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- See also Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council - The situation in Myanmar (2004-2009): [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/asia#cat9](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/asia#cat9)

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  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.


  

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  Expresses concern about the security, humanitarian and human rights situation in Rakhine State in Myanmar.


  Transmits report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/233.


  Submitted pursuant to para. 20 of General Assembly resolution 70/233; covers the period from 8 Aug. 2015-1 Aug. 2016.


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  [https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259](https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259)

- **Secretary-General urges Myanmar authorities to review ‘unacceptable’ conviction, sentencing of journalists (SG/SM/19190, 3 September 2018):**

- **Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on the conviction of two Reuters journalists in Myanmar (3 September 2018):**

- **Secretary-General urges Myanmar to grant immediate access for United Nations, partners, says Rohingya refugees lack life-saving assistance (SG/SM/19181-SC/13470, 28 August 2018):**

- **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/19057, 26 March 2018):**

- **Infrastructure investment in Myanmar: Open for business? Op-ed by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein (21 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):**

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• Despite gains in Myanmar, Secretary-General tells Group of Friends, dangerous polarization, if not addressed, could provoke upheaval, undermine reform (SG/SM/15165, 10 July 2013): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm15165.doc.htm
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