

# Briefing Note

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## Council

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## Addresses in part 2

### 1. Address by Dr Ramzy – removal of Freedom of the City

Dear honourable members of Oxford City Council,

I write with reference to the widely reported ethnic cleansing and forced exodus of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people and the role of Ms Aung San Suu Kyi, the noble peace prize winner and the de facto leader of Myanmar, in these atrocities.

I would like to bring your attention to the worldwide criticism of Ms Suu Kyi for standing in support of Burma's military campaign of murder, rape and torture against the Rohingya minority Muslim group.

I, and millions of people in Oxford and across the UK, believe that Ms Suu Kyi has ignored her duty to humanity and peace and has failed to speak out against the ethnic cleansing, rape and torture of innocent people whose only crime was to be Muslim.

Ms Suu Kyi has decided to stand in silence whilst the people of Rohingya are killed, tortured, and raped on her doorstep. Her only reaction has been to say this is "fake news". She has failed to recognise the UN's description of the action against Rohingya as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing".

Standing silent in the face of the horrific acts against the Rohingya people calls the people of Great Britain to question whether Ms Suu Kyi deserves to hold the honour of the freedom of many cities in the UK, including the city of Oxford.

As one of the representatives of Muslims in Oxford and Oxfordshire, I would strongly endorse that Ms Suu Kyi is stripped of any outstanding or honorary titles that she has received in Oxford or any other part of the country.

I strongly believe the Honourable members of the Oxford City Council will keep upholding the standards of Oxford City, the best academic city in the world, and maintain the highest possible standards of justice and fairness that Oxford City deserves.

I thank you and God bless you all.

Dr Sheikh Ramzy