



Weekly Report

Burma

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Government investigation dismisses allegations of Rohingya killings

- The Burmese government released its final report about the alleged killings of up to 40 Rohingya Muslims in northern Arakan State in January.
- The government denied that any violence took place and stated that there was no evidence that any deaths took place.
- The UN and Médecins Sans Frontières (Holland) maintain that violence took place in the Rohingya village.
- Source: The Irrawaddy

<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/govt-investigation-dismisses-allegations-rohingya-killings.html>

Burma denies health care to Rohingya

- Doctors Without Borders have been forced to stop working in Rakhine, the province where most Rohingya live. The Presidential Spokesman accused Doctors Without Borders of unfairly providing more care to Muslims than to Buddhists.
- To see a doctor, patients living in the camps must secure referrals from government physicians and frequently pay bribes to security guards to get past checkpoints. Treatment is only permitted at one hospital, forcing some from remote areas to travel for hours.

“Persecution of Rohingya Muslims appears to be a foreign issue for the local people here. They either feign ignorance or observe silence and this policy is practiced right from government to opposition leader, local journalists and general public.”

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/world/myanmar-denies-health-care-to-rohingya-doctors-without-borders-shut-down-1.1725829> - ixzz2vxZAU00

Villagers forced out have nowhere to go

- Thamee Kalay was the largest of eight villages destroyed in February on the grounds they had been illegally built on military-owned land.
- Villagers divided over government plan to move them to a new site, which is prone to flooding. There are no jobs at this site, no drinking water, and no roads to nearby villages.
- Source: Myanmar Times
<http://www.mmmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/9845-no-end-in-sight-for-residents-of-tha-mee-kalay.html>

UN envoy warns that the human rights situation in Rakhine State is worsening

- Outgoing UN human rights rapporteur Quintana released his final report on February 19th. He noted progress in various areas of Myanmar's transition to democracy, but said progress on media freedom had stalled and that Myanmar remained firmly controlled by the military.
- Most worrying, according to Quintana, is the situation in Rakhine State, where there are widespread reports of a brutal massacre against the minority Rohingya community in January, committed by police and Rakhine Buddhists. The government has failed to properly investigate these reports.
- Source: OHCHR
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=14263&LangID=E>