

37th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Myanmar



The UK welcomes Myanmar's efforts to address human rights issues, such as ratifying the ICESCR. However, we remain concerned by limited progress regarding conflict in Chin, Kachin, Rakhine, and Shan states. Civilians bear the brunt of conflict, perpetrators of abuses are not held to account, and full humanitarian access is denied to many regions.

Recent elections were a welcome milestone towards democracy. But it is troubling that the Rohingya and those in conflict areas were disenfranchised.

We recommend Myanmar:

1. Implement the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine.
2. Amend the 1982 Citizenship Law and ensure the protection of the human and civil rights of the Rohingya and other disenfranchised groups as citizens of Myanmar.
3. Ratify the 2014 ILO Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention.

Thank you.

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