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* [Download our action alert](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=vIj5Cfw0ty9i9uZOuwl%2BEVnEekHJcIQh)[here](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=9h8xufLBXAJFQlXTKzQkflnEekHJcIQh) for phone numbers and talking points.
* Share and forward this newsletter to everyone you know.
* Ask your group what they plan to do organizationally.
* [Join us on Facebook](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=I9zjyGGfm7p5%2FFoSKUzovVnEekHJcIQh) for regular updates. There are 254,000 people with us.
* But we request that you put your best effort on twitter. It is more effective because all top leaders directly use and watch twitter. See below what you can do.
* Pray for them in the family circle today.

**Donate Today**We cannot stop this madness without your financial support. Neither Burma, nor Bangladesh allow any Muslim organizations to operate in relief. Stopping this madness is the top priority for us. [**Please DONATE now.**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=RrECBBTUytWKlIJnI1%2FVqlnEekHJcIQh)https://ci4.googleusercontent.com/proxy/S5QuvKT1h22UQCWiYaMDviXtnrtTn6UNMG_gz1qZ0viQdv_Ja2EK3Ty0bRdNeyTrgMQF7wOyuU7Vo4kqxFHh2SMvAGCgbTJ_pxDfH-x8UQ=s0-d-e1-ft#https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5965/images/DonateBanner.jpg**Want to Understand Better? Join Webinar!**Imam Abdul Malik Mujahid, Chair of Burma Task Force USA, will offer a Webinar onTuesday, 12th of September (9 PM EST, 8 PM CST). The webinar will do the following: 1) give eyewitness update on the current situation; 2) brief about the background; 3) provide individuals & organizations options for action. [**Join the webinar here.**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=ip54lFE2DpyhBZpMlxfpsZ3YCxX504h0)**Organizing Conference Call**There will be a conference call for volunteers on the 13th of September (9 PM EST, 8 PM CST). This call will concentrate on new updates and actions required to help Rohingya during the ongoing crisis. [**Join the conference call here.**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=RmuTPbkP2QEO19hCbET%2B11nEekHJcIQh)**Use Twitter better****#1**If you have a twitter account, please do the following (if not, please [sign up](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=zWTq6YG6nxvhe%2BkE6oDZcVnEekHJcIQh) for one, it takes 30 seconds).  Visit [https://twitter.com/nikkihaley](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=aLTNZswFLvkLspgqTJnCxFnEekHJcIQh) and then click on the button on the left of your screen “Tweet to Nikki Haley” and cut and paste the following sentence.*Please demand that ethnic cleansing of Rohingyas be stopped immediately & relief be unblocked and allowed to reach Rohingyas.* Repeat the same forClick on [https://twitter.com/USEmbassyBurma](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=%2Fj9sE4fdHQxCacby8RtE9VnEekHJcIQh)Click on [https://twitter.com/ukinburma](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=VZMiKOLzgsCz%2FAeagdrkkFnEekHJcIQh)Click on [https://twitter.com/CanadaUN](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=KVvrQx1Xcm4d62GMcnRh6lnEekHJcIQh)**#2**Email to yourself and cut and paste in BCC (blind copy) the emails below.info@rangun.diplo.de; mission.yangon@mofa.gov.bd; info@kbriyangon.org;mwyangon@kln.gov.my;  embassy.naypyidaw@mfa.gov.tr; biemb@mofa.gov.sa *On the Subject Line:*Please speak out about the atrocities/genocide being committed by Myanmar govt. against Rohingyas Dear Sir/Madam, I hope you speak out about atrocities/genocide being committed by Myanmar govt. against Rohingyas.Please demand that the Burmese Commander-in-Chief order a ceasefire, stop all operations, unblock emergency relief and allow it to reach Rohingyas.Ask your ambassador in Burma to visit the Rohingya area.**Join World Wide Rallies on September 15th & 16th**[Here are some resources for the rallies.](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Gzl61EVL69Y%2BXCoVsMl1%2BFnEekHJcIQh)**Our Ask*** Demand Burmese military chief, Min Aung Hlaing, to stop the attacks and protect all civilians. He is independent of Aung San Suu Kyi.
* Ask Suu Kyi to allow the UN to provide food, water, and medicine to all victims. These actions are currently blocked.
* Thank the Bangladeshi government for allowing refugees, but ask them to allow Muslim relief organizations to serve refugees.

**Talking Points*** Rohingyas are indigenous people of Burma living in their ancestral lands. They must be allowed to return to their own properties in Burma and live in peace.
* They were always citizens until their citizenship was taken away in 1982. Since then they are subject to what scholars called a textbook case of genocide. Their citizenship must be restored.
* Their dark skin color and faith are being used to propagate hate against them. The Burmese must condemn racism and change racist policies.
* Implement Kofi Annan’s report to restore Rohingya citizenship.
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| **Ethnic Cleansing of Muslim Minorities in Burma | Trump Takes Regressive Step Against Immigrants** |
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| **Opinion - News - Action** **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

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| As a nation, we are going through major natural disasters in our country. It has brought people from all backgrounds to come together and work to relieve the suffering of those effected by the hurricanes. However, we have also come across **two**man-made disasters that are plaguing our world. They both deal with people living in a land that they call home, while the authority in those lands insists that they do not belong. Those two lands are Myanmar (a.k.a. Burma) in the East and United States in the West. Those in power in both lands are signaling to their minority populations, who have no other place to go, that they are not welcome. Residing in a land without fear of harm or unjust expulsion is a God given right. Vast majority of those being forced to leave have known no other home except the land in which they live.Please take a moment to read through some of the material we have collected on these crises and a list of action items you can do to fight back and help.Please remember to forward to your family and friends.**Rohingya Muslims in Burma**They are a stateless minority ethnic Muslim group in the Rakhine State of Burma. There are an estimated 1 million Rohingya living in Burma, and up to another million refugees abroad. They were described by the United Nations in 2013 as one of the most persecuted communities in the world. They are basically denied citizenship under the 1982 Burmese citizenship law, which restricts full citizenship to British Indian migrants who settled after 1823. [According to Human Rights Watch](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=1f185dec2e&e=ead4e32621), the law "effectively deny to the Rohingya the possibility of acquiring a nationality. Despite being able to trace Rohingya history to the 8th century, Burmese law does not recognize the ethnic minority as one of the national races". The Rohingyas are also restricted from freedom of movement, state education and civil service jobs. UN officials have described Myanmar's persecution of the Rohingya as ethnic cleansing by the Buddhist army and radical monks.**Dreamers Under DACA in the United States**The Trump administration announced on Tuesday it plans to end the program giving temporary legal immigration status to people who arrived in the US illegally as children. Attorney general Jeff Sessions said the US would end the **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** policy in March 2018, throwing almost 800,000 people who currently benefit from the program into a state of turmoil and fear. Congress now has up to six months to find a legislative alternative, after Sessions announced that new applications will no longer be accepted.*What is DACA?***Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** is a kind of administrative relief from deportation. The purpose of DACA is to protect eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States when they were children from deportation. DACA gives young undocumented immigrants: 1) protection from deportation, and 2) a work permit. The program expires after two years, subject to renewal.It was started in 2012 under Barack Obama. Those applying are vetted for any criminal history or threat to national security and must be students or have completed school or military service. If they pass vetting, action to deport them is deferred for two years, with a chance to renew, and they become eligible for basics like a driving license, college enrollment or a work permit.*Who are Dreamers?*Those protected under DACA are known as “Dreamers” and 787,580 have been granted approval. To apply, they must have been younger than 31 on 15 June 2012, when the program began, and “undocumented”, lacking legal immigration status. They must have arrived in the US before turning 16 and lived there continuously since June 2007. Most Dreamers are from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras and the largest numbers live in California, Texas, Florida and New York. They currently range in age from 15 to 36, according to the White House.Sources:1. [Myanmar: Who are the Rohingya Muslims?](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=4899172418&e=ead4e32621)
2. [What is Daca and who are the Dreamers?](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=00938e4219&e=ead4e32621)
3. [DACA Information - University of California at Berkeley](http://icna.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=7650b1b8ac&e=ead4e32621)
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| [Burma: Where Were The Muslims?](http://icna.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=c30f912bb2&e=ead4e32621)by Imam Khalid GriggsICNA VP for Civic EngagementJust imagine the year is 2100 CE, long after we are all dead. A school child is studying Muslim history of the last century. He finds extremely disturbing events that took place at the beginning of that century. More than a million people were persecuted with murders, expulsions from homes, and dishonoring of Muslim women. The most disturbing fact is that it was not that Muslim armies fought and lost; these were simply one-sided battles with armies of murderers, rapists, and thugs victimizing innocent and helpless people. Where were the Muslims, he wonders. [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=218f7593e7&e=ead4e32621)[Why Ending DACA Is So Unprecedented](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=cbcd162441&e=ead4e32621)by Dara LindThere’s never really been a time when a generation of people, raised and rooted in the United States, has been stripped of official recognition and pushed back into the precarity of unauthorized-immigrant life. Even though DACA never officially legalized anyone, ending it would be, in a way, the biggest “illegalization” of immigrants in American history. As a policy matter, it’s straightforward: Ending DACA is unprecedented because DACA itself was more or less unprecedented. Never in US history had the government offered protection to so many people who didn’t have (and weren’t subsequently given) the opportunity to get full legal status from there. [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=753bd569cd&e=ead4e32621) |

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| [ICNA Condemns Myanmar Massacres, Ethnic Cleansing](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=c65ec08f0b&e=ead4e32621)The Islamic Circle of North America strongly condemns the massacre and ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar by the Myanmar military and extremist Buddhist factions. The recent wave of violence, as reported by several media and human rights agencies, has resulted in the death of over 400 people at the hands of Myanmar military and there are many eyewitness accounts of the dead being burned by the military. [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=e228d38c3d&e=ead4e32621) [Persecution Of All Muslims In Myanmar ‘On The Rise’](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=87046a6530&e=ead4e32621)The systematic persecution of minority Muslims is on the rise across Myanmar and not just confined to the northwestern state of Rakhine, where recent violence has sent at least 123,000 of Rohingya Muslims fleeing to neighbouring Bangladesh, a UK-based rights group said. The Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN) said on Tuesday that the persecution was backed by the government, elements among the country’s Buddhist monks and ultra-nationalist civilian groups. [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=48e8067c89&e=ead4e32621) [Former President Obama Slams Trump For Rescinding DACA, Calls Move ‘Cruel’](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=493e3579dd&e=ead4e32621)Former President Barack Obama on Tuesday bashed his successor’s decision to rescind an immigration order shielding some children of undocumented immigrants from deportation, calling the move “cruel” and “self-defeating.” “To target these young people is wrong — because they have done nothing wrong,” Obama wrote in a post on Facebook hours after the decision was announced by President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions. “It is self-defeating — because they want to start new businesses, staff our labs, serve in our military, and otherwise contribute to the country we love. And it is cruel.” [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=35df47e9ff&e=ead4e32621) [Study: Immigrants Founded 51% Of U.S. Billion-Dollar Startups](http://icna.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=f074773b0e&e=ead4e32621)The study from the National Foundation for American Policy, a non-partisan think tank based in Arlington, Va., shows that immigrants started more than half of the current crop of U.S.-based startups valued at $1 billion or more. These 44 companies, the study says, are collectively valued at $168 billion and create an average of roughly 760 jobs per company in the U.S. The study also estimates that immigrants make up over 70% of key management or product development positions at these companies. [Read more](http://icna.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=80905ab5e5&e=ead4e32621) |

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| **What You Can Do to Help Muslims in Burma** Here are a list of things you can do to help Muslims in Burma:1. [Sign petition](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=7ff70bb8d2&e=ead4e32621) to **Stop Genocide of Rohingya Muslims. Put Sanctions on Myanmar**
2. Write to US Secretary of State:*Rex W. TillersonU.S. Department of State*[*2201 C Street, N.W.*](https://maps.google.com/?q=2201+C+Street,+N.W.+%0D+Washington,+D.C.+20520&entry=gmail&source=g)*Washington, D.C. 20520*
3. Contact Myanmar Embassy in D.C.**Tel**: (202) 332-3344, (202) 332-4250**Fax**:(202) 332-4351**Email**: pyi.thayar@yahoo.com
4. Contact US consulate to Myanmar*U.S. Embassy Rangoon*[*110 University Ave*](https://maps.google.com/?q=110+University+Ave&entry=gmail&source=g)*Kamayut TownshipRangoon, Burma***Phone**: (95)-(1) 536-509**Fax**: (95)-(1)-511-069
5. Protest in front of Myanmar Embassy in D.C. **Address**: [*2300 S St NW, Washington, DC 20008*](https://maps.google.com/?q=2300+S+St+NW,+Washington,+DC+20008&entry=gmail&source=g)**Phone**: (202) 332-3344**Date & Time**: Friday, Sep 8, 2017 12:00 PM*Khutbah and prayer will be done at site starting at 12:30 PM.*
6. [Contact](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=2352360fe7&e=ead4e32621) and demand Nobel organization to rescind peace prize from Aung Su Ki, leader of Burma

 **What You Can Do to Defend DACA**Here is what you can do to help defend DACA:1. [Sign](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=a40c7ff63e&e=ead4e32621) this petition and condemn Trump's attacks on DREAMers, referring to those who are protected under DACA.
2. [Tweet](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=89a51f9489&e=ead4e32621) at members of Congress to demand that they take action
3. Make at least two phone calls to members of Congress to demand that they take action. First, call your own senators or representative. You can find their information [here](http://icna.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=a128f3bf46&e=ead4e32621) and a quick explanation, including which legislation to ask them to support, [here](http://icna.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=0556eeee78&e=ead4e32621). Then, use [United We Dream’s tool](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=6122c60dd2&e=ead4e32621) to call one other member who will be key if we want to win this fight.
4. Show up to defend DACA. Already, people across the country are out in the streets, with some even risking arrest. [Find an event near you](http://icna.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=54ffdbf6e5&e=ead4e32621) and join them this afternoon or evening, or use [Cosecha’s guide](http://icna.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ebca2f01c1c3211e36ed30540&id=53873f91c0&e=ead4e32621" \t "_blank) to organize your own action in the future
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