

No place to hide

Life (and death) of Rohingya children

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Hide and seek is a much loved game for children throughout the world. In conflict zones, adults frequently use the metaphor of the game to explain to their young children that they need to hide and that they should try their best not to be found. The larger context for adults in the lives of children is protecting them from violence as best as they are able to. Sadly, persecuted children are denied sanctuary to hide from political violence instigated by adults. This is a global phenomenon. This piece briefly narrates the context and the effects of the current spate of violence on children in western Burma/Myanmar.

The context

Derived from Rohang, the ancient name of Arakan, the Muslims of Burma's west coast identify themselves as Rohingya. Realising the deeply embedded prejudice the term carries with

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