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**UNDERSTANDING THE REASONS
BEHIND THE ATROCITIES AGAINST
THE ROHINGYA ETHNIC**

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ABSTRACT

The plight of Rohingya due to the persecution by the Burmese military is becoming a growing concern. The problem of Rohingya in Myanmar cannot be solved simply by ignoring the reasons behind the atrocities committed by the Burmese military. There is an urgent need for better understanding of the issue in order to stop the on going human rights violations. Thus, a research study is carried out to understand the reasons for the military crackdown in Myanmar as well as the impacts of the Burmese military's brutality towards the Rohingya. This research aims to identify the reasons behind the military's brutality towards the Rohingya's Muslim population. Besides, this research also aims to identify the impacts of the Burmese military's brutality on the Rohingya. This research is based on content analysis where the researcher use primary and secondary source data to answer the research questions. Besides, the researcher conduct one informal interview with an expert to support his findings. The research suggested that historical precedence and religious nationalism and the 1982 Citizenship Law as the reasons behind the atrocities. Besides, this research also suggested the role played by the attack on the police and military posts as another important reason for the military brutality. The results of this study also suggested that military atrocities are linked to health, social and security of the Rohingya. It is hope that this study can contribute to the end of the sufferings of the Rohingya.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The minority ethnic of Rohingya is arguably the most persecuted population in the world. Making a research about this minority ethnic may give a valid answer to the complex question and thus acknowledging their existence. The sad story of this minority ethnic started in 1978, during the Operation of Naga-Min by the military junta. A few years later, the establishment of 1982 Citizenship Act has shown various discrimination towards them that includes human trafficking, gender based violence, rape, torture, lack of access to health services and education inequality. Many scholars argue that in the past 40 years, the Burmese military has conducted plans to destroy the minority ethnic of Rohingya living in the Northern part of Myanmar.

This chapter serves as an introduction to this study. It investigates the main causes for the Burmese military to clean up the minority ethnic of Rohingya in the Rakhine state. Section 1.1 discusses on the background of the study. Section 1.2 describes the problem statement. Next, section 1.3 states the research questions while section 1.4 explains the research objectives. Then, section 1.5 discusses the scope of the study while section 1.6 explains the significance of the study. Last but not least, section 1.7 talks about the definition, terms, and concepts related to the study.