

Myanmar's Persecution of Rohingyas: What Can Japan Do To Help End It?

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A Map of My Talk

The key message to Myanmar's Japanese Friends.

- Victims' First-hand Tales
- What is a slow burning genocide?
- Rohingyas: Official Lies vs FACTS
- Justifying the genocide
- Multiple-dimensional process of genocide

After 40 years since Myanmar launched its state-directed violent expulsion campaign against the Rohingya in February 1978, UN has officially called the persecution a genocide and uncovered war crimes and crimes against humanity in Shan and Kachin states.

As the founder of the Tatmadaw/Myanmar Armed Forces and the biggest supporter of Myanmar governments since independence, Japan must come to terms with the Burmese military's "gravest crimes" and Aung San Suu Kyi's culpability in these crimes.

Japan needs to critically review its unconditional support for Myanmar, when the world's public opinion hold that country's policies towards Rohingyas, Kachins, Shan, as well as religious minorities nothing short of criminal, genocidal and internally colonialistic.

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When victims are your own fellow people



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What is GENOICDE?

(Raphael Lemkin, 1942)

DESTRUCTION OF NATIONS

New conceptions require new terms. By "genocide" we mean the destruction of a nation or of an ethnic group. This new word, coined by the author to denote an old practice in its modern development, is made from the ancient Greek word *genos* (race, tribe) and the Latin *cide* (killing), thus corresponding in its formation to such words as tyrannicide, homicide, infanticide, etc.¹ Generally speaking, genocide does not necessarily mean the immediate destruction of a nation, except when accomplished by mass killings of all members of a nation. It is intended rather to signify a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves. The objectives of such a plan would be disintegration of the political and social institutions, of culture, language, national feelings, religion, and the economic existence of national groups, and the destruction of the personal security, liberty, health, dignity, and even the lives of the individuals belonging to such groups. Genocide is directed against the national group as an entity, and the actions involved are directed against individuals, not in their individual capacity, but as members of the national group.

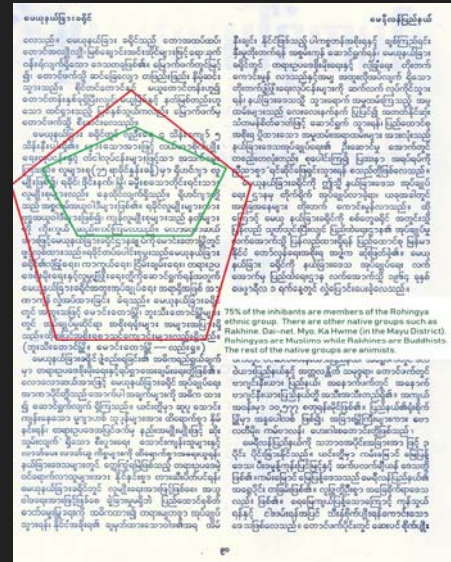
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MYANMAR OFFICIAL LIES ABOUT ROHINGYAS

1. *"We don't have a group called Rohingyas."* President Thein Sein, Chatham House, London, UK, 2010-15
2. *"Don't destroy our country by creating a fake ethnic group."*
– Rev. Wirathu, Yangon, Myanmar 15 Oct. 2018
3. *"They are descendants of the colonial-era Bengali migrant farm workers whose presence is 'an unfinished business'."*
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Oct. 2018
4. *"Don't use the word Rohingya'".* - Aung San Suu Kyi to US Amb. Scott Merciel, 2015

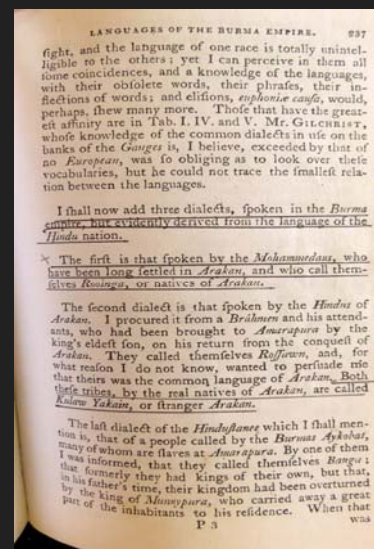
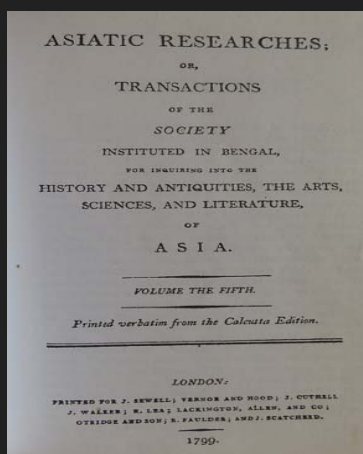
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Official Evidence: Officially Ignored



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Historical Primary Evidence: Popularly Rejected & Officially Ignored



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1. "Predominantly Muslims, Rohingyas are an ethnic minority integral to the Union of Burma. Northern Rakhine is their ancestral homeland. A majority are fishermen and farmers."
-Myanmar Encyclopedia, V. 9. Government Press, 1964
2. "Roo-in-ga are Mohamadens native to Arakan who speak Roo-in-ga, "Francis Buchanan, 1798
3. "Rohingyas are our fellow citizens." Deputy Commander-in-Chief Brig. Aung Gyi, 4 July 1961
4. Rohingyas had Mayu Frontier Administrative District from 1958 set up by NLD Vice Chair & then Lt. Colonel Tin Oo
5. Rohingyas had thrice weekly radio program on Burma Broadcasting Service, till 1964.

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Framing of Rohingyas

"illegal migrants"

"Islamicist invaders"

"fake ethnic group"

"viruses"

"national security threat"

"enemy of Buddhism"

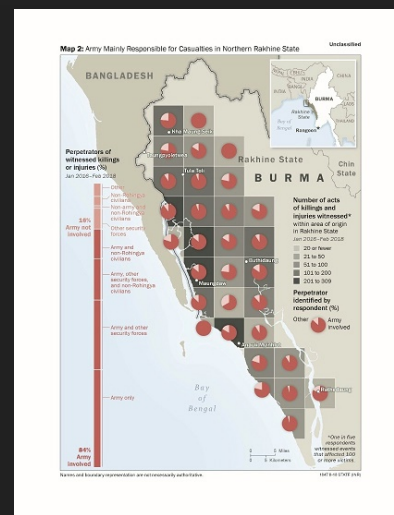
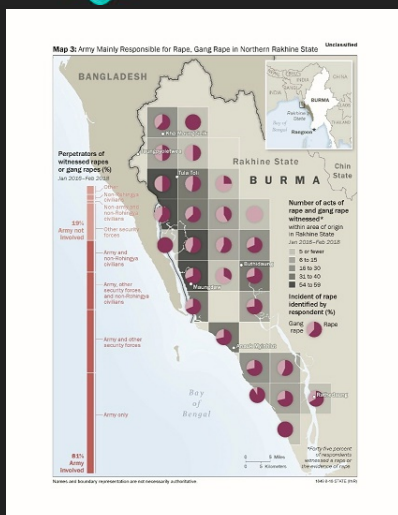
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Genocidal Persecution: 1978 - present



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Systematic Destruction of Mind and Body



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THE SLOW BURNING NATURE OF Myanmar GENOCIDE ('78-present)

1. Institutionalized Restrictions on Freedom of Physical Movement
2. Denial of Access to Nutritional Sources
3. Blocking immediate and humanitarian relief
4. Destruction of property

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5. Residential areas as “security grids”

6. Healthcare Denial (4
checkpoints/clinic)

(Doc: Patients: 1: 160,000; 1: 1.000)

7. Infant Mortality: 4 times national
average

8. 85,000 children under 5 – in semi-
famine conditions

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9. Restricting on the growth of the population
(via marriage licenses)

10. Destruction of places of worship

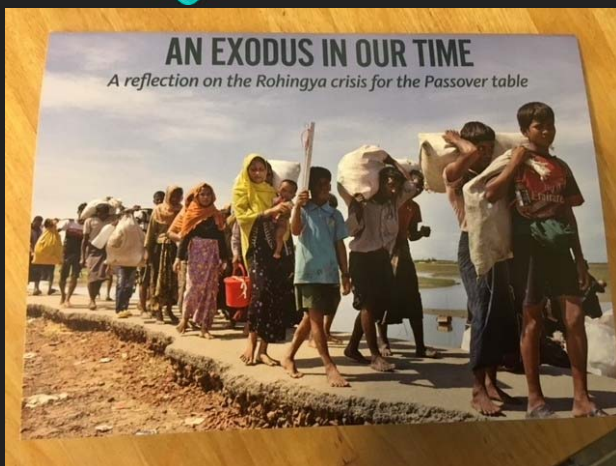
11. 80% ILLITERATE (intellectual destruction)

12. Forces Labour

13. Arrests & Executions, Sexual Violence or
Mass Rape with impunity

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Chronic Waves of Exodus: from Feb 1978 – present



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WAVES OF GENOCIDAL KILLINGS OF ROHINGYAS BY MYANMAR			AND THE RESULTANT EXODUS SINCE 1978																										
	1978	1991-92	2012-15 JUNE - OCT	2016-17 OCT-JAN	2017 AUG-SEPT																								
PRETEXT	"ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CHECK"	PRO-AUNG SAN SUU KYI SUPPORT & "ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION"	"COMMUNAL VIOLENCE" & "YUGOSLAVIA-LIKE TRANSITION"	"BENGALI EXTREMIST MILITANCY"	"30 GOVERNMENT SECURITY POSTS ATTACKED"																								
EXODUS	290,000 PERSONS 180,000 REPATRIATED	260,000 PERSONS 200,000 - 220,000 REPATRIATED	225,000 PERSONS IDP'S 125,000 + 100,000 REFUGEES	100,000 PERSONS	582,000 PERSONS																								
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"CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 1982" DE-NATIONALIZED ROHINGYAS			SPREAD OF ROHINGYAS			OUTSIDE MYANMAR			1,096,000 484,000																				
						Source: BBC 18/10/2017																							

Cycle of Genocidal Destruction

Terror, Rationales, Forced Repatriation

Crime of Deportation by Direct Violence



Genocidal Leadership: Perpetrators-Whitewashers



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Spiritualizing Genocide as “Faith Defence”



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Spiritual Leaders as Genocide Whitewashers and/or Rationalizers



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Artists for Genocide



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Scholarship In the Service of National Security



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Popularizing Genocide as “Self-Defence”



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Weaponising Facebook For Genocide



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"Reception Camps" for Rohingyas in Myanmar (on the right side, Auschwitz I)



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Cheerleading Myanmar's Farce: "Democratic Transition"



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Genocide By-standing As A Global Norm



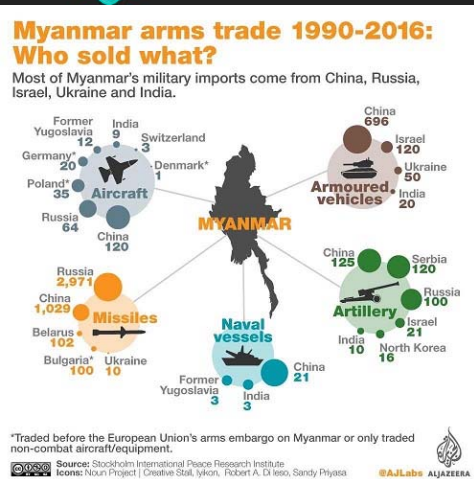
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Global Alliance for Genocide



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Global Economy: Indifferent to Genocides



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From “a state guest” in 2006 to “Enemy of the State” in 2017



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What can Japan do to help end Myanmar's international grave crimes?

1. **Acknowledge genocide, crimes against humanity & war crimes committed by Myanmar**
2. **Review** Japan's "Friends, right or wrong" Foreign Policy accordingly
3. **Provide Intellectual and Political Leadership in Asia** to end Myanmar's international crimes
4. **Declare a moratorium on all foreign aids** except emergency and humanitarian assistance
5. **Hold an International Conference** to discuss concrete ways to end the genocide and finally
6. **Establish an international coalition** of governments of conscience for ending Myanmar's international crimes

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