**Rohingya Muslims need your help!**

Stand up for your Muslim brothers and sisters in need.

*Current Affairs*

While Muslims all over the world were celebrating Eid ul Adha, our Muslim brothers and sisters in Myanmar did not have the privilege to do so. Their Eid celebrations were replaced with sadness and mourning as their people were killed and their houses were burned down, forcing many of them to migrate away from their homeland.

The suffering of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar has been all over the news. The Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar have been facing persecution at the hands of the government and the military for quite some time now. However recently, the attacks on the minority have escalated to such a level that the Rohingya Muslims are forced to leave their homes and belongings behind in the hopes of surviving these atrocities. The military claims that it is trying to capture an extremist group. In the process, it does not realize that it is doing the very thing it is trying to prevent, harming innocent citizens. Muslim men, women and children are being brutally mistreated!

Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel peace Laureate and State Counsellor of Myanmar, has been receiving backlash for being mute over the whole incident. It is alarming to see someone who advocates peace and has been an ambassador for it to stay silent over this mistreatment.

Foreign ministers of Indonesia, Pakistan and Iran have spoken against this violence, strongly condemning it. People in Indonesia have been protesting outside the Myanmar Embassy in Jakarta. Turkey has extended its support to the Rohingya Muslims by asking Bangladesh to welcome the refugees with open arms as it will bear their costs wholeheartedly. Muslims all over the world are uniting against this horrendous act, voicing their disdain over the whole situation strongly.

According to a recent report, at least 30,000 Rohingya Muslims are lost in the mountains without any food and shelter as they try to flee from the violence inflicted on them by the military. Meanwhile around 90,000 Muslims have already fled to Bangladesh within the past two weeks.

Genocide in any form should be strongly condemned and spoken against. Being Muslim, it is our duty to help out our fellow Muslim brothers and sisters, to extend support to them in this trying time. The Prophet (PBUH) said:

*The Muslims are like a single man. If the eye is afflicted, then the whole body is afflicted. If the head is afflicted, then the whole body is afflicted. (Sahih Muslim 2586)*

Hence, we should help them out in whatever way possible; open your doors for them, seek out charities that are helping them and give them donations.

*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. (Sahih Muslim 2699)*

May Allah (SWT) help our Muslim brothers and sisters and give them the strength to go through this trying time. Meanwhile, on an individual level we can pray for them and do anything and everything in our power to help them out. The entire Muslim community should stand up for them!