



Burmese Rohingya Community in Australia

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On 01 February 2021, a military coup took place in Myanmar overthrowing the democratically elected National League for Democracy (NLD) party. BRCA condemns this military coup in solidarity with the wider Burmese population and the international community. Despite NLD's disregard (to say the least) about the Rohingyas, we believe democracy is the path to progression, and the means of achieving peace and harmony.

The Rohingyas have not only been blatantly ignored during the elections in Myanmar and the subsequent victory of NLD, but were rather subjected to a brutal crackdown and a genocide. Regardless, we believe that the democratically elected NLD should remain in governance and urge the international community to intervene to restore normalcy. Hence, we urge the NLD government to abolish the undemocratic 2008 Constitution and write a new one in due course. We also urge the NLD government to abolish the infamous, discriminatory, and undemocratic 1982 Citizenship Law which was designed to racially exclude Rohingyas.

In August of 2017, after the genocide of Rohingyas, which led to nearly a million Rohingyas to flee to Bangladesh, they have been left in a state of limbo. The international community including the ICJ and ICC have been involved in negotiation talks with Myanmar and particularly the NLD—regarding the return of Rohingyas stuck in Bangladesh's makeshift refugee camps. The recent turn of events further diminishes the repatriation prospects of the innocent Rohingya civilians.

Hence, we call upon the Australian government to impose targeted sanctions on Myanmar. In particular, we urge the Australian government to cease any and all ties with the Tatmadaw (Myanmar military). Furthermore, we urge Australian businesses to immediately halt any business ties, both direct and indirect, with the Tatmadaw.

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