



Weekly Report

Myanmar (Burma)

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- Following a 4-day visit by a senior UN official, UNOCHA reports ‘dire conditions’ in IDP camps within both Rakhine and Kachin States, with an estimated 421,000 people in dire need of urgent assistance. The UN also reports a recent increase in reported abuse from Rakhine State, as thousands continue to flee targeted violence against the Rohingya.
- Source: UN News Centre
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48003#.U5x5LiiXikw>
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48044#.U5x4diiXikw>

Burmese military reportedly tortured civilians in Kachin State

- Fortify Rights, a civil society group, has released a report that documents alleged widespread systemic torture by the Burmese military against civilians suspected of involvement with the Kachin Independence Army.
- In one report, people were forced to dig their own graves, in other, to lick their own blood off the ground.
- Sources, Vice, CNN

<https://news.vice.com/article/myanmar-troops-allegedly-tortured-civilians-and-forced-them-to-lick-their-own-blood>
<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/06/10/world/asia/myanmar-kachin-torture-report/index.html>

Facebook being used to spread hate speech against Muslims in Burma

- Al Jazeera reports on a group called ‘Panzagar’ that is trying to counteract widespread hate speech against Muslims in Burma. Observers note that terms such as ‘Muslim dogs’ are being used to dehumanize the Rohingya, and are classic hallmarks of incitements to violence, and even genocide.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2014/06/facebook-myanmar-rohingya-amplifying-hate-speech-2014612112834290144.html>

“[T]he World Health Organization has reported that this program is dangerously inadequate. Surveying a group of women holding “emaciated babies,” a medical assistant concluded: “These children are only being fed rice. If these conditions continue, all the babies will die.”

- Report from TPM
