

## The History of Burma amid current and past Atrocities

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**Geography:** Burma is one of the Indochina countries located in Southeast Asia and Malaysia. It is bordered to the North by China, from the South by the Bay of Bengal, to the East by China and Thailand, and from the West by the Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh.

**Demographics:** The majority of Muslims in Burma live in the Southwest Rakhine State (formerly known as the Arakan province) which is separated from the rest of Burma by a mountain border. This is the Arakan Yoma mountain range which stretches from the Himalayas. The Arakan province where most of the Muslims live is twenty thousand square miles. Burma has a population which exceeds 55 million, more than 20% of whom are Muslims. The remaining population is from the Buddhists Magh people and other religions are well. The number of Muslims in Burma is more than ten million, of which five and a half million live in the Arakan province, thus representing more than 70% of the province's population. The Muslims are among the poorest communities in Burma, and the least educated and their knowledge of Islam is modest and limited.

**The History of Islam in Burma:** Islam entered Arakan during the Abbasid caliph of Harun Rasheed in the seventh century according to the Gregorian calendar, by way of Arab explorers. Islam continued to spread there until it became an independent state ruled by 48 Muslim kings in succession for more than three and half centuries between the years 834 to 1198 based upon the Islamic calendar which coincides with the years 1430 to 1784 according to the crusader calendar. Islam spread throughout the whole of Burma leaving behind great influences of Islam such as ancient Masjids, Islamic schools, and hospices.

**The Conquest of Arakan:** The Buddhist conquered Arakan in 1784 and it was annexed by the Buddhist king Budabaia and joined with the rest of Burma. Fearing the spread of Islam in the region he began destroying the Muslims' property, he abused them, filled the prisons with the Muslims, and killed their scholars and those who called to Islam. The Buddhists continued to persecute the Muslims and steal their property for the duration of their occupation in the Muslim land. This lasted for 40 years. It ended when the British colonized Burma in 1824. Britain annexed Burma and placed it under the British colonial government of India.

**British Occupation:** In 1937 Britain united Burma and Arakan—a predominantly Muslim land—and made it a colony of its own independent of the colonial government of India. During that time it became known as the British Government of Burma.

**The Massacre of 1942:** In the year 1942 the Muslims were brutally massacred at the hands of the Buddhists Magh people after the Muslims were disarmed while the Magh people were supplied with weapons by the Burmese Buddhists, British colonists and others. More than 100,000 Muslims were murdered in this massacre; most of the casualties were women, elderly and children. This vicious brutal attack caused hundreds of thousands of Muslims to evacuate their homeland.

**The Panglong Conference of 1947:** In 1947, before the independence of Burma, a conference was held in the city of Panglong to prepare for independence. All ethnic groups were invited except the Muslims. This was in order to keep them far away from the course of events to take place and so their fate could be decided by others. Britain granted Burma independence in 1947 under the condition that all ethnic groups would have the right to independence after ten years if they desired. This was called “The right to self-determination”. But the Burmese broke their covenant and continued to occupy Arakan against the will of its inhabitants.

**1962 Burmese Coup d'état:** The Buddhists Magh people committed horrendous atrocities against the Muslims. This cruelty, oppression, banishment and ethnic cleansing continued until the Fascist coup of 1962; and then matters got worse. After the military coup d'état—supported by the Chinese Russian communists—the Muslim were subjected to many types of oppression such as murder, exile, economic sanctions and land confiscation. They even lost their citizenship for allegedly resembling the Bengali people with regards to religion, language and appearance.

**The genocide of 2012:** New tragedies began for the Muslims in Burma on Friday, in the seventh month of the Islamic calendar in the year 1433 which coincides with June of 2012 according to the calendar of the crusaders. One this day ten Muslim callers to Islam were murdered with an unimaginable brutality. About 466 Magh Buddhists gathered these ten men who were teaching the people Islam and tied their hands and feet. Then they commenced to beat them with sticks until nothing could be seen except blindfolds, shattered skulls, scattered brains, broken limbs, and their tongues which were pulled from their mouths. When the Muslims resisted, the Magh Buddhists responded by attacking the Muslim villages and homes with hatchets, swords and knives. They launched an organized genocide against the Muslims. They burned the villages and homes. They massacred Muslim men and Muslim women. The number of

victims exceeded thousands while thousands were displaced and many were left to die and drown. The Muslim wells were poisoned in a despicable plan for ethnic cleansing. The goal was to implement a total annihilation of the Muslim population. All of this occurred as the world watched and listened in an age where the entire world is like one town. They watched, witnessed and listened to the screams of the tortured. It was as though they were the people of the ditch<sup>1</sup> as they were burned alive. The world sees and hears this but the situation of the West and the East is as they saying goes: Killing a dog in the jungle is an unforgivable sin while killing a secure village is a matter which needs to be investigated.

**The tragedy of the Rohingya Muslims in Burma:** Where are the United Nations, The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), human rights organizations and other Zionist Masonic organizations that claim to advocate justice and brag about promoting equality?! Are those people who are appalled when a cat is tortured not moved when a human being is burned alive! Yet they are hurt at the sight of injured dogs and they enact laws to protect animals. Is anyone in the world moved with pity at the sight of the pictures of Muslim children being murdered and cut into pieces with knives? Are they not moved by the pictures of those burned alive? Those who didn't die from the burns suffocated mercilessly. How are wild beasts of prey more important than them? Do people think what they are witnessing from entire villages being burnt to the ground, eyes poked out, bones broken, brains splattered, victims burned alive, limbs severed and blood shed is a Hollywood movie?! Or do they know it's true but it's not deserving of relief efforts or it's not seen as injustice because they are Muslims. So because of their Islam they must be eradicated from the earth, they must be eliminated collectively, but if I harm animals, laws will be enacted.

**A pattern of misbehaving:** This suspicious silence towards the ethnic cleansing and eradicating the Muslims from this land is similar to what previously occurred to the Muslims in the Balkans. Just as the thieves of old who were expelled from their land and sent on ships to a new land and upon arrival they rushed to exterminate the America Indians. And they turned to the African coast and sent out gangs to abduct noble free men, women and children from Africa to be their slaves in the house of Satan. And America is the house of Satan. So where are they now; as they witness what is taking place?

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: Refer to the Quran chapter 85 (Al-Burūj) Noble Quran translation beginning with verse 4 which speaks of the people of the ditch.

**Tawheed brings about the help of Allah:** But if we blame our enemies for what is happening to us or to some of us, this is not from wisdom. Why don't we blame ourselves? Why don't we blame the Ummah itself and move to improve the condition of the Ummah? And there will be no improvement without the rectification of its creed and belief system. Tawheed will unite them, and with Tawheed our Lord will help them and they will have might and strength in this world and status and loftiness in the hereafter.

**The beliefs of the Buddhists:** The belief of the Buddhists is built around atheism. Buddha—their object of worship—continued his downward spiral until he proclaimed there was no Creator and no god. Buddhism is built around atheism while they believe Buddha is the son of God. They deny the resurrection and they believe the reward is given by way of reincarnation. They believe when the physical body of a person dies his spirit returns to a new body based upon his previous actions. He could return as a mouse, a dog, a rat, a donkey, or whatever. They pray to Buddha and they are idol worshippers, disbelievers. These are the people holding the necks of the Muslims. These are the people practicing ethnic cleansing as the world watches and listens while no one responds or helps. And Allah is sufficient to respond and Allah is sufficient as a Helper.

**Translator's note:** Saudi Ambassador to Turkey Waleed Al-Khereiji said that the Kingdom has been standing by the side of the Rohingya Muslims for 70 years at the international level, and by providing assistance and donations. The Kingdom has also made a donation of \$50 million for the Muslim minority, through health rehabilitation and educational programs, and started receiving refugees in 1948. Today, there are 300,000 Rohingya people in the Kingdom." (ARAB NEWS)