



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the situation in Rakhine State.

I am appalled by the allegations of gross human rights violations against large numbers of Rohingya, including reports of the Burmese military and local militia forcing hundreds of thousands of men, women and children from their homes and villages being burnt.

I am pleased that the UK response to this has been robust. Recently, at the UN, the Foreign Secretary and other Foreign Ministers met with senior Burmese representatives to urge an end to violence against the Rohingya people. The UK has been clear that full and unhindered humanitarian access to the region must be given for international aid agencies, including the UN and has urged Burma to implement the Annan Commission recommendations. The violence must end and Burma must protect the rights and freedoms that must apply to all people in Burma.

The UK is also at the forefront of responding to the plight of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. We are the largest bilateral donor to the humanitarian crisis, and are urgently meeting the humanitarian needs of vulnerable men, women and children in both Bangladesh and Burma, supporting food for 65,000 of the most vulnerable people, water for up to 26,000 and medical teams to provide vital health services.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY