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United States Condemns New Violence in Rakhine State

Yangon – The United States is deeply concerned about new reports of violence in Rakhine State, including destruction of a mosque and threats against residents of camps sheltering internally displaced persons in Kyauk Phyu. The United States strongly condemns such acts of violence and intimidation, and urges local community leaders and authorities to hold accountable those who would use violence, threats of violence, or hateful and inflammatory speech against one another.

The U.S. Embassy continues to monitor the situation in Rakhine State closely. The Union government and local authorities must do more to ensure progress in security, rule of law, justice, humanitarian access, and reconciliation in Rakhine State to address the sources of on-going tension and create conditions for sustainable peace and development.

Most importantly, 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 in this diverse country.

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