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US Should Promote Justice for Rohingya

On September 24, 2018, the US State Department issued a report documenting Burmese security force atrocities against the Rohingya, including murder, rape, and mass arson. The report determined that the violence was “extreme, large-scale, widespread,” but did not recommend action nor conclude that the abuses amounted to crimes against humanity or genocide.

The State Department report should be the catalyst for the US and other UN members to take broader action for holding those who committed grave crimes in Burma accountable.

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Good News! Same-Sex Relations No Longer a Crime in India

This month India's Supreme Court ruled unanimously to strike down India's law criminalizing same-sex relations. Justice Indu Malhotra pointedly stated that "an apology [is owed] to members of the LGBT community... for the ostracization and persecution they faced because of society's ignorance." It is to the credit of numerous activists, lawyers, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people that India has managed to overcome this ignorance in the space of a few decades.



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