



PUBLIC SEMINAR

The Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect invites you to a public seminar on:

Post-2015 Myanmar and Minority Protection under the NLD: Challenges and Opportunities.

Wednesday 16 March, 2:30-5pm, Large Seminar Room, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, Queensland Bioscience Precinct, Building 80, The University of Queensland- St. Lucia Campus



The National League for Democracy (NLD) took over the reins of government in Myanmar on 1 February 2016 after a landslide election victory in November last year.

Notwithstanding the euphoria over the NLD's victory in Myanmar, a number of issues continue to pose major challenges to the country's long-term peace and development. This includes the protection of minority ethnic groups who remain vulnerable to attacks by the military in the absence of any durable ceasefire or peace agreement. The protection of the stateless Rohingyas is another problem that the NLD government has to address. These issues, among others, could make or unmake the democratic transition in Myanmar under the NLD.

What then are the prospects and opportunities for Myanmar peace and development under the NLD in the short- to medium-term? What can ASEAN and its member states do to assist Myanmar in building the capacity to ensure the protection of minority groups in the country, including the stateless Rohingyas? What role can Australia and the international community play in helping the NLD-government in addressing human protection issues in the country and in managing risk factors for atrocity crimes?

Speakers in the public seminar include:

- Professor the Honorable Gareth Evans, AC QC FASSA FAIIA, Former Foreign Minister of Australia and Patron of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
- His Excellency Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar, Former Foreign Minister of Malaysia and Special Envoy, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for Myanmar
- Dr. Noel M. Morada, Director, Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, Asia Pacific Centre for R2P
- Dr. Hla Myint, Senior Member of the Arakan Rohingya National Council
- Professor Alex J. Bellamy, Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for R2P, will serve as panel chair and moderator during the seminar

Photo: Reuters/Soe Zeya Tun. Democracy Leader Aung San Suu Kyi at the opening of the new parliament on February 1, 2016.