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Fethullah Gulen's Statement on Unjust Treatment of Rohingya Muslims in Burma

September 1, 2017 - As we observe Eid Al-Adha, I am deeply saddened by the unjust treatment faced by Muslims in Burma, who have been displaced from their homeland.

Thousands of Rohingya Muslims were forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in neighboring Bangladesh as a result of operations initiated in the region by Burmese security forces. Thousands of Muslims' houses were destroyed and reports of rape and torture of hundreds of people were published by international human rights organizations including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

I urge the United Nations and other international organizations to take action to end the suffering of Burmese Muslims. Burmese Muslims deserve the right to be accepted as citizens and to enjoy all citizenship rights, including religious freedom. I also urge all Muslims around the world to keep them in their prayers and to help those in need through relief organizations.

At this difficult time, I extend my condolences to our Burmese Muslim brothers and sisters who lost their loved ones and pray for the quick recovery of the injured. I pray that God gives them patience and perseverance and eases their suffering. I pray to God that He allows those who were displaced to rejoin with their loved ones and regain their homes.

I pray to God, the Most Compassionate, to lead the world to days of peace and tranquility where people can live with mutual understanding and respect.

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC and the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium.

About Alliance for Shared Values

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit www.afsv.org.

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