

Letter to the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar

Almost a year after hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims were forced to flee their home country into Bangladesh, the challenges of providing assistance to refugees and of addressing violations in Myanmar remain. During the peak of migration out of Myanmar, a key tactic used to drive the Rohingya out of their homes and villages was sexual violence against women and girls.

Representatives of the UN Security Council visited Bangladesh and the Rakhine state of Myanmar to survey the scale of the crisis. In preparation, the Council held an open debate session in April on preventing sexual violence in conflict. Razia Sultana, a human rights activist and lawyer, addressed the Council on the Rohingya situation on behalf of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security. During her time in New York, she spoke with the International Peace Institute's Sarah Taylor about her work in the region, relating vivid stories of the brutality suffered by the Rohingya.

In solidarity with The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security Participatory Human Rights Advancement Society has signed the letter to Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar, Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener.