



# WEEKLY REPORT

## Myanmar (Burma)

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### ***Anti-Muslim crowd attacks Rohingya Muslims on Yangon's outskirts***

- On April 4, about a hundred people reportedly threw rocks at Rohingya Muslims living in the town of Hlegu, just outside the capital, and attempted to destroy Rohingya homes and shops, in a continuation of widespread persecution. Authorities have imposed a curfew.
- Source: FARS News Agency

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930116000815>

### ***Activists in Yangon speak out against hate speech***

- Following increasing violence against Rohingya Muslims and humanitarian agencies in Rakhine state, a group of Burmese activists took to the streets to speak out publicly against the increase of hate speech in their country.
- Source: ABC News

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-04-05/an-myanmar-activists/5369252?section=world>

### ***Aid agencies issue warning about the state of IDPs in Western Burma***

- International staff from aid agencies fled Western Burma following attacks last week. They now warn that the 140,000 Rohingya living in camps there are in at increased risk, due to lack of access to health care, adequate supplies of food, and clean water.
- The UN has issued a statement expressing concern about the government's refusal to recognize the Rohingya in the current national census.
- Source: Toronto Star

[http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2014/04/01/aid\\_agencies\\_warn\\_of\\_dire\\_situation\\_in\\_burma.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2014/04/01/aid_agencies_warn_of_dire_situation_in_burma.html)

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*"I found some people writing things like 'foreigners are so arrogant, they should be beaten and killed'." [...]  
People will slowly become rotten in their minds if they see that dangerous hate speech,"  
– Nay Phone Latt,  
blogger & activist, to AFP*

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