

Rt Hon Jack Straw MP  
House of Commons  
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Dear Mr Straw,

**Re: Continuing violation of human rights in Burma and placing Burma on the UN Security Council Agenda**

I am writing to request that you call for the situation in Burma to be investigated as a matter of urgency. There have been numerous reports in the media of gross violations of human rights, where members of ethnic minorities within Burma have been killed, raped, subjected to forced labour or forced to hand over land and/or property to the military Junta.

Would the government consider these violations of human rights to be crimes against humanity, which amount to genocide or attempted genocide? As there are strong arguments that this is the case, I urge the UK Government to take action to bring the regime to justice for perpetrating these crimes.

I would also urge the Government to publicly support attempts to place Burma on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the UN Security Council in order to bring this matter to international attention. I would urge you, as Foreign Secretary, to issue a statement in support of this, whilst also highlighting the need to restore democracy to Burma.

Furthermore, I would ask that additional humanitarian aid be allocated to Burma in order to combat the serious lack of health care services and huge problems with malnutrition that the country is presently facing. This would need to be backed up by ensuring that aid workers are allowed unrestricted access to areas where aid is so desperately needed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Lucas', written in a cursive style.

Caroline Lucas MEP