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SIGN THE PETITION DEMANDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE ROHINGYA REFUGEES

Nearly one million Rohingya refugees are living in threadbare camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, after they fled their homes in Myanmar due to actions by the country's military, which amount to crimes against humanity and are currently the subject of a case under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide at the International Court of Justice.

Now COVID-19 has exacerbated the conditions of the Rohingya in the camps. Between March and mid-June 2020 about 400 Rohingya have tested for COVID-19 and about 40 were confirmed positive with the virus. The frequency of tests is less than 1 percent of the refugee population. Some Rohingya refugees including women have become victims of harassment and aggressive quarantine, leading to a criminalization of health conditions. This has created fear among the Rohingya about reporting illness.

Actions taken by the Bangladeshi authorities to respond to the coronavirus have not only deprived the refugees' right to seek and obtain healthcare but disrupted other services too.

An ongoing restriction on access to the internet and telecommunication for the Rohingya in the refugee camps has denied them right to receive prompt and reliable information about COVID-19 and communicate with family members in their home country or in other countries. The pandemic has limited the opportunity for Rohingya refugees, particularly women to seek legal support for sexual and gender-based violence.

The future of more than half a million Rohingya children hangs in balance without access to quality education in the refugee camps. A plan to introduce the Myanmar curriculum of education for Rohingya children is now stalled for an indefinite period because of the pandemic.

With no place to call their home, no livelihood opportunities to secure a future for them, hundreds of Rohingya, many of them women and children, have taken dangerous journeys by boats to neighbouring countries, only to be refused entry and stranded at the sea for several months.

Without continued support through international cooperation, assistance and sharing of responsibility for providing protection, the rights of the Rohingya refugees will almost certainly continue to be violated.

Sign the petition to urge the international community* to:

Ensure that the human rights of the Rohingya refugees including the right to healthcare, education, gender equality and freedom of expression are protected by increasing international assistance and cooperation.

* Petitions are addressed to the Governments of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Australia, US, Canada.

WRITE A MESSAGE

Rohingya refugees need immediate and strengthened protection of their rights

I write to seek your commitment to strengthen international support for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, who have fled horrific crimes in Myanmar and are now facing exacerbated conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Now, COVID-19 has exacerbated the conditions of the Rohingya in the camps. Some Rohingya refugees including women have become victims of harassment and coercive quarantine measures, which has stigmatized people in the community with health conditions. This has created fear among the Rohingya about reporting illness. Although a widespread transmission cannot be confirmed due to very low testing (less than one percent), healthcare providers have experienced 50 percent reduction in medical consultation between March and May.

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I urge your government to ensure that the human rights of the Rohingya refugees are protected and that they receive the international assistance and cooperation they urgently need at this time.

First name:

Last name:

E-mail address: *

Phone number:

Country of residence: *

ACT NOW!!!

Here is the link to the original action.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2020/06/rohingya-refugees-need-protection-of-their-rights-now-more-than-ever/>

please sign there.
