



Press Release

The Human Rights Council established the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (FFM) in March 2017. At the time, the Government of Myanmar rejected the FFM and made clear that it would not be able to accept the results of its findings. Its establishment, composition and mandate, raised serious and genuine concerns that it would lack impartiality and hinder the Government's own efforts to find long-term solutions to the situation in Rakhine State.

The Report which was issued by the FFM on 27 August 2018 has only served to strengthen the Government's concerns. Not only is this Report detrimental to social cohesion in Rakhine State, it also undermines the Government's own efforts to bring peace, national reconciliation and development to the entire country.

Since taking office, the Government of Myanmar has been striving to resolve the complex challenges in Rakhine State. In line with the Government's commitment to accountability and the rule of law, the Independent Commission of Enquiry was established on 30 July 2018 to investigate allegations of human rights violations and related issues.

The Government of Myanmar regrets that the FFM's Report of 27 August 2018 will only serve to create further divisions and mistrust in Rakhine State and the entire country. However, despite the complex challenges that we face, the Government will continue with its unwavering commitment to work towards peace, national reconciliation, development and democracy for all the people of Myanmar.

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