

Joint Statement by the Undersigned Embassies

November 9, 2012

We are deeply saddened by the recent violence and displacement in Rakhine State. The latest resurgence of violence has led to the loss of life and property of thousands of innocent men, women, and children in Rakhine State. We urge all parties to work together to bring an immediate end to the violence.

We support the Government in its efforts to restore security and stability according to international standards, and to hold those behind the violence fully accountable under just and transparent procedures according to the rule of law. We welcome the establishment of an Investigative Commission for the violence in Rakhine State, and urge that the Government authorize a full, transparent and independent investigation of the latest violence to determine its roots and to prevent its recurrence.

We further encourage the Government to enable safe, timely, and unhindered humanitarian access across Rakhine State to all persons in need. The international community stands ready to help with humanitarian aid and longer-term development assistance in Rakhine State, and is committed to doing so through coordinated efforts to ensure maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

We strongly support the Myanmar people's deep desire for a peaceful, prosperous, just and democratic country operating under the rule of law that respects the rights of all people. We stand ready to assist the country toward that goal, in Rakhine State and throughout the country.

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