



Statement from the Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government

on the violent attacks in Rohingya camps in Bangladesh

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The Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government (NUG) expresses its alarm at reports of killings and extreme acts of violence in a Rohingya camp in Bangladesh on the evening of 21 October 2021. According to local sources, as many as seven people were murdered by attackers bearing knives and firearms. Others were seriously injured.

This heinous act deepens the trauma already experienced by the Rohingya residents of these camps, themselves survivors of grave atrocities. The NUG extends its condolences to the families of those murdered, and will continue to pray for the quick recovery of the injured.

This incident also lays bare the extreme insecurity in which Rohingya camp members continue to live. Only three weeks ago, Mohib Ullah, a community leader and champion of Rohingya rights, was also murdered in a brutal targeted attack. The NUG is gravely concerned about the plight of Rohingya camp residents, who face harsh conditions and now live under the threat of wanton violence by extremists and criminal groups.

The NUG calls on relevant authorities to conduct an immediate and thorough investigation to ensure accountability, and to take urgent steps to improve camp security.

The NUG remains committed to the voluntary, safe and dignified repatriation of Rohingya to Myanmar. Furthermore, we remain steadfast in our belief that the establishment of a Federal Democratic Union, where all ethnic groups live in peace, is the most durable solution for our country. It is only through a shared commitment to equality, inclusivity, justice, human rights and accountability and by working together that we can move forward for the fulfilment of all people in Myanmar.