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- **2019**: 28 February
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- **A/70/412** (6 October 2015): Situation of human rights in Myanmar: note / by the Secretary-General: [http://undocs.org/A/70/412](http://undocs.org/A/70/412)
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- **Bachelet: Returning Rohingya refugees to Myanmar would place them at serious risk of human rights violations (13 November 2018):**
  

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  [https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259](https://reliefweb.int/node/2806259)

- **Secretary-General urges Myanmar authorities to review 'unacceptable' conviction, sentencing of journalists (SG/SM/19190, 3 September 2018):**
  

- **Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on the conviction of two Reuters journalists in Myanmar (3 September 2018):**
  

- **Secretary-General urges Myanmar to grant immediate access for United Nations, partners, says Rohingya refugees lack life-saving assistance (SG/SM/19181-SC/13470, 28 August 2018):**
  

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