

The Scarlet General Assembly: Topic A Primary Sources

The Situation in Myanmar

Here are primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: 2013 Human Rights Council Freedom of Religion Resolution

This primary source is a 2013 resolution passed by the United Nations that reiterates the universal acceptance and protection of religious freedom. Not only does it support the protection of religious practices, but it also condemns the persecution of any and all individuals based on religion. Considering Myanmar's history with religious tensions, it is important recognize this resolution and consider it while trying to control tensions between Myanmar's religions.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/Resolutions.aspx>

Source #2: Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

This source is the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action from 1993, which focuses on the protection of human rights throughout the world. With an emphasis on promoting, protecting, and committing to uphold these standards throughout the world, this source defines what these rights are and how they are to be upheld. Furthermore, the cooperation and commitment of States is addressed, encouraged, and explained to encourage progress.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/Vienna.aspx>

Source #3: Press Release on Failure of Security Council to Adopt Resolution

This 2007 resolution aimed to encourage a peaceful and democratic transition for Myanmar's government. However, the resolution failed to pass due to a lack of necessary support from permanent members, China and the Russian Federation. The failure alone displays the ideals that contradict one another throughout the region and world, while preventing progress in Myanmar.

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2007/sc8939.doc.htm>

Source #4: Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, A/RES/68/242

This resolution covers the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar from December 2013. It is important to recognize the points already made in this paper, and learn how this resolution has affected the country. It addresses the reforms already made and highlights the current issues that the Rakhine state were experiencing.

http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?b=3&c=125&t=11

Source #5: OHCHR Interview with Rohingyas Fleeing Myanmar

A team from the OHCHR travelled to Bangladesh in January 2017 to interview Rohingya people who fled from Rakhine State in Myanmar, one of the nation's poorest states, with high unemployment and restrictions on the movement of Muslims. This is the official report from that investigation. These stories and interviews are detailed and descriptive. This captures the severity of the human rights issue.

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/MM/FlashReport3Feb2017.pdf>

Source #6: ECOSOC Resolution 2001/20

This is a 2001 resolution addressing the forced labour issue in Myanmar. This resolution has very little actual movement and action. A large part of the economic issue in Myanmar is unfair and forced labor. Little has been done to improve this situation, this resolution being one of the only attempts to

fix this situation. This sparse resolution could be a good prompter for a more in-depth solution to the issue of forced labour.

<http://www.refworld.org/publisher,ECOSOC,,MMR,46c45578d,0.html>