

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ROHINGYA PEOPLE - HAMILTON.

Dear Council and Mayor Fred Eisenburger,
Hamilton City Hall
71, Main Street West.

26.11.2017.

Dear Sirs,
APPEAL TO THE COUNCIL HAMILTON CITY HALL AND MAYOR FRED EISENBURGER TO
DONATE \$. 11,500/= TO HELP SEND MEDICINES TO THE SUFFERING ROHINGYA REFUGEES
AT COX'S BAZAAR, BANGLADESH.

We are a small group of Hamiltonians (Canadian citizens) comprising of academics, University lecturers, women leaders, students, seniors and clergy of the United Church, Hamilton/Dundas who are very much concerned about the plight of the Rohingya People who have been driven away from Rakhine State in Burma to Bangladesh as refugees.

In organizing support for humanitarian assistance and to bring about awareness about the plight of these refugees, along with the support of the Hamilton Muslim community (6 mosques), the Muslim Association of Hamilton, Muslim Council of Greater Hamilton, the Muslim Students Association of McMaster University and 7 Community Organizations and the United Church of Canada, we have been able to harness public support for our cause. On Friday evening, October 6th., 2017, we held a very successful demonstration rally in front of the City Hall of Hamilton calling Canada to extend more humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya refugees and the Government of Bangladesh, which was attended by a very large crowd inclusive of all communities in Hamilton. All 5 MP's of Hamilton, 2 MPP's and Council members supported our rally.

We have also finalized discussions with HPIC - Health Partners International of Canada (<http://www.hpicanada.ca>) a Canadian registered charity operated by the Pharmaceutical Companies of Canada based in Montreal, to provide us donations of medicines and medical supplies to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Under this medical mission, our medical volunteers, are planning to carry **16 boxes** of Humanitarian Medical kits as accompanied baggage, **donated free of cost** by HPIC – Montreal. Our group only has to pay for the special packaging costs and handling charges. **The special packaging cost for each medical kit box is approximately \$.725/=**. We are very closely liaising with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society - BDRCS on these matters who will receive the medicines in Bangladesh. The total value of the medicines (16 medical kits) is estimated at \$. **96,000/=** and HPIC is giving this as a "DONATION".

We therefor kindly make an appeal to the Council and to you Sir, to **allocate/grant a donation of \$. 11,500/=**, the total cost for the special packaging for the 16 humanitarian medical kits to support the Humanitarian medical mission to the needy Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. Your donation will be paid to Health Partners International – HPIC, Montreal directly by the City Council on behalf of us. Our volunteers will make these missions end Dec. 2017, beginning Jan. 2018 and onward.

Our partnership with Bangladesh Red Crescent Society - BDRCS which is working on the ground in Bangladesh will enable us to be more EFFECTIVE, so that we may be able to arrange for delivery of medicines and medical supplies from Canada as donations to the suffering Rohingya refugees, estimated to be around **1 million. 87 %** of them need

medical healthcare as advised by the UN humanitarian agencies. **60% of them are below the age of 18** and there are **14,740 orphans in 2 small refugee camps needing immediate medical attention.**

Other Municipalities in Ontario like the City Hall of Mississauga have contributed larger amounts as donation to assist the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh to other NGO's.

We pray that this donation will be made at the earliest. Our small community group addressed the FAAE committee in the parliament in Ottawa on Wednesday the 22nd., November 2017, on special invitation and have requested for the deployment of "DART" Disaster Assistance Response Team immediately to Cox's Bazaar refugee camps in Bangladesh. Hamiltonians have shown the House of Commons how a small group can be effective in extending humanitarian assistance to the needy Rohingya refugees.

Sincerely.

"SUPPORT GROUP FOR ROHINGYA MUSLIMS - HAMILTON"

Noor Nizam.

Organizer and Coordinator.

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Mrs. Uzma Qureshi - Community Leader.

Mr. Rahim Chowdury, Board Director, New Hope for World Organization, Hamilton.

Reverend Christina Paradela – Minister – United Church, Dundas.

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