

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE, CONSERVATIVE AND GREEN GROUPS****CONFLICT IN MYANMAR**

This Council recognises the deep concern expressed by residents of Brighton and Hove and other cities across the country regarding the increasing number of Rohingya refugees crossing from Myanmar into Bangladesh. Having previously recognised Aung San Suu Kyi's role and stand for the democratic right of the people of Myanmar by awarding her Freedom of City, this council:

1. Calls on Aung San Suu Kyi to publically recognise the Rohingya people and acknowledge their democratic right to live in Myanmar and do all she can to end the military campaign against them;
2. Requests the Chief Executive to write to the Foreign Secretary and Myanmar Ambassador calling on them to condemn the actions of the Myanmar Government and its military junta and to end the campaign against the Rohingya people.

Proposed by: Cllr Morgan, Cllr Janio and Cllr Mac Cafferty

Seconded by: Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Wares and Cllr Deane

**Supporting Information**

With reports of over 300,000 people having fled the violence; and those people having fled describing troops destroying villages and attacking citizens, consideration needs to be given to withdrawing the Freedom of the City should Aung San Suu Kyi not speak out and take whatever action she can to stop the ethnic cleansing taking place in her country.

The Muslim Rohingya people in Burma have faced years of suffering at the hands of the Burmese Government, which does not recognise them as citizens. There is a need to call on the Burmese government to condemn the military campaign and allow International humanitarian access to the region immediately.

Should the situation in Myanmar not improve then the Council will need to give consideration to withdrawing the honour of Freedom of the City from Aung Suu Kyi, as she will have been complicit in the actions against the Rohingya people and the struggle for democracy and human rights she had previously been a steadfast advocate for.

