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Denouncing the Biased Statement of the UNHRC and Failure of United Nations in Protecting All People of Arakan

On April 19, 2024, the United Nations Human Rights Council's Chief Volker Türk issued a statement about Arakan (Rakhine) State in Myanmar. While the statement was trying to capture the general situation of Arakan State as a whole, it was disappointingly focused on protecting only a selective group of civilians rather than attempting to protect all the affected civilians in Arakan State.

Since the fight restarted between the Arakan Army and the Myanmar's military in November 2023, the Myanmar's military has been committing war crimes and a type of state-sponsored terrorism by daily bombings, shelling of towns and villages, and burning of thousands of houses. Innocent civilians from all walks of life are being affected across Arakan State.

The United Nations Human Rights Council has been actively ignoring the atrocities and killings of civilians and failed to take any effective action to protect those constant bombings and killing of innocent civilians or even mentioned in their statements.

Instead of protecting Rakhine people who are currently being targeted by Myanmar's military and military supported mobs and armed groups, the UN Human Rights Council's biased and misinformed statement sounded stirring more misunderstanding and tensions among different communities in Arakan. More importantly, UNHRC has undermined the liberation movement of the people of Arakan and all people of Myanmar against the Military dictatorship. Therefore,

- The Arakan American Community strongly denounces the UN Human Rights Council's Biased Statement on Arakan State and UN Human Rights Council's Chief Volker Türk for misinformed and biased handling of Arakan State.
- We demand the UN Human Rights Council's Chief Volker Türk to take full responsibility for the violation of the code of ethics for the UN personnel and resign.
- We also request the United Nations to take immediate actions that assure protection of all civilians in Arakan State.

Hundreds of civilians have been killed in the bombings and shelling in the civilian areas and many towns have been burnt down to ashes by the Myanmar's military. The accountability needs to be clarified and restated correctly.

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