



Weekly Report

Burma/Myanmar

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New violence in Maungdaw

- Violence in Maungdaw leaves upwards of dozens dead.
- Conflicting reports are leading many to demand transparency. NGOs and eyewitnesses claim security forces and Arakan Buddhists attacked Rohingya, however, the government denied any violence occurred at all.
- Source: Myanmar Times

<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/9281-violence-flares-in-maungdaw.html>

Burma Army allegedly using rape as a weapon

- Women's group says that Burma's military still uses rape as a weapon of war with over 100 women and girls raped since 2010.
- Source: The Irrawaddy

<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/burma-army-still-uses-rape-weapon-war-womans-group.html>

Buddhist conference and no Rohingya discussion at ASEAN talk

- Monks meet to gather more signatures in support of proposed law to ban interfaith marriages between Buddhist women and men of other faiths.
- Myanmar government refuses to discuss the ongoing plight of the Rohingya at the ASEAN talks.
- Source: The Irrawaddy

<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/monk-conference-backs-bills-restrict-interfaith-marriage-rohingya-voting.html>

"I urge the Government to clarify what has happened. Quick and transparent action can help to prevent further violence [...] if deaths and injuries have occurred, the Myanmar government must, under international law, conduct a prompt, effective and impartial investigation and hold the perpetrators of any human rights violations to account."

*-UN Special Rapporteur,
Tomas Ojea Quintana
The Irrawaddy*
