



## Burma (Myanmar)

**An unprecedented chance for expanding humanitarian action**

**Bader appeal**

**To help our victimized Rohingya Muslim brothers**

### General background

After about 50 years of brutal military rule, Burma starts turning into a state of civil leadership. Despite the fact that this country has witnessed recently some promising political reforms, but the world's longest civil war, coupled with natural disasters within the country, has created serious humanitarian needs which still persist.

**Burma (Myanmar)** is considered one of the world's most oppressing countries to minorities like Rohingya Muslim ethnic group who live in Arakan state in the west of the country. The government still expropriates the lands of minorities, forces men to work in the army for free, seizes their crops within the military forces self-sufficiency program, in addition to the religious persecution committed by the Buddhist state against the other religions, including preventing people of practicing their Religion, complexities on Muslims' marriage and so on, this is why more than two million Muslims had to go to Bangladesh where it is not that better than it in their country (see [Bader report concerning humanitarian situation in Burma](#)).

the inhuman practices done by the Burmese state were not only against minorities, it also affected all of the citizens; during the destructive cyclone Nargis that invaded the country in 2008, the government has hindered the arrival of

human aid, and detained issuing visas to the humanitarian and international organizations for three weeks, what led to catastrophic results.

### **An unprecedented chance**

The president Thein Sein who has a military background has recently come to power, the Burmese government has expressed its willingness to cooperate with relief and humanitarian agencies, and ordered to cease attacks against minorities, with which it has a long war, except for self defense, it has also freed the most famous Burmese oppositionist Aung Suu. Those steps have been internationally welcomed; United States secretary of state Hillary Clinton has visited Burma for the first time as a step to have a new start.

**Based** on what mentioned...

The international community in general and international **and Islamic humanitarian organizations** in particular are **all invited to** use this chance and to use all ways and methods to go back and work in Burma to help the marginalized and oppressed groups there and **to ease their suffering** and build the bonds of Islamic brotherhood that have been broken for long times.

### **Aid priorities**

1. Managing field visits to our brothers in Burma, Bangladesh and Thailand.
2. Increasing media focus on the issue of Burma and spreading its issue in media; T.V channels, newspapers, or social network.
3. Intensifying and increasing material support and aid by international Islamic and charity agencies and organizations to the refugees in Burma.
4. Providing political, moral and material help to the Rohingya people to give them patience to get their legitimate rights.
5. Providing relief aid of food, medication and health and education services to the refugees of Arakan especially in Bangladesh and Pakistan, and launching an urgent appeal to the donor countries for humanitarian aid and protecting this group of refugees who are not recognized in Bangladesh.

6. The Islamic countries in which it has Arakan Muslim refugees should provide the facilities they need, like education, work, residence, etc.

### **Bader website report**

To know more about the situation of Rohingya people (Burmese Muslims) and their suffering, needs, and the places where they are, please see Bader specialized report concerning Rohinya on the following link

<http://badergateway.org/Reports/Rohingya.pdf>

### **additional links**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=E4hbFkO0W78](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=E4hbFkO0W78)

<http://www.refintl.org/where-we-work/asia/burma>

<http://www.burma-displaced.com/en/making-of.html>

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