

OPEN LETTER from RICK HEIZMAN, RESPONDING to the 'OPEN LETTER to MA BA THA', by BENEDICT ROGERS

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(The 'Open Letter to Ma Ba Tha' is here:[BNDCT RGS](#))

There is much, actually very much, that you don't know about the situation in Arakan, a.k.a. Rakhine State, Burma (Myanmar). But, you should know that the Buddhist precepts of Right View/Understanding, Right Speech, and Right Action should apply here as well - for if you are wrong - and your comprehension, your speech and your actions were actually falsely accusing a whole people (the Rakhine Buddhists living in their one and only indigenous ancient homeland) and facilitating the loss of their only land and their deeply rooted Buddhism - that would be a horrible and unjust catastrophe. And it is partly that already.

You say: 'My experience of Muslims in Burma is that, in general, they want to integrate with wider Burmese society, and live as equal and responsible citizens in the country.'

First, let's distinguish between 'Kaman' Muslims and 'Bengali' or 'Rohingya' Muslims. Kaman Muslims are the various Muslims whom mostly came to Burma during the British times, and were generally a small minority, living and working equally with others, and were, and mostly still are, regarded fairly and unhesitantly considered part of the national 'family'.

Bengalis are, largely, very, very different - very intolerant of others, violent and antagonistic. And if any of you readers react against what I say then please, look into the horrific massacres of Buddhists and Hindus in Bangladesh, the reasons why India built the longest fence in the world keeping Bengalis out of India, and the utter contempt for Buddhists, Buddhist statues, the Buddha, and Buddhism which has led to the killings of many monks, destruction of monasteries and temples, and unabating and abusive taunts and threats against the Buddhists. Even many Kaman Muslims dislike the Bengalis and consider them severely intolerant.

(The term 'Rohingya' is a tool in making up a false identity with a false history in order to confuse, convince, and capture international and public opinion. 'Rohingya' speak a Bengali language, which is a language of Bengal, while the Rakhine Buddhists speak the Arakanese language which only exists in Arakan/Rakhine State. Plenty of evidence here: [The 'Rohingya' identity trick](#) and below:)

The Bengalis have demonstrated again and again that they want to take over the homeland of the Buddhists of northern Arakan - land which is littered with ruins and relics of Buddhist kingdoms dating back thousands of years before Islam was even invented, yes invented.

Benedict - you need to see these several short videos - it won't take much of your time - but these really are crucial to understanding the predicament that the Rakhine Buddhists are in. And, the Buddhists next door in Bangladesh, and the Buddhists in Malaysia, Indonesia, and southern Thailand are all under various degrees of assault.

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You say: *'There is no sign of radical Islamism taking root in Myanmar'*.

If your head is down in the sand, or up in the stars you cannot see what is in front of you. Benedict, you don't know the following things, and that lack of understanding has led to your (sometimes) condescending and vilifying assessment of the Rakhine Buddhists, and it is neither fair nor just to wrongly accuse and condemn the Buddhist Rakhine people, whom are now in an epic struggle against an ideology (Islam) which has destroyed every Buddhist culture it encountered, as it conquered its way across so many lands, and cultures - and if it prevails it will do the same with Arakan, and more.

See these papers and reports:

['Rohingya' prepare for war](#)

[Muslim uprising in China mid 1800s](#)

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Islamic violence in Burma:

- **The largest massacre in contemporary Rakhine/Burmese history - about 30,000 Rakhine Buddhists were killed** in an absolute genocide, in Maungdaw and vicinity in mid-May of 1942. In addition, hundreds of villages were burned down, and around 100,000 Rakhine Buddhists were ethnically cleansed from their ancestral lands. All of this was done by Bengali Muslims.
- As the British were preparing to give independence to Burma, the Muslim leadership - represented by the Jami-atul Ulema-e Islam party - made connections with the Muslim leaders of soon-to-be Pakistan and formed an insurgency army - which was to invade Arakan and attach it to East Pakistan (now known as Bangladesh). In 1946 they formed the Muslim Liberation Organization (MLO) and started their holy war (Jihad). In 1948 they changed the name of the party to Mujahed Party, and the insurgency then became known as the Mujahideen Insurgency.

(Jihad: holy war in the name of Islam. Mujahideen: Muslim fighters engaged in a Jihad).

- On June 9, 1948 the Mujahed Party sent an ultimatum to the new government of The Union of Burma -demanding that northern Arakan be made into an independent Muslim State - the government refused the outrageous demands of the Mujahed, and quickly the Muslims in northern Arakan declared jihad (holy war) on Burma. **The Mujahideen launched a vicious campaign and destroyed hundreds of Buddhist villages** in northern Maungdaw Township (the southern parts had been destroyed 6 years earlier). DURING THESE TIMES THE TERM '**ROHINGYA**' WAS UNKNOWN, UNUSED, AND UNDOCUMENTED.
- Through out the 1950s and 1960s, Mujahideen militant groups kept **attacking, and killing** Buddhists.
- **A 1977 plot** - with crucial assistance from Libya's Colonel Qaddafi, and Bangladesh, **to create violent chaos in Burma** and seize Arakan. [Jihad against Burma](#)
- In 1985, Chairman Ahmed Shah, from these Rohingya Liberation Organization urged the Bengalis to drive all non-Muslims out of the area. He was basically **calling for the genocide of Buddhists** and all other non-Muslims of Maungdaw District.

- **A 1988 planned invasion of Maungdaw** and elimination of Rakhine Buddhists on the anniversary of the 1942 massacre.
- In 1992 the Saudi Arabian military chief called on Muslim countries to **gather an army to invade Burma** and rescue the 'Rohingya'.
- In 1994 about 120 RSO terrorists snuck into Maungdaw: **burned homes, set off bombs, killed Buddhists**. Over a 20 day period there were 13 encounters with the terrorists - eventually 52 terrorists were killed.
- On Friday, June 8, 2012, Muslim men in poured out of Maungdaw's Central Mosque in unusually large numbers (around 1000), after Friday prayers ended, most of them armed with long heavy sticks, metal rods, knives, swords, rocks and gasoline bombs - which had, apparently been stored in the mosque in preparation for this day. They were several distinct large mobs, and they were instructed to branch out in different directions. Photos and film show this. They were loudly yelling taunts and death messages to the Buddhists - people had never heard such a loud, and terrifying, collective sound. The Muslims surged in great numbers up the roads, breaking the windows, and looting Buddhist owned shops, and **beating or killing Buddhists that they could catch**. The Buddhist population of several thousand fled in sheer panic. The Muslims started torching buildings - especially the Buddhist temples and monasteries. They did not consider the peaceful Buddhist monks to be worthy of any respect or reverence, and **monks were badly wounded, beaten, and sometimes viciously killed**. And, many Rakhine people - including elderly and children - were severely wounded, killed, trapped in burning buildings, or were trying to hide or running for their lives.
- In 2013, Bengali 'Rohingya' Leaders went to Indonesia - seeking fighters, weapons, and bomb makers. *"We need the Mujahideen from Indonesia to train and supply the Mujahideen in their training camp, especially in bomb making."* - Abu Shafiyah - commander of the extreme militant terrorist group Laskar Mujahideen. ***"There should be no diplomacy whatsoever, we Muslims must fight."*** - Abu Arif - Bengali (Rohingya) Ulama (high Islamic cleric and scholar), June 19, 2013, at a forum in Jakarta, where he expressed that Muslims, around the world, should view the Rohingya cause as '***Jihad fi sabilillah***' (mandatory Holy War requested by and fought for Allah).

- In January, 2014, three Bengali Muslim ('Rohingya') militants, trained by the notorious and violent terrorist group 'Tehrik-e-Taliban' (TTP) of Pakistan - **in how to terrorize and kill Buddhists in Burma** - were caught by the Bangladeshi Police Anti-Terrorism Unit.
- In the early morning of May 17, 2015 a **heavily-armed group of RSO Bengali Muslim militants** crossed the border and were quietly hiding and waiting to ambush an 8-men lightly-armed Burmese police unit which was conducting their daily routine patrol of the border fence. The patrol was then attacked by surprise by at least 60 heavily-armed RSO terrorists. Four members of a Burmese police patrol were killed, one policeman was wounded, and two policemen were reported missing.
- **Bengali Muslims ('Rohingya') prepare for war** - Indian anti-terrorist authorities have alerted Bangladesh authorities to the recent emergence of terror training camps where terror outfits like Lashker- e-Taiba (LeT) were allegedly training Bengali rebels in camps and exploiting the Bengali Muslims with unrelenting contrived media designed to reinforce **their fabricated history, their false and manipulative identity as 'Rohingya' and their incessant clamor of victimhood.**
- Intelligence officials in West Bengal have found a purported al-Qaeda pamphlet, which talks about establishing an ISIS-style Islamic caliphate in Bangladesh which eventually would include surrounding Indian States and the Arakan region of Myanmar, reported the *Hindustan Times* on October 29, 2014. The pamphlet, written in Bangla and being secretly distributed through Muslims networks and mosques, says establishing a caliphate in Bangladesh is crucial for intensifying *jihad* in the area. ***"If we manage to establish a Syria-like reign here (in Bangladesh) then Muslims from Assam and West Bengal in India, and Arakan in Myanmar, would be able to come here for religious and military training"*** says the pamphlet.
- Advice to Myanmar's Youth from Pakistani Terror Group - ***"I address Myanmar's youth: take up the sword and kill in the path of God. No doubt, God is with us, our centers, our resources, our training, our people, everything is available to provide comfort to you."*** Spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan of the notorious terror group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in a broadcast to the Bengali Muslims (Rohingya) in Arakan.

You say: 'If every Buddhist followed the Lord Buddha's teachings, Burma would be in harmony.' That may be true in the most ideal and controlled situation, but really.....monks by the thousands were killed at the ancient library and university of Nalanda by the unsympathetic Muslim conquerors, monks by the thousands were killed during the Communist conquests in Mongolia, Cambodia, China, and by Islamic supremacy in Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Following the Buddhist teachings perfectly is no protection against conquerors, rapists, killers, snakes, tigers, bombs, bullets, and more.

Look next door, at the land now called Bangladesh, which actually has had a long and deep history of Buddhism - starting about 1000 years before Islam even existed. Ancient Bengal (also known as Vanga) had Vedic, Hindu, and then Buddhist rulers and empires, starting as early as the 7th century BC. The Golden Age of the Bengal area was the great Pala Buddhist Empire which ruled a very large area for four centuries from 750-1120 AD and ushered in a period of stability and prosperity. But, the Buddhists could not withstand the compassionless violence, intolerance and conquest of the Muslims. Islam started to arrive in the 13th century - by force and violent conquests. **Bangladesh**, historically a Buddhist land for millennium, now has less than one percent Buddhist population (about one million out of 160 million total). Mostly known as the 'Jumma' people, these Buddhists, along with the largely Hindu 'Bodo' tribes and others, are constantly subject to attacks, intolerance, village burnings, massacres, discrimination, rapes, kidnapping and conversion of women to Islam, destruction of temples, burning of homes, and land confiscations.

BUT - SO MANY PEOPLE THINK THE BUDDHISTS ARE THE TROUBLEMAKERS, AND THAT THE MUSLIMS HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING BAD OR VIOLENT!

The basic reality is that the Bengali Muslims (Rohingya) are preparing more and more to seize the land of the majority and the indigenous Rakhine Buddhist culture, and to kill, eliminate and cleanse the Buddhists and other non-Muslims from the land.

The Bengalis are NOT advocating living harmoniously with others, and they are NOT training and preparing for peaceful co-existence. But, they ARE preparing to kill and destroy everything non-Muslim - the people, the ancient ruins, and even the history of the land of Arakan.

‘Rohingya’ Propaganda is Fooling Many

The military training of Bengali Muslim / ‘Rohingya’ terrorists has been going on for a long time, and has recently intensified, as they are winning the propaganda war with their never-ending false and manipulative media, which is influencing many people, organizations and countries.

According to Indian and Western counter-terrorism reports, Bengali Muslims / ‘Rohingya’ are being trained in the use of weapons, weapon techniques, bomb-making skills, explosives knowledge, and ambush and assassination skills at jungle-hidden camps, with the help of many Islamic militant terrorist groups - including Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and now ISIS.

Meanwhile, the influential Rohingya Lobby in the West, manages to put out plenty of false and manipulative media, which turns everything around and accuses, denigrates and demonizes the indigenous Buddhists to the point of absurdity - and the naive and gullible Western activists believe it to such an extent that they don't even consider hearing the voices of, and learning the reality of - the Buddhists of Rakhine State. Groups such as MSF-Holland, Human Rights Watch, UNHCR and others put out heavily slanted 'reports' which will contain not even a sentence saying anything good about the Rakhine Buddhists, and instead be full of charges against the Buddhists and whitewashing the 'Rohingya' as pure, gentle victims of the warrantless wrath of the Buddhists.

For your information - about Muslims:

To be clear, most Muslims in the world don't do the actions described in this paper. Fortunately, many Muslims do NOT do what is stated again and again in the Qur'an. HOWEVER, there are many - far too many - Muslims who ARE carrying out killings, rapes, bombings, destruction, jihad, etc., and following an ideology of supremacy, hate, intolerance, and absurdity.

All Muslims are NOT the same, and I never intend for that to be inferred.

When I, or anyone, says ‘Muslims’ it does not mean ‘all Muslims’. This basic concept is understood by most people, and in most conversation. It seems that when someone disagrees, but has no valid points to counter with they will resort to the accusation: ‘You are calling ALL Muslims terrorists’ etc, but that is a baseless falsehood (known as a *canard*) that is used because it is inflammatory, implies racism, and because the accuser actually has nothing rational to back-up his disagreement.

If someone says 'The mothers picked up the kids from the schools in the towns where the flood danger was high.' - it does NOT mean all mothers, does not mean all kids, nor all schools, nor all towns.

Similarly, 'Muslims' does not mean 'all Muslims'.

It IS important to understand, criticize, and expose what is going on. And since the large Muslim world is not doing much - if anything - to curb or speak out against the horrible abuses being done in the name of Islam, then I, and others, will write and speak for the countless victims whom are suffering, dying, fleeing, and being abused in many terrible ways, everyday, every hour, every minute, in so many places.

- I, and these reports, do NOT advocate harm or violence to be used against Muslims, nor anyone. But, let it be acknowledged that people under attack have to - and have the right to - defend and prevent harm from coming to their families, their villages, the defenseless, and themselves. But, once again: the less violence the better, and no violence is best.
- I encourage Muslims to allow examination, discussion, debate, and critique of Islam, its ideology, its practice, and its needed transformation - and all of this should be without danger, threat, or fear of any reprisals.
- And, I encourage Muslims to allow those who want to leave it to let them do so, with no consequences. Let people have the free and unfettered right to be different.
- And, lastly I encourage Muslims to speak out, demonstrate, show your displeasure, and do whatever you can do - to counter and oppose the Muslims who are causing the massive worldwide outrage, fear and dislike of Muslims and of Islam.

Those Muslims who are engaged in killing, torturing, burning, hijacking, ethnic cleansing, forced conversion, 'honor' killings, bombings, and beheadings do NOT need to be tolerated - they need massive public outcry against them, from people of all kinds of faiths, including and especially their own - and, this means that people have to KNOW what is happening.

Putting one's head in the sand - believing that if you don't know and don't want to know about something then it actually doesn't happen - will not and cannot solve these problems, nor save lives.

Efforts by some to prevent people from being informed are repressive and ridiculous, and reek of intolerance and assumed supremacy, and is counter to freedom, diversity and open-mindedness.

Benedict - I know you are a good and intelligent person, and we would likely have a lot to share and talk about.

I have been to Burma - including Rakhine State - 25 times, as well, I've spent time in Muslim places such as Yemen, Egypt, Turkey, Kurdistan, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

I'm sorry to have to chew you out here, but I had to respectfully do so, and now, let us both further the Buddhist tenets of Right View/Understanding, Right Speech, and Right Action.

sincerely, and with metta (loving kindness)

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