



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Human Rights of the Rohingya People

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Opening Remarks as prepared for delivery

Good morning. Thank you all for being here today. The longstanding abuse and repression of the Rohingya people in Burma has been widely documented in past years.

Like many religious and ethnic minorities around the world, the Rohingya are subject to economic discrimination and social ostracism. Many have been displaced or killed as a result of ongoing upheaval within Burma.

The collective conscience of the international community is calling for an end to the extrajudicial killings, disappearances, acts of sexual violence and the many other human rights abuses against the Rohingya.

I look forward to hearing from our distinguished panel and reading their testimonies in order that United States policy may better address the humanitarian concerns of the Rohingya and their basic human rights that are threatened. Thank you.

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