

# The ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC) A CLUB OF GALL, HYPOCRISY AND HUBRIS

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In the aftermath of the June 2012 violence, in Rakhine State, Burma/Myanmar, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation pressured the Burmese government to allow it to open an office, or offices, in Rakhine State. First, the Burmese Government reluctantly agreed, then after strong public opinion against that decision, the government reversed, and said 'NO'. This was absolutely the right decision. The OIC would absolutely be blind to the Rohingya violence and vitriol, and would not recognize any of the legitimate and historical truths of the Rakhine Buddhists.

**The Organization of Islamic Cooperation – OIC** – is made up of the 57 Islamic countries (actually 56 countries plus ‘Palestine’) that, at times – because of its large number of member countries – has strong (and usually unwanted) influence (especially within the United Nations) in promoting a unified Islamic front against the non-Muslim world, concerning nearly anything from human rights to economics and education to terrorism. However, the OIC has its agendas and bias, and it would be unreasonable and even ridiculous to allow the OIC any role, at all, in the issue at hand, primarily because the OIC would conclude, (as it already has and does) that the Bengali Muslims are the people that belong on Arakan soil, and the OIC would do nothing to recognize the Rakhine voices. In its history it has never condemned or even seemed concerned about the massive killings of Christians in Nigeria and Egypt, or the 5000 Buddhists killed in southern Thailand, or the genocide committed by Sudan, etc. In fact, the OIC often uses its weight to shield any Islamic country engaged in genocide (Sudan), engaged in repression and violence against non-Muslims (Nigeria, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.), or threatening extermination of Jews, (Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas).

The OIC has, in fact, been planning for a successful Muslim takeover of Arakan, and it is supporting the effort militarily and financially, and by inventing ‘facts’, inciting opinion against the Buddhists, and inflaming hate-filled anger and violence based on manipulation and distortion of the reality.

**The irony of the OIC is galling.** While they claim that Burma’s government is denying fundamental civil rights, including citizenship, to the Bengalis (so-called Rohingya) the OIC members are almost completely lacking in tolerance, respect, and civil and human rights for their non-Muslim populations – if they even have such. Ironically the OIC has not touched the subject of massive discrimination, intolerance

and violence against the Buddhist minority in Bangladesh (neighboring country to Rakhine State) by the overwhelmingly Muslim population of Bangladesh.

If a Buddhist temple or Meditation Center, or a Hindu Temple or Yoga Studio were to attempt to open in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Gaza, or many other such places, it would very quickly be targeted, not tolerated, destroyed and/or banned.

**These are the countries that want to bring their opinions and judgement to the Arakan situation?** It is absurd – they should not be given any role at all. They are even the sources of much of the trouble – past, present, & future.

### **Listed below are just ten of the OIC countries.**

- Each has done much worse to their own non-Muslim populations than they accuse Burma of doing.
- Each of them are well-known for their systemic, entrenched, repressive and discriminatory policies, laws, and general behavior towards non-Muslims.
- Each of them is among the countries with the worst religious freedom rankings.
- Each of them ranks among the most intolerant, discriminatory and violent countries to their non-Muslims, and even to Muslims of other sects.

### **Religious and Human Rights violations include:**

- Harsh punishments, including death, for leaving Islam.
- Killing, maiming, harming non-Muslims who are accused of, set up, or rumored to have said something, no matter how trivial or light a statement, that Muslims take offense at (unrealistically and immaturely).
- Destroying the churches, temples, and monasteries of the non-Muslims, and not allowing new houses of worship to be built.
- Forcing the non-Muslims to observe Muslim duties, such as the Ramadan fasting.
- More violations are listed in the country descriptions below.

**The OIC countries have no principals, no expertise, and no morality in the issues of religious rights and freedoms, nor human rights and freedoms. They would only harm and destroy Burma's Buddhist people, culture, and the Buddhism – which they have no respect of.**

## Afghanistan

Afghanistan is an Islamic Republic, and one of its chief tenets is 'No law shall contravene the tenets and provisions of Islam'. They are **fanatically intolerant** of all faiths other than their heavy-handed and harshly oppressive brand of Islam.

Ironically, Afghanistan was one of the earliest **great centers of Buddhism**. Centuries later the Muslim conquerors destroyed the culture and the **Buddhists were eliminated** down to the last person. There are no Buddhists in Afghanistan. In 2001, the fanatic intolerant **Taliban destroyed** the world's tallest Buddha, carved into a cliff 1500 years ago.



## Egypt

Egypt is an Arab Republic that recognizes Islam as the State Religion.

Of Egypt's 90 million people, about 10% (nine million) are **Coptic Christians** whom date from many centuries before Islam began. Many laws are heavily influenced by the State Religion – Islam – and often aimed at oppressing particular minorities in Egypt. There is a huge swelling of violence directed at the Christians, resulting in homes, shops, and crops burned, churches burned, damaged or blocked from being used, and many Christians massacred.



## Nigeria

Nigeria is roughly equally split between Islam and Christianity. While the Christian south is secular, **Islamic law** is strictly enforced in the north where **conversion from Islam** to another religion is illegal and often punished with **death**. There is a fanatic and horrendously violent jihadist militia, called **Boko Haram** (it means 'Western education is sinful') which has killed nearly 10,000 mostly Christians (sometimes they will also kill other Muslims who speak out against their depravity). Many times churches are burned – **with the congregation locked inside** – resulting in horrific death tolls.



## Indonesia

Has the largest population of all Muslim countries. About 86% of the 238 million people are Muslim. Massive discrimination and violence, including **extreme violence (beheadings)** is waged against the minority Christians,



shouting hatred of Christian Indonesians

Buddhists and also against the **Muslim Ahmadiyya sect** whom the mainstream Muslims see as heretics, not to be recognized as Muslims.

In the 1960s, under the fear of a Communist uprising sponsored by China, Indonesian Muslims used that rationale to kill between 500,000 and 1,000,000 mostly **Chinese Buddhists**.

In the 1980s Indonesia waged a **brutal and savage war against the Christians** of the independent island of East Timor in order to annex it. Many Muslim Indonesian soldiers had **no qualms about slaughtering** the infidel Timorese.

## Iran

The Bahá'í Faith, which originated in Iran, and is Iran's largest religious minority, is not recognized and the followers are severely persecuted. Bahá'ís have been subjected to unwarranted arrests, false imprisonment, executions, confiscation and destruction of property owned by individuals and the Bahá'í community, denial of civil rights and liberties, and denial of access to higher education. Since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Iranian Bahá'ís have regularly had their homes ransacked or been banned from attending university or holding government jobs, and several hundred have received prison sentences for their religious beliefs. In addition, Iran is **fiercely intolerant** of all other non-Muslim religions, and its Islamic and governmental leaders have no qualms about making international statements that call for the **total annihilation** of other religions and peoples.

Iran has killed many who had converted to other religions, and has brutally targeted and **executed many homosexuals**.





## Malaysia

The status of religious freedom in Malaysia is a controversial issue. Islam is the official state religion even though nearly half of the population (mostly Chinese and Indians, along with Thais, Burmese and Indonesians) are not Muslim. There are many Burmese who spent time in Malaysian refugee camps and describe the very bigoted, cruel and intolerant treatment at the hands of the Malay Muslims. Malaysia also has a policy called '**Bumiputra**' which requires that all businesses must have a Malay Muslim partner. Even a Chinese magazine or incense maker, or an Indian food maker or bookstore would have to accept the unneeded and often contemptuous and supremacist Muslim partner – who typically knows nothing about the business. Malaysia is also known to '**convert**' a non-Muslim to Islam upon their death, by relabeling the person as a Muslim on the death certificate – causing the children of that person to be declared Muslims – and the **dangers of trying to convert from Islam** are well known and feared.



A Burmese Buddhist rubberworker tortured and killed by Malay Muslims.

## Turkey

Nominally, 99.0% of the Turkish population are Muslim, of whom a majority belong to the Sunni branch of Islam. The percentage of non-Muslims was much higher during the Ottoman Empire. Currently Turkey is quickly descending to new lows of Islamic supremacist rhetoric, after being the 'model Muslim secular state. Prime Minister Erdogan (actually more correct to say Prime Dictator and Destroyer) of Turkey, has been dismantling everything that was good and modern. He has proclaimed that Muslims went to the moon centuries ago (and therefore the Moon is Muslim land) and he has forbidden the teaching of Darwinism or evolution, and mandated that all schools must teach about Jihad – and he does not mean self-reflection. Religious minorities – Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Syriac Orthodox, Chaldean Catholic, Church of the East, Jews, Yazidi, and atheists – complain that they are effectively blocked from careers in state institutions because of their faiths. Christians, Baha'is, and even some Muslim sects face societal suspicion and mistrust, and the government, by now stripped of reasonable people, is pushing hate everywhere. Additionally, persons wishing to convert from Islam to another religion are in great danger of being killed for doing that, and it often can be relatives and neighbors who kill them.



## Saudi Arabia

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia is an Islamic theocratic monarchy in which Islam is the official religion; the law **requires** that all Saudi citizens be Muslims, but permits non-Muslim foreign workers to live among and work with Muslims except in certain areas. The Saudi Mutaween, or Committee for the



Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice (i.e., the religious police), prohibits the public practice of non-Muslim religions, and enforces the **severe restrictions** on women's actions, clothing, and companions, as well enforces the rules about mingling of men and women. The Saudis use the death penalty (usually **public beheading** by sword) quite frequently.

**Saudi money** is fueling much of the Islamic terrorism and fundamentalism.

## Pakistan

Religious freedom in Pakistan has come into conflict with sharia law. Blasphemy laws stifle free speech. Speaking in opposition to Islam and publishing an attack on Islam or its prophets are prohibited. Pakistan's penal code now mandates the **death penalty** for anyone defiling the name of the Prophet Muhammad. This penal code mandates **life imprisonment for desecrating the Quran**, and up to 10 years imprisonment for insulting another's religious beliefs with intent to demean religious feelings.

The Pakistan government does not formally ban the public practice of the **Ahmadiyya Muslim sect**, but its practice is restricted severely by law. A 1974 constitutional amendment declared Ahmadis to be a non-Muslim minority because, according to the Government, they do not accept Muhammad as the last prophet of Islam. However, Ahmadis consider themselves to be Muslims and observe Islamic practices. In 1984, under Ordinance XX the government added Section 298(c) into the Penal Code, **prohibiting Ahmadis** from calling themselves Muslim or posing as Muslims; from referring to their faith as Islam; from preaching or propagating their faith; from inviting others to accept the Ahmadi faith; and prohibits them from insulting the religious feelings of Muslims.

The **Christian, Hindu, and Buddhists** populations of Pakistan have plummeted since partition and independence in 1947, and they are under worsening conditions, with **violence, destruction, and false arrests** ever increasing.





## Bangladesh

The land that is now Bangladesh was overwhelmingly Buddhist for many many centuries, now the remaining Buddhists are 0.7% of the population, and still going down quickly. The Muslim invasion of India, came in the early 13th century. Muslim rule led to widespread

harassment and slaughter of Hindus and Buddhists and extensive destruction of their temples, monasteries and other important places. Many Buddhist monks were killed and violent means were used to forcibly convert many Buddhists and Hindus to Islam. Most Buddhists who survived this onslaught moved to the Chittagong Hill Tract areas for safety, but were still subject of unwarranted violence.

In 1948, at the time that British India was granted independence, the Muslims populations demanded and were given a country of their own which was the newly formed Pakistan – comprising two portions of land, separated by 1000 miles. This new country was defined solely by religion – it was a country for Muslims. Millions of Hindus, Buddhists and other non-Muslims were expelled, or slaughtered. The Hindus of India responded by expelling millions of Muslims. In 1971 East Pakistan fought for Independence from Pakistan, and became Bangladesh after an extremely bloody 10 month war. The Muslim Pakistani racism and superiority to the Muslim Bengalis caused the war, and both sides used the war to kill millions of Hindus and Buddhists in Bangladesh whom had nothing to do with the conflict. The Bangladeshis currently are becoming some of the most intolerant and violent Muslims in the world, and the Buddhist, Hindu and Christian minorities are subject to waves of violence, arson, rapes, land grabs, and forced conversions. Non-Muslims – including kids – are falsely accused of ‘saying something critical or offensive about Islam or Mohammed’, and given a death sentence.

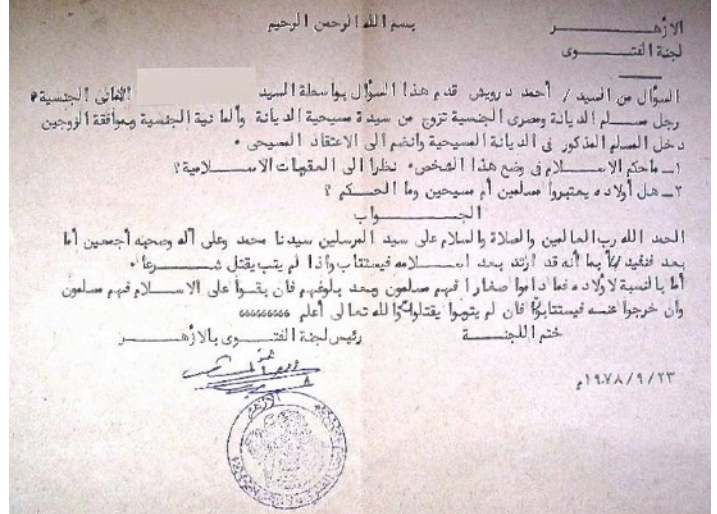
To protect itself, India has built a 1790 mile long fortified steel and barbed wire fence along its long border with Bangladesh – for the purpose of keeping out Islamic terrorists, migrant workers taking Indian jobs, and uncontrollable waves of troublesome Muslims. It is the worlds longest barrier fence.



# How can these countries judge what is truth in Burma – or anywhere?



Muslims in Pakistan jump for joy as they burn Christian homes and churches. Buddhists and Hindus in Bangladesh were suffering the same fate at about the same time last week.



A death sentence, for a man who converted out of Islam. He is sentenced to death by this order from an Islamic Imam.



The Grand Mufti (Islamic leader) of Jerusalem with Hitler. They met often, helped each other, and planned death and destruction.