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WORLD MUST COME TO THE AID OF MYANMAR'S STARVING CIVILIANS



In the western reaches of Myanmar, the people Rakhine State - both ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Muslims -Rohingya staring down the barrel of Entire towns and villages are now cut off from the outside world by a military blockade that has brought the delivery of food, medicine and humanitarian assistance to a complete standstill. These are not the chaotic conditions of war, where supply lines have simply broken down. This is a deliberate strategy calculated decision by the

Myanmar junta use to starvation as a weapon against its own people, echoing the chilling most episodes of modern conflict.

Reports describe desperate civilians living off rice husks, wild plants and whatever scraps they can barter in local markets — if they can find any at all. Aid workers have been shut out entirely. The UN, nongovernment allocal charities are blocked from entering the hardest-hit areas. Hospitals are running out of

even the most basic medicines. Pregnant women, children and the elderly are dying from preventable causes. Yet the world's attention remains elsewhere, distracted by other crises.

This is not the first time Myanmar's military has resorted to siege tactics. During the height of the campaign against Rohingya in 2017, the army systematically destroyed food sources, razed farmland and poisoned wells to drive entire the communities out of country.

What we are witnessing now Rakhine is the same strategy repackaged - but this time the blockade affects everyone in its path, regardless of ethnicity. Starvation is being wielded not as an incidental tragedy, but as a means of control and punishment.

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RAIGANJ: 'ARMYMAN BRANDED ROHINGYA, ASSAULT-ED BY GRP, RPF'



Tension gripped Raiganj station in North Dinajpur on Saturday noon after officials of the Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railway Protection Force (RPF) allegedly branded an Army jawan as a 'Rohingya' and beat him up.

The victim, identified as Premananda Mahato, a resident of Lakkhania village in Raiganj, claimed he was humiliated and assaulted in full public view before being taken into GRP custody. The incident has raised questions about alleged high-handedness by Railway security forces and the

practice of racial or ethnic labelling. TMC members plan a protest on the issue against GRP and RPF officials in Raiganj.

According to Mahato, he is posted in the Coimbatore sector of Tamil Nadu and had come to Raiganj station to help his mother and two sisters board a Katihar-bound train to Sonali in Bihar. "My mother left a bag on the platform before boarding the train. As I went to hand it over to her, some RPF and GRP officials suddenly called me 'Rohingya' and started beating me. When I protested, they took me to the GRP

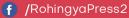
lock-up and assaulted me further. I will lodge a case against the officials," he said.

The incident sparked outrage among locals and political leaders. Tapan Nag. Trinamool Congress leader from Raigani, condemned the alleged attack, saying: "We are shocked that both GRP and RPF branded an Army Rohingya jawan as assaulted him. We strongly condemn this and will launch a protest." However. **GRP** officials denied the assault allegations.

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