremist and supremacist Bengali Muslims.....

Dr. Aye Chan, distinguished professor of Asian and Rakhine history was introduced as a 'nationalist'. What is a nationalist? Nationalism can be both positive and negative. A person proud of their nation can be positive. A person trying to break away from a country, violently,

with the aim of establishing a separate nation for his people / nationality is negative. Dr. Aye Chan may be proud of his Rakhine heritage, which is fine! Here is the proper use of the term 'nationalistic': The nationalistic Bengali Muslims want to establish an Islamic State by violently, and with genocidal plans, killing or ejecting all other people of all other faiths.

### **Fake news, downplaying, false claims**

Frontier also engaged in utterly false and manipulative fake media this way: They 'reported' that their reporter only saw 2 other foreigners, possibly from embassies, there at the event. In actuality I saw the names and positions of the attendees which included 10-15 embassy personnel attended, and I personally spoke with many times more than 2 foreigners. So, Frontier tried to downplay the event that in that manner. In fact, I remember the Frontier reporter as he asked a long-winded and convoluted question that made no sense at all - I had to ask him to please ask another question because I, nor the 4-5 foreigners around him (if he only saw 2, it is because his eyes and his head were stuck up an unmentionable place), couldn't get what he was talking about.

The Frontier 'article' claims that my recent film claims Rakhine State is the target of an Islamic plot to destroy Buddhism. Really??? Where does my film say that? Or, does my film say that? Or, does the Frontier 'reporter' say that, to make the readers think that I said that?

Key material in the four-part documentary, "Arakan: Ancient Buddhist Kingdom Endangered by Jihad", was drawn from interrogations of Bengali Muslims who were captured after they had attacked 30 police outposts and dozens of villages. In the interrogations / confessions they gave astonishing details of the genocidal systematic plans that the Mawlawis (Imams) and the terrorist Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army instilled in the villagers. I'm quite sure Frontier 'journalists' are banging their heads around trying to figure out what element of fake media to use to discredit the 76 new interviews I have from my 3rd trip, totaling over half a month, in the restricted zones of Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Rathedaung, and the 100s of pages of more prisoner interrogations / confessions that are forthcoming. Good luck Frontier! You will need it, being so low. My advice: read and try to learn about Journalist's Code of Ethics, Standards, and related matters.

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