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## **United States Condemns New Violence in Rakhine State**

Yangon – The United States is deeply concerned about continued reports of harassment and intimidation in Rakhine State, including threats to destroy a mosque and threats against residents of camps sheltering internally displaced persons in Kyauk Phyu township. The United States continues to monitor the situation in Rakhine State closely.

We strongly condemn such acts of intimidation and urge local community leaders and authorities to hold accountable those who are responsible for acts or threats of violence or hateful and inflammatory speech. Union and local government authorities must ensure progress in security, rule of law, justice, humanitarian access, and reconciliation in Rakhine State to alleviate tensions and create conditions for sustainable peace and development.

We renew our call on religious and civil society leaders, and all citizens throughout the country, to stand against violence, and to promote understanding, mutual respect, and peaceful co-existence among all people.

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