



## **In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful**

The Messenger of Allah, prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him: “Whoever relieves the hardship of a believer in this world, Allah will relieve his hardship on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever helps ease someone in difficulty, Allah will make it easy for him in this world and in the Hereafter”.

### **Official Statement of Iranian Association of Women's Studies on Human Crisis in Myanmar**

To whom who are concerned about humanity and justice;

Confirming the content of the Charter of the United Nations that reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person;

Bearing in mind Universal Declaration of Human Rights which firmly admits that disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind;

Considering the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistics Minorities, which promotes and encourages respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion;

Also recalling the confirmation made by the aforementioned Declaration on the responsibility of states to protect the existence and the national or ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identity of minorities within their respective territories;

Considering the grievous facts with regard to systematic and persistent crimes against Rohingya Muslim minority, including persecution, torture, discrimination, mass killing of Rohingya women and children, denial of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as refusal by the Myanmar government the Burmese citizenship and their forced displacement by the Myanmar government and the army which leads to the grave violation of human rights standards and the rules of international law;

Taking into consideration the human rights obligations of Myanmar government arising out of treaty and customary law, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of



Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, ...;

In view of the fact that Myanmar government is a signatory to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which therefore is required to refrain from actions contrary to the object or the purpose of the Covenant;

Also, taking into account the commitment of all UN member states to uphold Responsibility to Protect in order to protect their population from genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing, and bearing in mind the statement by the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar who has noted that “the killing, terrorizing or displacement of civilians is often a part of a deliberate strategy”, the statement is indicating the fact that Myanmar government has continued to enforce such strategy against Rohingya Muslim minority;

Hereby, the members of Iranian Association of Women's Studies, while strongly condemning the inhuman and cruel acts of the Myanmar government and army against the Rohingya minority, the most persecuted minority in the world, invite UN Secretary General, state members of UNGA and UN Human Rights Council, and other relevant authorities to take urgent measures to implement the following recommendations:

- to condemn strongly crimes against humanity, genocide and other savage acts committed by Myanmar government and her army against Rohingya Muslim minority;
- to urge Myanmar government and other relevant international authorities to discharge their duties of providing humanitarian aid, preventing, investigating and punishing perpetrators of such serious crimes and brutal acts which are explicitly contrary to universal standards of human rights and the generally accepted rules of international law.

Gratitude is for Allah, the First and the Last  
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