International Conclave on Justice and Accountability for Rohingya

Date: 18 October 2019 (8:15 am - 6:00 pm) Venue: Aula B, International Institute of Social Studies 12 Kortenaerkade, 2518 AX, The Hague, the Netherlands

Key Speakers

Honorable Bob Rae, Canada's Special Envoy to Myanmar H.E. Abubacarr Marie Tambadou, Minister of Justice, Republic of The Gambia Professor Inge Hutter, Rector, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands Professor Vincent Chang, PhD, Vice Chancellor, Brac University, Bangladesh Biraj Patnaik, South Asia Director, Amnesty International Laetitia van den Assum, Former Dutch ambassador and Independent Diplomatic Expert, the Netherlands Nickey Diamond, Human Rights Specialist, Fortify Rights Brian Gorlick, University Tutor and Examiner, School of Advanced Study, University of London Professor Azeem Ibrahim, Director, Displacement and Migration Program, Centre for Global Policy, USA Kingsley Abbott, International Commission of Jurists' Thailand Tun Khin, Rohingya Leader & Funder, Burmese Rohingya Organization, UK Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director, COAST Trust Yasmin Ullah, Rohingya activist and founder, Rohingya Human Rights Network Lilianne Fan, Chair, Rohingya Working Group - Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, Director, Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh Professor Payam Akayhan, Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, the Netherlands K.A.M. Morshed, Director of Advocacy, Partnership and Technology, BRAC Nina Tavakoli, Barrister, Red Lion Chambers, UK H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Belal, Ambassador, Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Netherlands Syed Mansoob Murshed, Professor, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director, Centre for Peace and Justice, Brac University, Bangladesh



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Background

Since 2017, Bangladesh has been hosting over a million Rohingya refugees, also known as 'Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals' (FDMN). This is in addition to hosting an already large Rohingya refugee community that has crossed over for decades, resulting in Bangladesh accommodating 4.7% of total global refugee population. The international crimes committed in Myanmar against the Rohingya have triggered a number of accountability initiatives, including a case before the International Criminal Court on forced deportation as a crime against humanity.

Against this backdrop, the Centre for Peace and Justice (CPJ) of BRAC University, Asia Justice Coalition, Colombo and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam are organising an International Conclave to bring focus to the issue of justice and accountability for the Rohingya. The event will call on global experts to provide updates on the status of justice and accountability efforts, as well as offer nuanced insights into the root causes of the crisis and the multiple political and social components needed to forge a durable solution.

Aims of the Conclave

To bring justice and accountability to the centre of the Rohingya refugee crisis, this Conclave is organized around discrete but interconnected aims, which include:

- 1. Highlight the various justice and accountability initiatives underway globally, as well as the need for multi-faceted approaches toward a sustainable solution
- **2.** Mobilize public and policy support for these initiatives including consolidating a civil society network to advocate for accountability and promote social justice
- **3.** Examine root causes and ongoing policy challenges in order to inform future advocacy strategies and ensure justice and accountability for the Rohingya



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