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## **AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY CONDEMNS PERSECUTION OF ROHINGYA MUSLIMS**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community India condemns in the strongest possible terms the persecution of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar (Burma).

It is being reported that scores of Muslims are being killed and tortured, whilst many thousands have been driven out of their homes and forced to flee. Such treatment can only be described as an affront to humanity.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community India urges the international community to help the Muslims in Myanmar attain their basic human rights and freedoms.

The *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has said:

***“All Ahmadi Muslims are extremely grief-stricken to hear of the cruel treatment inflicted upon the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and we pray that all of these cruelties and injustices come to an immediate end.***

***The fact that these Muslims are being targeted seemingly with impunity is a result of the division and sectarianism within the Muslim world itself. If there was unity amongst Muslim nations and communities, such tragedies would never unfold.***

***On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, I hope and pray that the international community comes together to help the Muslims in Myanmar and in this effort the Muslim nations should be at the forefront.***

***I pray that the persecution of the Muslims in Myanmar, and indeed of all people who are denied their religious rights in the world, comes to an end. We believe that all people should be free to practice their faith or beliefs without any fear and that all people should be equal under the law of their land.”***