

## Statement On The Release of Burmese Soldiers Involved in Mass Killing of Rohingya

The early release of the seven soldiers involved in the Inn Din Massacre against Rohingya civilians, Burma again shows its disregard for human rights, truth, and accountability. While the Burmese Government and Military attempt to convince the world that they are capable of holding themselves accountable, they have repeatedly failed to demonstrate even the slightest understanding of justice or the value of human life of ethnic and religious minorities.

“The release of seven soldiers who were part of the genocide operation clearly proves the impunity granted to the military. Instead of having these perpetrators punished as an example, their release has proven impunity and is encouraging them to commit such crime again. This release clearly indicates that Burma has no political will to punish the perpetrators despite immense pressure from the international community. Now it is time for the international community to impose targeted sanctions on entities that are linked to the military and military owned businesses,” said BHRN’s Executive Director, Kyaw Win.

These soldiers were not released as a mercy, but rather as a reward for following the genocidal agenda the army commanded them to carry out. While no one should be surprised by these events, it is long overdue for the international community to stop humouring efforts by the Burmese Military and Government to feign concern for human rights and the rule of law. Given the severity of Burma’s crimes against the Rohingya and other minorities and their ongoing nature, the international community needs to begin the process of referring Burma’s Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the International Criminal Court on top of the implementation of targeted sanctions against the military’s financial interests.

### Background on the Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN)

Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN) is based in London and operates across Burma/Myanmar works for human rights, minority rights and religious freedom in Burma. BHRN has played a crucial role advocating for human rights and religious freedom with politicians and world leaders.

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