

SENATE OF PAKISTAN HOUSE OF FEDERATION

Report No. 12 of the Committee



REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE
RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PLIGHT OF ROHINGYA
MUSLIMS

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR NASREEN JALIL
CHAIRPERSON

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PLIGHT OF ROHINGYA MUSLIMS

I, Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights have honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, the report on the resolution passed by the Committee condemning the human rights violations of Rohingya Muslims and urging Muslim Ummah to stand by them.

2. The agenda before the Committee was "To discuss the burning issue of Rohingya Muslim in Myanmar and formulation of Joint Resolution for submission in the House".

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

i.	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Chairperson
ii.	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iv.	Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
v.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
vi.	Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
vii.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
viii.	Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
ix.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
x.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
xi.	Senator Asif Saeed Kirmani	Member
xii.	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed	Member

4. Accordingly, the issue was discussed in the meeting of the Functional Committee on Human Rights held on 11th Sep, 2017. The following Members attended the meeting.

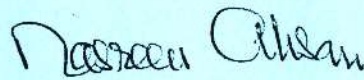
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iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
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vi.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
vii.	Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar	Minister for Human Rights

5. The Committee thoroughly discussed the subject matter. The Committee rigorously condemned the mass scale massacre of Muslim's minority carried in Myanmar. The Committee showed its deep concern over the genocide carried out in the Myanmar. The Committee was of the view that Myanmar's Government should allow the U.N Human Rights Council's fact finding mission to investigate human rights violations. The Committee also urged all the Muslim Ummah should not only raise the voice at International forum but also initiate steps to safeguard the life and assets of the Rohingya Muslims. In addition, the Committee also desired that the Human Rights Committee may be permitted to visit Bangladesh to witness the plight of Rohingya Muslim, and to get firsthand knowledge of the on ground situation. The Committee further recommended that the Government should consider putting on hold negotiations of cooperation, if any, particularly in the field of armaments and military hardware, till visible improvement in the situation.

6. The Committee unanimously passed the **Resolution (copy enclosed)** condemning the mass scale massacre, forcible eviction, burning of homes and mob violence of Rohingya Muslims in the Myanmar and call upon U.N, OIC and Heads of Muslim States to raise voice for the them and to protect their human rights.



(Malik Arshad Iqbal)
Secretary Committee



(Senator Nasreen Jalil)
Chairperson Committee

Resolution

The Senate Functional Committee of Human Rights views with grave concern and condemns the rapidly deteriorating human rights situation in the Rakhine state of Myanmar, marked by mass killings, forcible evictions and burning of homes in mob violence and the perishing of many in deep sea while fleeing.

The situation is further compounded as the neighboring states refuse to shelter the fleeing on the one hand and the Myanmar authorities refuse permission to independent monitors to access the situation for aid on the other.

The Committee is deeply concerned over this building of a deep humanitarian crisis as illustrated by the UN description of Rohingya as "the world's most persecuted community".

The Committee believes that foremost it is the responsibility of the Myanmar authorities to ensure the safety and security of Rohingya regardless of considerations of faith and ethnicity.

The Committee welcomes the stance taken at the exclusive meeting of the heads of state and government of member states on the sidelines of OIC summit in Astana on Sunday censuring the government of Myanmar and calling upon Naypyidaw to accept the UN Human Rights Council's fact finding mission to investigate human rights violations and bring the perpetrators to justice.

As a logical consequence of this the Committee is of the opinion that for conveying a strong message to Myanmar authorities the government should consider putting on hold negotiations of cooperation, if any, particularly in the field of armaments and military hardware, till visible improvement in the situation.

The Committee urges the government of Pakistan to pursue the issue urgently bilaterally with Myanmar authorities as well as multilaterally with the international community with the aim of bringing to an end immediately the persecution and massive violation of human rights, allowing independent observers to assess the situation, permit humanitarian aid reach to the people in distress and take measures for the return and settlement of the Rohingya refugees.

The Committee also urges the government of Pakistan to raise the issue at TH UN Human Rights Council and extend medical and relief assistance to victims

The Committee noted with deep dismay the inaction on the part of Nobel Laureate, human rights champion and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.