

## Headlines:

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- **Rohingya Crisis**
- **Merkel Calls for Burqa Ban**

## Details:

### Regime Continues Onslaught as UN Resolution Stalls

This week has seen eastern Aleppo fall further into the hands of the regime with up to 30% of it being lost. The regime has also re-started its offensive in Idlib province with the death of 64 civilians. As innocent civilians continue to die, the world's "policeman", the UN once again shows its incapability on the world stage. On a vote today concerning Syria, Russia and China once again vetoed a resolution to reduce the regime and Russia's offensive on Aleppo. As the end of the revolution potentially looms, the USA and world powers continue to allow the regime to consolidate itself.

### Rohingya Crisis

The violence in Burma reached new heights this week as more and more Rohingya Muslims continue to suffer from what many have dubbed an 'ethnic cleanse' by right wing Buddhists. New figures showed that roughly 21,000 Muslims have fled Burma to Cox's Bazar over a few weeks, due to the 'genocide' that is taking place against them. 130,000 men, women and children are being denied basic necessities by authorities. Refugees interview in Bangladesh related allegations of gang rape, torture and even murder by state security forces. As the world look on in horror at what the UN has called 'crimes against humanity', it is clear that the Muslim regimes surrounding Burma have done nothing to stop the crisis. Little is even admitted by Nobel winner Aung San Suu Kyi, whom refused to condemn Buddhist instigators within Myanmar. In fact, across the border Sheikh Hasina has openly voiced her opposition to letting in those persecuted and fleeing Burma towards Bangladesh.

### Merkel Calls for Burqa Ban

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called for a ban on burqas in Germany, during a speech to the annual gathering of her centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Merkel told the 1,000-strong audience in Essen that the covering - also known as the niqab - is "inappropriate in our country", adding that it "should be banned whenever it is legally possible". "In interpersonal communication, which plays a fundamental role here, we show our face," Merkel said on Tuesday. "And that's why a full veil is inappropriate in our country. It should be banned wherever legally possible. It does not belong in our country." Rights group Amnesty International strongly criticised Bulgaria's parliament in October when it approved a law preventing the wearing of the burqa in public. "This law is part of a disturbing trend of intolerance, xenophobia and racism in Bulgaria," the group's Europe director, John Dalhuisen, said in a statement at the time.