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Justice moves closer for Rohingya as victims seek reparations in landmark genocide case

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New legal move in Argentina seeks compensation for Rohingya genocide survivors and increased financial accountability for Burmese military leaders

Media Release from Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK)

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The Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK) has petitioned a court in Argentina to ensure that victims of the Rohingya genocide are granted the reparations they have a right to under international law, marking a significant new step in ongoing international accountability efforts.

BROUK has filed a civil claim against the architects of the Rohingya genocide at a court in Buenos Aires, demanding reparations for Rohingya victims. The claim is part of a criminal investigation in Argentina, where the judiciary is already pursuing charges against senior Burmese military officials for genocide and crimes against humanity against the Rohingya, under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

Those named in the civil claim include Min Aung Hlaing and Soe Win, the Commander-in-Chief and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Burmese military respectively, and other military officials.

“Rohingya have suffered through a decades-long genocide, affecting every aspect of their lives. The generations of Rohingya victims – whether still in Burma or living as refugees elsewhere – have a right to reparations, and we hope this case in Argentina will be the first real step towards that,” said Tun Khin, President of BROUK.

BROUK’s petition stresses that senior Burmese military officials, including Min Aung Hlaing and Soe Win, hold significant economic assets that can be used to compensate Rohingya victims, as identified by the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar and others. This includes the two major, military-owned conglomerates Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited (MEHL) and Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC), as well as a series of other private, military-tied entities often called “crony companies”. Holding perpetrators financially accountable is an important step toward ending impunity and supporting justice for survivors.

BROUK has urged the court to work with the UN Independent International Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar, as well as domestic Argentine state-led financial investigative bodies, to identify further assets that could be used to compensate victims.

“It is unacceptable that the Burmese military is continuing to amass blood money from its web of private assets, while Rohingya victims are struggling to survive. We urge the Argentinian judiciary to take up this new case and ensure that Rohingya who have had to flee for their lives, suffer unspeakable violations, or seen family members killed get the compensation they deserve from those responsible,” said Tun Khin.

After BROUK filed its civil suit in Buenos Aires on 12 February 2026, the Argentinian judiciary is expected to assess the request.

This new civil claim builds on that momentum by extending accountability efforts toward reparations for victims. The case reflects sustained advocacy by Rohingya organisations to advance justice through international legal mechanisms.

Background:

In 2019, BROUK filed a universal jurisdiction (UJ) case in Buenos Aires, alleging that specific current and former Burmese military and civilian officials committed genocide and crimes against humanity against the Rohingya. The case was formally accepted in 2021, and in February 2025, the Federal Court in Buenos Aires formally approved the request and issued arrest warrants for 22 military officials and three civilians in connection with these crimes.

Under international human rights law, victims of violations have a right to reparations – a principle that is also enshrined in the Argentine legal code and in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. This could range from economic or other material compensation, to legal or medical rehabilitation, and public apologies or guarantees of non-repetition.

For Rohingya survivors, reparations are not only about financial compensation, but about recognition, dignity, and acknowledgment of the harm they have endured.

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