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To,
Hon'ble António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters,
405 East 42nd Street, New York,
NY, 10017, USA

Subject: Abundant human rights violation in western Myanmar State of Arakan (Rakhine), shortages of food items and drinking water

Dear Secretary-General Sir,

We hope this letter finds you in fine spirit and health.

You might be knowing that since 13 November 2023, the Myanmar Army (Tatmadaw) and the Arakan Army (AA) have resumed their battles once again in the Western Myanmar State of Arakan (Rakhine). Ever since the battles started, the military council government shut down all motorable roads, waterways, other travel & transportation routes in the Rakhine region.

Not just the routes inside Arakan State have been closed down, but also the essential land and waterways connecting the State with other Burmese cities have also been shut down.

Consequently, consumer goods become very scarce and the Arakanese people are witnessing outrageous increases in prices of essential commodities. The most essential rice grains become extremely scarce and in some areas the situation has worsened, where the people have to depend on broken rice grains.

If the military council continues the confrontation by blocking the important routes, a large section of people will face starvation in absence of food items and drinking water.

Secretary-General Sir,

As you are aware of the fact that the Rakhine region faced severe cyclonic storm Mocha on 14 May last which caused suffering to hundreds of thousands of households. More than 100 people died and over a million people rendered homeless. Shockingly, the military government in Naypyidaw has restricted aid for Arakan State extended by various nations. Thus, all those nations and international organization's including the UN have not been able to help the Rakhine people in distress.

During the recovery period from the severe storm, another round of intense battles broke out to invite more hardships to the Arakanese. Prior to the current round of battles, over 2,00,000 people were forced to abandon their residences in search of safer places.

The military personnel have launched a massive firing over the residential areas even though they know the villagers are not associated with the gun fighting. According to a recent UNOCHA report, an additional 40,000 refugees have taken shelter in the makeshift camps. The local observers however claim that the number of internal asylum seekers will be twice as high as predicted.

Even after all these difficulties, the military council continues shutting down the vital land and waterways to create more troubles for the civilians as the commercial activities come to a standstill resulting in the scarcity of essential items like rice, oil, medicines, etc.

As Arakan is the second poorest State (out of 14) in Myanmar and since the people have been relentlessly suffering from the conflict situation and natural disasters from time to time, your kind gesture becomes the need of the hour.

Therefore, we respectfully request your kind attention and necessary initiatives for the matters listed below-

1. Opening of all roads closed by the military council in the State of Arakan and help moving the goods as and when needed
2. Freedom for medical treatment for everyone and the provision for basic needs
3. Since it's harvesting time, rice farmers should get the permission to work in paddy fields
4. Cessation of the military personnel's destructive activities with bombs, heavy & small armaments in residential areas, where the people are not involved with the battles
5. Help procure the cessation of military's continuous arrest of civilians to use them as human shields and also killing them in many occasions
6. Help provide rapid distribution of aid from various nations and international organisations for the benefit of refugees

Thanking you in anticipation,

With regards,

- (1) Arakanese Organizations across the world**
- (2) Association of United Nationalities (Japan)**
- (3) Arakan National Democratic Party (Japan)**
- (4) The Arakanese Norway Association**
- (5) Arakanese Family in New Zealand INC**
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