

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 (ISS)
12 Kortenaerkade, 2518 AX, The Hague, The Netherlands**

Key Speakers

Honorable Bob Rae, Canada's Special Envoy to Myanmar

Abubacarr Marie Tambaou, Minister of Justice, Republic of The Gambia

Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Inge Hutter, Rector, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Laetitia van den Assum, Former Ambassador, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, Brac University, Bangladesh

H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Belal, Ambassador, Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, The Netherlands

Azeem Ibrahim, Director, Centre for Global Policy, USA

Kingsley Abbott, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists, Thailand

Lilianne Fan, Chair, Rohingya Working Group of Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network

Biraj Patnaik, South Asia Director, Amnesty International

Tun Khin, Rohingya Leader & President, Burmese Rohingya Organization, UK

Imtiaz Ahmed, Director, Centre for Genocide Studies & Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Syed Mansoob Murshed, Professor, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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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

