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**Human Rights Council**


Security Council Meetings on Myanmar

• **2019**: 28 February
• **2018**: 24 October, 28 August, 13 February
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018
• **2017**: 12 December, 6 November, 28 September
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• **2009**: 13 July
• **2008**: 2 May, 18 March
• **2007**: 13 November, 11 October, 5 October, 12 January
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• **A/73/449** (22 October 2018): Letter dated 19 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General: http://undocs.org/A/73/449
  Transmits document entitled "Memorandum on Myanmar’s democratic transition: challenges and way forward".
  Transmits press release on a 3-point consensus on resolving the Rakhine situation, reached at an informal meeting among China, Myanmar and Bangladesh, held on 27 Sept. 2018.
  Informs that members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar from 28 Apr.-2 May2018; includes the terms of reference of the mission.
  Expressed concern about the security, humanitarian and human rights situation in Rakhine State in Myanmar.
• A/71/361 (29 August 2016): Situation of human rights in Myanmar: note / by the Secretary-General: http://undocs.org/A/71/361
  Transmits report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/233.
• A/71/308 (5 August 2016): Situation of human rights in Myanmar: report of the Secretary-General: http://undocs.org/A/71/308
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  Submitted pursuant to para. 32 of General Assembly resolution 66/230 and covers the period from Aug. 2011 to July 2012.


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  Key documents related to its membership in the UN; statements made before the principal organs; draft resolutions sponsored; periodic reports submitted on Human Rights conventions, etc.

**Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials**


- Statement by Assistant-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ursula Mueller, at High-Level Event on the Issue of the Rohingya Minority of Myanmar, 27 September 2018: [https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259](https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259)


- Thousands of Rohingya refugees continue to flee violence: 38th session of the Human Rights Council, Oral Update on the situation of human rights of Rohingya people, Statement by UN High
Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, 4 July 2018:  

- Secretary-General welcomes memorandum on creating conditions conducive to safe Rohingya Refugee returns from Bangladesh, reintegration in Rakhine State (SG/SM/19074, 6 June 2018):  

- Secretary-General expresses shock over reported comments by Myanmar Senior General, calls for unified stance against incitement to hatred (SG/SM/18957, 26 March 2018):  


- Secretary-General urges justice for Rohingya community, in video message on Refugee Crisis Joint Response Plan (SG/SM/18939-REF/1257, 16 March 2018):  

- 13 February 2018, Security Council Briefing on the Situation in Myanmar, Assistant Secretary-General Miroslav Jenča:  

- Briefing on Myanmar at the United Nations Security Council by Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 13 February 2018:  
http://www.unhcr.org/admin/hcspeeches/5a830a3a4/briefing-myanmar-united-nations-security-council.html

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- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Mark Lowcock - Remarks at Member States briefing following his mission to Bangladesh (16 October 2017):  
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- 17 October 2017, Statement on Visit of the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs to Myanmar:  

- Statement by Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Andrew Gilmour, at the Arria Formula meeting on the situation in Myanmar, New York, 13 October 2017:  

- Reality on ground demands swift action to protect people, ease suffering, Secretary-General tells Security Council Meeting on Myanmar (SG/SM/18728-SC/13013, 28 September 2017):  

- Grandi highlights needs of refugees in Bangladesh (27 September 2017):  

- South-East Asian Nations should intensify action, humanitarian relief for Myanmar, Secretary-General says, pledging support to help resolve crisis in Rakhine State (SG/SM/18721-DEV/3293-HR/5371, 23 September 2017):  

- Secretary-General voices concern over reported Myanmar security excesses, urges calm, restraint (SG/SM/18662, 1 September 2017):  

- Alarming deterioration in northern Rakhine was preventable, Zeid says, urging restraint (29 August 2017):  

- Secretary-General, deeply concerned by reported killings in Myanmar, reiterates need to address root causes of violence (SG/SM/18654, 28 August 2017):  

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