

How to fill in the Victim Representation Form:

Victim Representation Form		
<p>This template may be used by victims or persons/organizations representing victims who have been allegedly forcibly displaced from Myanmar to Bangladesh since at least 9 October 2016 and suffered from crimes committed at least in part on the territory of Bangladesh, such as deportation, other inhumane acts and persecution (as set out in the ICC Office of the Prosecutor's Request for Authorization of an Investigation Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statute).</p> <p>N.B. This form is not an application form for victims' participation in the proceedings and/or reparations.</p> <p>Should the Judges authorize the opening of an investigation, victims may be able at a later stage to apply for participation in potential judicial proceedings and have the opportunity to present their views and concerns. In the context of such judicial proceedings, victims will also be entitled to request reparation.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION <input type="checkbox"/> COLLECTIVE REPRESENTATION</p> <p><small>An individual representation can be submitted either by: * a direct or indirect victim who suffers exclusively to the harm he/she suffered, OR * a representative on behalf of only one victim.</small></p>		
<p>1. Surname(s) of victim(s) _____ First name(s) of victim(s) _____</p> <p><small>Fill in Question 1 if you are: * an individual victim making a representation on your own behalf, OR * a representative submitting the representation for a victim or victims who are willing to reveal names.</small></p>		
<p>2. Surname of person representing victim(s) _____ First name of person representing victim(s) _____ OR name of organization representing victim(s) _____</p> <p><small>Fill in Question 2 if you are: * a person/organization representing a victim or a group of victim(s), OR * an individual victim can also act as a representative of other family members who suffered harm as a result of similar acts.</small></p>		
<p>3. If a collective representation, for how many victims is this form submitted? <small>Please provide the exact number of victims on behalf of whom the representation is submitted. If you can only provide an approximate number, please write down that number and give an explanation.</small></p>		
<p>4. If you are a person/organization representing victim(s), are you acting with the consent of all victims represented in this form? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please explain: _____</p>		
<p>5. If you are a person/organization representing victim(s) briefly describe your relationship to the victim(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Family member: <input type="checkbox"/> Community relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> NGO/Civil society representative: <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><small>Please provide a description of your relationship to the victim(s) on behalf of whom the representation is made, include details of: for instance: * how you contacted the victims * your communication channels (e.g. a letter or direct communication with victim; an NGO that has been implementing projects in Bangladesh/Myanmar and is a trusted community partner)</small></p>		
<p>6. If available, please provide the following information about the victim(s) submitting this representation: <small>* For individual representations, please provide all the details requested. * For collective representations, please include, to the extent possible, a breakdown of the information requested that corresponds to the number of victims provided in Question 3.</small></p>		
<p>Gender: _____ Date of birth/age: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 0-18 years old - how many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 18-55 years old - how many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ years old - how many? _____ Nationality(ies)/ethnic group(s): _____ Language(s): _____ Original residence: _____ <small>Please provide the name of the township in Myanmar</small> Current residence: _____ <small>If in Bangladesh, please provide the camp number/name</small></p>		
<p>7. What happened to the victim(s)? What forces/groups does the victim(s) believe to be responsible for the harm suffered? <small>Please describe how the events took place, in as much detail as possible, e.g. how the deportation was effected, what (other) crimes were committed.</small></p>		
<p>8. Where did the event(s) occur? <small>Please include all locations where events took place</small></p>		
<p>9. When did the event(s) occur? <small>Please provide dates for all relevant events e.g. date of related crimes in Myanmar, date of arrival in Bangladesh, etc.</small></p>		
<p>10. What harm did the victim(s) suffer as a result of the event(s)?</p>		
<p>11. Do the victim(s) want the ICC Prosecutor to investigate the crimes against humanity of deportation, other inhumane acts and persecution allegedly committed against the civilian Rohingya population in Myanmar? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>12. If you answered "yes" to Question 11, what do the victim(s) think the investigation should include? <small>(time period, location, crimes)?</small></p>		
<p>13. If the victim(s) answered "no" to Question 11, what concerns with regard to this investigation do victim(s) have? <small>Please explain the victim(s)' reasons against such an investigation.</small></p>		
<p>14. Do the victim(s) have any additional views or concerns that they want to share with the Court?</p>		
<p>15. Contact information of the person/organization submitting the representation <small>(place of residence, telephone and email address, if available)</small></p>		
<p>Signature of victim(s)/representative of victim(s) _____ Date _____ Location _____</p> <p><small>No additional documents are required for the representation to be considered complete. Should you, however, wish to provide additional documents connected to this representation, please send them together with the victim representation form to the following address: -> -> or contact the VPRS via email at: VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int</small></p> <p><small>International Criminal Court Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS) P.O. Box 19519 2500 CM The Hague The Netherlands</small></p>		

The Victim Representation Form is available in **two formats**:

- An **online version** of the form which can be filled in directly on the ICC website without a need to download the form on your computer: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/bangladesh-myanmar>

Alternatively:

- A **PDF version** available for download on the ICC website: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/bangladesh-myanmar> which can be filled in by hand and sent to:

the International Criminal Court
Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS)
P.O. Box 19519, 2500 CM
The Hague
The Netherlands

or

per email to VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int

For each victim/group of victims, please fill in **only one single form type** - either online or PDF - depending on your internet connection/computer capacity and security concerns, to make your representation.

To the extent possible, try to fill in the form in English as this will considerably reduce the time taken to process your representation (as translation time will be avoided).

Please be concise and aware of the space limitations of this form when filling it in.

Victims can also submit representations in other formats, e.g. video, audio, etc.

It is important that the representations, irrespective of their format, contain to the extent possible all information requested in the template representation form. Please be concise when recording a representation and to the extent possible ensure that the duration of the audio/video recording is less than 10 minutes. To the extent possible, the person making the representation should speak English or consecutive translation/subtitles into English should be included in the video. This will considerably reduce the time taken to process your audio/video representation (as translation time will be avoided).

For each victim/group of victims, please either fill in the representation form or submit the representation in another format. The same victim/group of victims should only submit one representation in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication.

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The scope of the [Prosecution's Request for Authorization of an Investigation Pursuant to Article 15](#) covers crimes against humanity committed against the Rohingya civilian population in Myanmar since at least 9 October 2016.

N.B. This form is not an application form for victims' participation in the proceedings and/or reparations.

Should the Judges authorize the opening of an investigation, victims may be able at a later stage to apply for participation in potential judicial proceedings and have the opportunity to present their views and concerns. In the context of such judicial proceedings, victims will also be entitled to request reparation.

Representations made by victims under Article 15(3) of the Rome Statute are meant to assist the ICC judges in deciding whether to authorize the commencement of the investigation with respect to all or any part of the Prosecutor's request for authorization of an investigation in the Bangladesh/Myanmar situation. Should the ICC judges authorize the opening of an investigation; the Office of the Prosecutor will conduct an investigation into the crimes allegedly committed in relation to the Situation in Bangladesh/Myanmar as outlined in the Request to the judges and the [Notice](#). Once the investigations are complete, a case (or cases) may be brought against individuals deemed to be most responsible if enough evidence has been collected.

The representations made under article 15(3) of the Statute do NOT grant victims participatory status in potential future judicial proceedings. Should such proceedings arise in the future, victims interested in applying to participate will have to fill in a **separate application form for participation** in those proceedings and for reparations, if desired. They will also have to provide more specific information and supporting documentation about what happened to them personally.

☐ **INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION**

☐ **COLLECTIVE REPRESENTATION**

An individual representation can be submitted either by: * a **direct or indirect victim** who refers exclusively to the harm he/she suffered, OR
* a **representative on behalf of only one victim**

This template is designed to facilitate both individual and collective representations of victims under article 15(3) of the Rome Statute.

An **individual representation** can be submitted either by only one victim (a natural person or organisation) who refers exclusively to the harm (direct or indirect) he/she suffered, or by a representative on behalf of **one victim**.

A representation is considered **collective** if it is submitted on behalf of **two or more victims**. Collective representations can be introduced by a representative on behalf of groups of victims (e.g. families, the population of an entire village, a women association, etc.).

1. Surname(s) of victim(s) _____
First name(s) of victim(s) _____

Fill in Question 1 if you are: * an **individual victim** making a representation on your own behalf, OR
* a **representative** submitting the representation for a victim or victims who are willing to reveal name(s)

If you are an individual victim making a representation on your own behalf, please provide, at Question 1, your first and surname as it appears on your identity documents. **You do not need to provide a copy of your identity documents for this question, or for Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5 below.**

Please note that representation forms **cannot be anonymous**. If you are a victim making an individual representation and, for security or other reasons you do not want to share your identity details, you will need a representative, who can share their identity details in Question 2 below, to fill in the form for you. In this case, you can leave Question 1 blank and only fill in Question 2.

2. Surname of person representing victim(s) _____
First name of person representing victim(s) _____
OR name of organization representing victim(s) _____

Fill in Question 2 if you are: * a **person/organization representing a victim or a group of victim(s)**, OR
* an **individual victim can also act as the representative** of other family members who suffered harm as a result of similar acts

If you are a person/organization representing one or more victims, please provide, at Question 2, your first and surname or the name of the organization representing the victim(s).

Please note that it is **NOT required to provide, in Question 1, the name of the victim(s) represented**. Should you however wish to provide the name of the victim(s), you can i) do it in Question 1 if you represent only one victim or, ii) attach a separate piece of paper containing the names of multiple victims. (If you are filling in the online form, you can insert multiple names in the extendable space under Question 1.)

If you are a victim yourself and you **also act as the representative of other victims** (e.g. you are a mother or father who submits this form on behalf of yourself and your children), please **provide your first name and surname in Question 2 only**.

3. If a collective representation, for how many victims is this form submitted? _____

Please provide the **exact** number of victims on behalf of whom the representation is submitted. If you can only provide an approximate number, please write down that number and give an explanation

Please provide the exact number of victims on behalf of whom the representation is submitted. If you can only provide an approximate number, please provide that number and an explanation.

If you are a victim yourself and you are also representing other victims, please include yourself in the total number of victims represented (e.g. if you are a mother who was deported together with your five children, the number of victims indicated in this question should be six).

4. If you are a person/organization representing victim(s), are you acting with the consent of all victims represented in this form?

☐ Yes ☐ No *If no, please explain:* _____

The process of submitting representations is voluntary and representatives must act with the consent of the victim(s) represented. Please tick the 'Yes' box if you act with the consent of the victim(s) represented. If you tick the 'No' box, please provide an explanation as to why the consent of the victim(s) could not be obtained.

5. If you are a person/organization representing victim(s) briefly describe your relationship to the victim(s)

- ☐ Family member: _____
- ☐ Community relationship: _____
- ☐ NGO/Civil society representative: _____
- ☐ Lawyer: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Please provide a description of your relationship to the victim(s) on behalf of whom this representation is made, include details of, for instance:

* **how** you contacted the victims

* **your communication channels** (e.g. a lawyer in direct communication with victims; an NGO that has been implementing projects in Bangladesh/Myanmar and is a trusted community partner)

Please tick the relevant box and provide a brief description of your relationship to the victim(s) on behalf of whom this representation is made, including details of how you contacted the victims and details regarding your communications (e.g. a lawyer in direct communication with victims; an NGO that has been implementing projects in Bangladesh/Myanmar and is a trusted community partner; etc.)

6. If available, please provide the following information about the victim(s) submitting this representation:

* For **individual representations**, please **provide all the details requested**.

* For **collective representations**, please include, to the extent possible, a **breakdown of the information requested that corresponds to the number of victims** provided in Question 3

Gender: _____

Date of birth/age:

☐ 0-18 years old - *how many?* _____

☐ 18-55 years old - *how many?* _____

☐ 55+ years old - *how many?* _____

Nationality(ies)/ethnic group(s): _____

Language(s): _____

Original residence: _____

Please provide the name of the **township in Myanmar**

Current residence: _____

If in Bangladesh, please provide the **camp number/name**

For **individual representations**, please provide all details requested regarding yourself.

If the representation is filled in by a **person or organization representing multiple victims**, please include, to the extent possible:

- a breakdown of the gender of the group members (e.g.: 51 male, 48 female, 3 other);
- a breakdown per age category (e.g.: 8 victims – age 0-18; 51 victims – age 18-55; 40 victim - 55+);
- for the date(s) of birth please follow this format: DD/MM/YYYY;
- a breakdown of the nationalities/ethnic groups (e.g. Rohingya)
- a breakdown of the languages spoken by the members of the group (e.g.: 55 victims – Rohingya; 44 victims – Rohingya and Burmese);

- a breakdown of places of origin (township in Myanmar) of group members (e.g. 33 victims – Buthidaung, 15 victims- Maungdaw, 51 victims - Rathedaung);
- a breakdown of current place of residence (camp number/name) of group members (e.g. 32 victims - Kutapalong, 67 victims - Camp 22).

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7. What happened to the victim(s)? What forces/groups does the victim(s) believe to be responsible for the harm suffered?

Please describe **how** the events took place, in as much detail as possible, e.g. how the deportation was effected, what (other) crimes were committed.

Please be specific about what happened to the victim(s) personally. It is important to provide a description of facts and details of the victims' personal experience. Please also specify what forces or groups the victim(s) believe to be responsible for the events.

For collective representations you do not need to describe the individual story of each member of the group represented; it is sufficient to provide a summary description of the facts and crimes committed against the victims represented.

The ICC judges will take into consideration the events described in the representations when assessing the Prosecutor's request to open an investigation in the Bangladesh/Myanmar situation, as well as the scope of this investigation.

If the victim(s) does/do not know who the relevant forces/groups responsible for the events are, it is sufficient to provide some information that would identify the group to which the alleged perpetrators belong, and why the victim(s) believe(s) this. If the victim(s) does/do not know who is responsible for the events, it is sufficient to indicate in the answer the fact that the perpetrators are not known.

Please be concise and aware of the space limitations of this form when filling it in.

8. Where did the event(s) occur?

Please include all **locations where events took place**

Be specific. If possible, provide the name of a village or location near the place where the incidents occurred. To the extent possible, please include all locations where the events took place (e.g. locations in Myanmar, border crossing location, etc.).

9. When did the event(s) occur?

Please provide **dates for all relevant events** e.g. date of related crimes in Myanmar, date of arrival in Bangladesh, etc.

If the date of the events is unknown, please give an approximate date; if not possible, please provide any contextual information that could assist in determining/ approximating the date of events (e.g. at the beginning of the monsoon season, etc.)

10. What harm did the victim(s) suffer as a result of the event(s)?

Please provide information about the exact nature of the injury, damage or suffering that the victim(s) has/have personally experienced, either directly or indirectly as a result of the suffering of close family members, as a result of the actions or events described in Questions 7 to 9.

The ICC recognises different types of harm that a victim may suffer as a result of crimes within the ICC jurisdiction. These crimes can cause **physical suffering** to a person's body, as well as **psychological harm**, by which a person's mind is affected because of what she or he has experienced or witnessed.

Material harm could also be recognised, e.g. loss of or damage to property as the result of the crime, and other economical loss.

Loss of opportunities (e.g. loss of possibility to study) and **loss of social status** within the community may also be recognised.

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11. Do the victim(s) want the ICC Prosecutor to investigate the crimes against humanity of deportation, other inhumane acts and persecution allegedly committed against the civilian Rohingya population in Myanmar?
12. If you answered "yes" to Question 11, what do the victim(s) think the investigation should include (*time period, location, crimes*)?
13. If the victim(s) answered "no" to Question 11, what concerns with regard to this investigation do victim(s) have? *Please explain the victim(s') reasons against such an investigation.*
14. Do the victim(s) have any additional views or concerns that they want to share with the Court?

Questions 11, 12, 13 and 14 are designed to give victims the opportunity to convey their views on the proposed investigation of the Prosecutor into the crimes allegedly committed in the Situation in Bangladesh/Myanmar. These views will assist the ICC judges in deciding whether the Prosecutor's request to open an investigation in the Bangladesh/Myanmar situation should be granted.

In Question 12, the victim(s) who answered YES to Question 11 may suggest what time period they believe the investigation should cover, which locations should be included in the investigation, what crimes should be investigated, as well as their expectations in relation to a possible investigation.

In Question 13 the victim(s) who answered NO to Question 11 may indicate their concerns related to a potential investigation by the ICC Prosecutor and raise any other issues they deem relevant.

In Question 14, the victim(s) may include any additional observations/views they want to share with the ICC Judges related to a potential investigation, for example issues of safety and security and/or any other information deemed relevant for the Judges' consideration.

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15. Contact information of the person/organization submitting the representation (*place of residence, telephone and email address, if available*)

Please provide the contact details of the person or organization filling in the form, as the Chamber will give notice of its decision on the Prosecutor's request to all victims who have made representations. The Registry will also keep victims informed about any procedural developments.

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<i>Signature of victim/representative of victim(s)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>

By signing the form, the victims or the persons or organizations representing victims confirm the authenticity of the information provided. By signing, the victims/persons or organizations representing victims also confirm their intention to make a representation.

If the representation is made by a person/organization representing multiple victims, the **signature of the victims' representative is sufficient**, you do not need to also provide the signatures of the victim(s) represented.

No additional documents are required in order for the representation to be considered complete.

Should victims/organizations representing victims wish to provide documents, it is preferable to send them together with the representation form to

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The Hague
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or

per email to VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int

Victims/organizations representing victims **should NOT send original documents**, but only copies. Photocopies of documents that the victims and/or organizations representing victims consider relevant for the representation, such as forensic, medical, police or court records, photographs, films, etc., may be attached to the representation form.

Please contact the VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int for any help and/or further information.