

RNL Briefing at the UN High-Level Conference on the Rohingya and Other Minorities in Myanmar

The Rohingya National League (RNL) was honored to have participated in the historic UN High-Level Conference on the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on September 30, 2025. RNL would like to sincerely thank the organizers, the United Nations, participating governments, international organizations, and all stakeholders who organized and contributed to this important conference focused on the critical issue of the Rohingya and other persecuted minorities in Myanmar. Mr.

Shaukhat Kyaw Soe Aung Ali (MSK Jilani), as the official delegate of the Rohingya National League, represented the organization at this pivotal gathering.

As a victim and directly engaged party in the crisis, he strove to represent the voices, grievances, and aspirations of the Rohingya people to the international community. Unfortunately, due to limitations in allocated speaking time, Mr. Jilani was unable to present all the points prepared for his address. It is with profound regret that we did not have adequate opportunity to highlight all the concerns and recommendations put forth by the Rohingya community, especially with regards to seeking justice and accountability, restoration of citizenship, international protection, safe and voluntary repatriation, and peaceful coexistence in Arakan.

Despite this limitation, RNL is deeply grateful for the opportunity to share part of its message with the international community and respectfully urges the UN and all relevant actor to consider the following priorities as efforts are made to forge a just, durable, and lasting solution to the Rohingya crisis:

1. **Justice and Accountability** RNL calls for full international justice and accountability for genocide, crimes against humanity, and other gross violations perpetrated against the Rohingya people. All perpetrators, regardless of their association, should be systematically identified and brought to justice through credible international legal mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

2. **Restoration of Full Citizenship Rights** RNL unequivocally calls for the immediate reinstatement of all full citizenship rights and political privileges for the Rohingya people in accordance with Myanmar law and international human rights standards.

The inherent belonging and historically rich association of the Rohingya with the land of Arakan must be duly recognized and respected. 3. **International Protection and the Establishment of a Safe Zone** RNL demands tangible international protection measures for all Rohingya civilians within Myanmar. We firmly advocate for the exploration and establishment of an UN-mandated safe zone in Northern Arakan, bolstered by effective international protection and peacekeeping forces under the principles of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), to effectively prevent further atrocities and safeguard civilian populations.

4. **Safe, Voluntary, and Dignified Repatriation** As over one million Rohingya continue to live in refuge, largely in Bangladesh, RNL underscores that any repatriation plan must ensure it is strictly voluntary, entirely safe and dignified, and is sustainable long-term. This process must be universally guaranteed by

the international community and include specific provisions for guaranteed citizenship, security, freedom of movement, property ownership, essential services, and equal legal protections for those returning.

5. Equal Rights and Peaceful Coexistence in Arakan RNL stands in resolute support of the right of the Rohingya people to live peacefully and securely with all other ethnic communities in Arakan, enjoying the rights and privileges of equal citizenship. A lasting peace settlement requires the unwavering recognition and embrace of Rohingya identity, history, culture, human rights, and meaningful participation in the political and social landscape of Myanmar. RNL's Call to Action RNL implores the United Nations to implement swift and effective actions to protect the Rohingya from the ongoing violations of their human rights and to propel their cause towards justice, accountability, protection, and a meaningful process of repatriation.

RNL urgently appeals to the United States and other global powers to intensify diplomatic and political pressure upon all parties responsible for abuses of the Rohingya, while concurrently augmenting support for international judicial and accountability mechanisms.

RNL further calls for the international community at large to recognize the struggle of the Rohingya as a legitimate, all-encompassing movement for survival, human dignity, equal rights, justice, and fundamental human freedoms. Without justice, equality, recognition, and the full and unhindered participation of the Rohingya people, there can be no sustainable and lasting peace within Myanmar or across the region of Arakan. The UN High-Level Conference held on September 30, 2025, served as a crucial platform to amplify the voice of the Rohingya, and RNL remains unwavering in its dedication to collaboration with the United Nations, governments, civil society organizations, humanitarian aid agencies, and other partners to attain a just and lasting solution for the Rohingya people.