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BROUK welcomes Liechtenstein Support for Burma ICC Referral

Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK welcomes the support of Liechtenstein for the UN Security Council referring Burma to the International Criminal Court.

Liechtenstein UN Twitter account, @LiechtensteinUN tweeted on 30th April: Amb. Wenaweser at #UN event with @BenFerencz today conveys his hope that #UNSC members will return from their #Myanmar visit with a renewed sense of duty to take action including #ICC referral #ACTcodeofconduct.

<https://twitter.com/LiechtensteinUN/status/990977902010404866>

Despite overwhelming evidence of large-scale violations of international law against the Rohingya, including evidence from several of the United Nations' own agencies, members of the United Nations Security Council have refused to support referring Burma to the International Criminal Court. The United Nations has stated that these violations of international law are so serious that they could constitute genocide.

Rohingya organisations worldwide have been calling for years for the UN Security Council to refer Burma to the International Criminal Court. Had they done so, the current crisis might never have happened.

Kachin civil society organisations, also suffering from large-scale violations of international law, have also called on the United Nations Security Council to 'do their job' and refer Burma to the International Criminal Court.

<http://www.kachinalliance.org/kachin-communities-worldwide-demand-united-nations-security-council-urgently-refers-burma-to-the-international-criminal-court-23rd-april-2018/>

“We would like to thank the government of Lichtenstein for supporting a UNSC referral of Burma to the International Criminal Court,” said Tun Khin President of the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK. “Lichtenstein is showing principled leadership. We need to build a global consensus, not just of Security Council Membership, but all UN members, to overcome potential opposition by some Security Council members. The UK can’t claim leadership on this issue when it is dragging its feet and refusing to support an ICC referral. It is time Boris Johnson stopped blocking Foreign Office backing for an ICC referral.”

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