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Australian military training, Myanmar, and crimes against humanity

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

Australia should not be providing training to Myanmar's military in the face of evidence of ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity including mass rapes of women and children perpetrated by and under the supervision of Myanmar's military.

I refer you to this article as an example of the evidence:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/oct/25/rohingya-children-fled-myanmar-violence-charity>

Yours sincerely

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military support to Myanmar

Dear Mr Turnbull,

I am shocked that Australia continues to support the military in Myanmar considering the accusations of genocide. Please cease this support and redirect the monies to Bangladesh until such a time as the case for genocide is made one way or the other.

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Australia's cooperation programme with Myanmar Military

Dear Prime Minister & Foreign Minister

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I'm horrified that Australia is continuing its \$300,000 military cooperation programme with Myanmar despite allegations the army there has led a campaign of "textbook ethnic cleansing" against Rohingya Muslims.

The systematic violation of human rights against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, falls within the framework of genocide, according to a new report by the International State Crime Initiative.

Frankly, it shows the total abandonment of human rights as a core part of Australian foreign policy.

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Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

26 February 2018

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Dear s 47F(1)

Thank you for your email of 10 February 2018 regarding the situation of the Rohingya in Myanmar and Bangladesh. I am replying on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Australia's approach to the challenges facing Myanmar focuses on promoting change through engagement.

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Our defence engagement is modest and limited to non-combat areas, s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) This engagement is designed to expose the Tatmadaw to the
ways of a professional defence force in a democracy and to highlight the importance of adhering
to international humanitarian law.

Australia does not sell weapons to Myanmar, nor conduct bilateral military exercises. s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Yours sincerely
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Myanmar: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Why is Australia maintaining engagement with the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) when it has perpetrated ethnic cleansing against the Rohingya and other countries (US and UK) have severed ties?

- . Military links allow us to
 - stay engaged with the military – a key institution that controls the security ministries
 - promote positive change within the military
 - help professionalise and modernise the military, with a focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, peacekeeping, and English language training.
- . Our engagement with the Tatmadaw is restricted to non-sensitive, non-combat areas
 - it is designed to expose the Tatmadaw to the ways of a professional defence force in a democracy and highlight the importance of adhering to international humanitarian law.

We have no intention at this time of exporting weapons or providing combat training to the Tatmadaw.

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