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Condemnation of Violence against Minority Communities in Myanmar—Burma

The President of Muslims Australia (AFIC), Mr Hafez Kassem on behalf of the Muslims of Australia expressed deep concern at the genocide of Rohingya Muslims in Arakan state in Burma.

The Burmese authorities have taken advantage of the silence of international community to continue its aggression and the situation is so violent that it has led to the withdrawal of UN agencies and NGO's from the Arakan state.

The Rohingya community has been facing hatred and riots for many years and now major human rights violations are being carried against this minority community.

Mr Kassem said that the international community including Australia cannot continue to ignore the plight of the minority communities in Burma any longer.

He further added that this is a moral and humanitarian duty to stop atrocities against the minorities.

The international community must stand for justice in a balanced way to deal with problems around the world as it has done in the past.

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