

APD PROJECT TEAM: BID FOR ASSISTANCE

Title of Project or Task	Diplomatic Academy Rohingya conference
Project/Task Manager	[redacted - personal data]
Directorate / Department	Asia Pacific Directorate/ASEAN Department
Start date / end date	Planning begins: December 2015 onward Conference: Early March 2016 (date TBC)
Who will manage the project officer(s)?	[redacted - personal data]
When would you like the officer (s) to start?	December 2015
When are the critical periods? (When will you need someone full time, and when part time?)	December 2015 to February 2016: Part time Early March 2016 (short period, date TBC): Full time
Outline any specific skills you require from the project team officer (including security clearance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event organisation • Project management • Report writing • Security clearance: SC minimum
If this work cannot be undertaken by a part-time, remote or flexible worker, please explain why not	n/a

Please outline the objectives, key deliverables and outcomes for the project, explaining why it is a priority. Which APD or Departmental Business Objective does it support? What will success look like?

Objectives

- Deliver a one day Diplomatic Academy Rohingya roundtable event.
- Positively influence UK Government policy.
- Engage constructively with a wide range of HMG and non-HMG stakeholders.
- Support cross-Whitehall learning and development.

Key deliverables

- Event successfully delivered. Participant feedback forms indicate 'Very good' or 'Excellent'.
- Event report shared widely across HMG including colleagues in Burma and Bangladesh.
- Video clips and podcasts finalised for Diplomatic Academy use.

Outcomes

- Better informed UK Government policy
- HMG and non-HMG stakeholders better engaged.
- Cross-Whitehall learning and development improved.

Why is this a priority?

Making progress with the situation in Rakhine State is one of the UK's main priorities in Burma. This is an important issue for Ministers and there is increasing interest in Parliament and among the media. The timing of this event is significant. Following Burma's most credible and democratic elections since the 1960s in November 2015, a new government will convene for the first time in late March 2016. The UK will be seeking to positively influence the new government at this critical juncture.

Contribution to APD Business Plan 2015-2016

This event will support Goal 3 on Soft Power and Goal 5 on Diplomatic Excellence. This event will contribute to Outcome II by contributing to a more stable Asia-Pacific region, to Outcome IX by supporting Burma's transition and a regional trend toward UK values, Outcome XII by strengthening APD's convening role in Whitehall through the Cross-Whitehall Burma Unit and Diplomatic Excellence Outcome A by increasing cross-Whitehall understanding of our region.

Please outline any risks that could affect the achievement of objectives.

- Key HMG and non-HMG stakeholders unable to participate.
- Discussions on the day fail to reach useful conclusions.
- Lobby groups hijack the discussion.
- Competing priorities divert attention, leading to a poorly managed event.

Please explain why the project approach has been selected and why this work is not being resourced from within your department/directorate:

- March 2016 will be a very important time for Burma, as the new Government convenes for the first time. Burma Unit and APRG colleagues are likely to be overwhelmed with demands from Ministers, Parliament, the public and others.
- This is likely to be the biggest and highest profile Rohingya-related event taking place in the UK during 2016. Dedicated project management will be critical.

Please give a brief description of the role of the project officer (s) within the Project Team and of the work you will expect them to undertake:

In advance of the event:

- Finalise conference objectives, format and scope.
- Identify HMG and non-HMG participants.
- Determine availability of key participants including Minister Swire and keynote speaker.
- Finalise event timings.
- Send invitations to participants and manage participation.
- Arrange air travel and accommodation for keynote speaker, and train tickets for UK-based experts.
- Arrange fine room at FCO.
- Arrange VTC and dial-in facilities (if required).
- Arrange recording facilities to capture video and audio.

- Arrange lunch and refreshments.
- Manage budget (£5,000 provided by the Diplomatic Academy Expertise Fund).
- Agree formats for event report, video clips and podcasts.
- Develop feedback form for participants.

On the day of the event:

- Escort external participants to and from the venue.
- Capture key learning points for event report.
- Distribute and gather feedback forms.
- Manage APD colleagues to assist in fulfilling these functions.

After the event:

- Finalise event report.
- Finalise video clips and podcasts for Diplomatic Academy use.
- Consolidate feedback data.

Project Team checklist

Indicator	Yes/no	Comment
Is the purpose of the project clear?		
Does the proposal show what is to be delivered, the expected benefits and what success will look like?		
Does the outcome justify the risks involved?		
Does the proposal support APD Business Plan objectives?		
Is the timescale realistic?		
Is the project suitable for the APD Project Team?		
Is the expected work and allocation of time realistic?		
Approve?		

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 December 2015 18:14
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: London Rohingya event Feb/March 2016

[redacted - personal data],

Thanks for your inputs on this. [redacted - personal data] and I are keen that the event is not just an academic discussion but is grounded in reality, has a strong input from post and comes up with some real outcomes/decisions that can be taken forward. [redacted - personal data] from the Directorate's Project Team has kindly agreed to be the project officer working with us to deliver the event and I've copied her in.

I've attached a rough outline sketch of the event as a starting point but can we take some time after the weekly VTC on Monday to discuss this please? A suggested agenda for Monday could be:-

Format

We had thought about having two separate elements to the day with the morning more outward facing and information gathering with an element of stakeholder management. Then narrowing the cast list in the afternoon to focus on policy delivery and UK strategy.

Objectives

As this is Diplomatic Academy funding, we have to include an element of education into the event and will be looking at a product on Rakhine we can use after the day – probably a podcast or similar. But the main objective (regardless of other elements around stakeholder outreach etc) will be on policy deliverables to take forward with the incoming government. It would be good to delve into this further on Monday though.

Keynote Speaker/s & Attendees

Is [redacted - personal data] the right person to target as keynote speaker or e.g. [redacted - personal data]? Including US and Aus colleagues in afternoon policy discussion element?

Next steps

We will need to agree dates before [redacted - personal data] can start to make practical arrangements. Lead point of contact at Post? etc

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 December 2015 08:47
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: London Rohingya event Fe/March 2016 & Human rights catch-up VTC

All

Sorry for delay in response (usual stuff – I found a half-written email in my drafts folder). Most ground already covered by [redacted - personal data] which I agree with. My main response is “great” and “let’s make sure we do as much preparation as possible” along the lines of [redacted - personal data] thinking. We need to do some innovative thinking on the issue, and look at what success might realistically look like in Rakhine, and not what we would like it to.

On participants, I’d suggest inviting Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue folk, they really are well embedded in all things Rakhine. Either [redacted - personal data] or [redacted - personal data] or [redacted - personal data] for them.

You could invite [redacted - personal data] and has recently been out here with [redacted - personal data] looking at what more can be done to balance humanitarian and development and political in Rakhine. Or ask [redacted - personal data].

More as I think of it.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 December 2015 11:59
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: London Rohingya event Fe/March 2016 & Human rights catch-up VTC

[redacted - personal data],

Thanks for informing us of this event. I have a couple of questions on the event, which will help shape the input we can provide here.

- Who is the target audience? Internal vs. External.
- The event should be one format and specific purpose. Is it a training event (learning/how to...) or is it a strategy/policy workshop (brainstorming options/interventions...) or a stakeholder engagement briefing (outreach exercise..)?
- What’s the intended goal or outcome of the event? Are we looking to increase our shared understanding on these issues or is it to flesh out some of the “asks/offers” we have for the new govt on Rakhine? What’s the exam question?
- What kind of outreach would you be offering to CSOs/NGOs? Is this informing them of our policy and activities or are we asking for critical input on the debate and them presenting some constructive ideas to the problems in Rakhine State.

- We should have balanced representation of views across the spectrum on Rakhine. Balancing different viewpoints/agendas to hear both sides of the narrative. We need to ensure the event isn't driven by certain viewpoints (Burma UK campaign etc).

I would hope that the Embassy could be involved in this event and participate. We have a lot of knowledge and expertise in DFID and the Embassy to input some ground truths and what's realistic to achieve. Also, I would hope that you could invite new colleagues who will be joining the Embassy and Burma Unit in the coming months so they can quickly get up to speed on some of these issues.

It would be good to discuss some of these things more at next VTC.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 December 2015 05:24

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: London Rohingya event Fe/March 2016 & Human rights catch-up VTC

[redacted - personal data],

Good idea. I'll let [redacted - personal data] respond on the substance but I would warn that to have value there should be strong engagement from in-country experts, including by our lead team in post – FCO and DFID. Any strategy concocted on the basis of inputs not rooted in; (a) experience on the ground and (b) the practical & the political realities of implementation, will have limited utility. If you're looking to do new thinking on Rakhine I'd suggest a visit back here would also be useful in advance of this workshop. Either way though this could usefully set a precedent for a more joined-up approach to thinking these big issues through.

We've been doing thinking here already on our evolving approach to human rights post-transition, good to have a VTC to discuss with you.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 December 2015 23:48

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: London Rohingya event Fe/March 2016 & Human rights catch-up VTC

Chaps,

To be aware of the below Rakhine event that [redacted - personal data] and I are working up for Feb/March. We'd like to have your input – particularly into the scope and objectives to help ensure that that we get something useful out of it. It would also be good if you could have a think about any alternatives to [redacted - personal data] as a keynote speaker – we'll make further enquiries here but if you have any good ideas for folk who could substitute of [redacted - personal data] is unable or unwilling to attend then that would be good.

More generally, it would be good to set up a VTC to have a wider discussion about our approach to human rights (including Rakhine?) both in regard to how we approach the last few months of the USDP government, but also in preparing the ground to make progress with an NLD administration. Seems to me we have quite a few live issues (around political prisoners, including the social media arrests, the various strands of WPS/PSVI work that are underway, approach to future public comms on this and also to the March HRC resolution, and now this Rakhine event opportunity) that we should discuss. But let me know what you think and I can suggest slots and a draft agenda.

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 December 2015 12:20

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]; Tom Dodd

Subject: Rohingya & Rakhine event/training day query - Late Feb/early March

Team,

[redacted - personal data] and I have secured funding from the Diplomatic Academy for a Rohingya/Rakhine-themed event/training day before the end of this FY. We're looking to do something that has an element of X-Whitehall training and outreach to NGOs and CSOs and will provide a learning resource. But we also want the day to very much drill down into UKG strategies for taking this important policy issue forward with the incoming NLD government and comes up with practical actions to take away and implement. We have the funds to bring a keynote speaker of the stature of someone like [redacted - personal data] over to the UK for this, and want to also try to get the Minister to open the event. But before we start to explore dates and availability with these and book rooms etc, I want to make sure that the timing

works for us in the Burma Unit. Grateful therefore for an indication if the end of February or beginning of March would work for you, any dates that don't work, and anything else that's coming up which we'll want to stay clear of in terms of timing?

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

FCO Rakhine conference - outline

Why is this important?

Making progress with the situation in Rakhine State is one of the UK's main priorities in Burma. This is an important issue for Ministers and there is increasing interest in Parliament and among the media. The timing is significant. Elections in November 2015 were Burma's most credible and democratic since the 1960s. A new government will convene for the first time in late March 2016 and the UK will be seeking to influence at this critical juncture.

This one day conference will bring HMG officials together with the UK's leading experts to better understand the situation in Rakhine State, and guide and inform UK policy on this issue. A world leading expert from Burma will participate as the keynote speaker. Funding has been provided by the FCO's Expertise Fund to improve expertise and knowledge in support of Diplomatic Excellence.

Objectives

- Raise awareness of the situation in Rakhine State.
- Engage a wide range of HMG and non-HMG stakeholders.
- Inform and influence UK Government policy.
- Support cross-Whitehall learning and development.

Participation

- FCO, MoD, DFID, Home Office
- Academics (including a world leading expert from Burma)
- Think tanks
- NGOs/human rights organisations
- Rohingya groups
- Allies from UK-based diplomatic missions

Timing

- Late February/Early March 2016

Format

- Full day
- Morning sessions will involve a wide range of stakeholders, with a view to developing a full picture of the situation in Rakhine State.
- Afternoon sessions will involve a smaller group of HMG officials and a handful of key external experts, focusing on the UK's role in Rakhine State and its relationship with the new government.

Venue

- FCO King Charles Street

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 16:24
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine State conference in London

Thanks [redacted - personal data], this looks good. A few names to fill in some blanks might be:-

[redacted - personal data]
[redacted - personal data]
[redacted - personal data]

And depending who we eventually end up with as keynote speaker, we *may*(?) want to also invite the Burmese Embassy:- either the Ambassador or perhaps [redacted - personal data]

I've also set up a folder in the shared area for the event material per the below:-

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I'll check about SR Yanghee Lee with [redacted - personal data] and with UKMIS NY about UNSG's SA Nambiar (though this is obviously a bit of a long-shot).

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 15:05
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine State conference in London

Please find a revised version of the participant list attached.

I've written to [redacted - personal data] for suggestions on the keynote speaker.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 11:03
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine State conference in London

Thanks both – shall we have a short get-together at 12ish (calendar invitation sent).

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 10:54
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine State conference in London

A happy new year to you both. After 12 today or after 3 tomorrow would work for me.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 10:47
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine State conference in London

Hi, Happy New Year!!!

Sure. I have a meeting at 11.00am this morning. I'm free anytime after 12.00 noon today, if that works for you both. Otherwise, tomorrow – anytime except 11.00am-12.00noon.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 January 2016 10:40
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Rakhine State conference in London

Chaps - shall we have a chat about a Plan B?

[redacted - personal data]

PS – Happy New Year!

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 December 2015 18:09
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Rakhine State conference in London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thanks very much for the invitation. Would be great to come, but unfortunately March is a very hectic month, and I don't think I'll be able to commit to this.

All the best

[redacted - personal data]

On 22 December 2015 at 23:54, [redacted - personal data] wrote:

[redacted - personal data]

Hope you're well. We're organising a one day conference on the situation in Rakhine State in London in March. We're hoping that you can join us as the keynote speaker.

The dates we're considering are 15, 23 or 24 March. We can cover the costs of your flight, accommodation and expenses, if you can join us for one day for the conference and one day for meetings with officials on other Burma-related matters.

We'll look forward to hearing from you.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 07 January 2016 15:40

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: London Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable March 2016 - UN Attendance
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[redacted - personal data]

Some detail of what we're planning is in the attached. The dates we've identified are either 15, 23 or 24 March. The cast list for the morning round-table is likely to be a mix of CSOs, NGOs/INGOs, diaspora groups and selected embassies. In light of the sensitive timing for the new incoming government, we're planning to hold the event under Chatham House rules or similar, and don't anticipate any real media output before or after. To get Nambiar as a guest speaker, I think we'd sell the Rakhine Roundtable to him as just a part of a wider London visit - including a Ministerial bilateral and meetings with senior officials - to discuss Burma's progress, future prospects, peace process and the future role of the UN. If you could run this past his chief of staff that would be great.

I'm actually off to Rakhine myself next week and next back in the office the week

beginning 18 Jan. But if you need anything in the meantime on this, please contact [redacted - personal data], or [redacted - personal data]– copied in - who are pulling this event together.

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 07 January 2016 14:30

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: London Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable March 2016 - UN Attendance
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Hi [redacted - personal data]

Thanks for this. I agree that Nambiar might be wary about attending an event solely on Rakhine, but no harm in quietly sounding his office out, as he'd be a great speaker if we can get him.

Could you give me a clearer sense of the dates, potential panel slot and subject matter, and I'll have a word with his chief of staff?

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 06 January 2016 07:17

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: London Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable March 2016 - UN Attendance OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I'm planning a Rakhine and Rohingya day in March (dates to be confirmed still but looking like either 23 or 24 March) to coincide with the eve of the new, NLD-led, Burmese government coming in. My current thinking is to start in the morning with a roundtable to gather views and take stock with officials, Int Orgs, Academics, NGOs and civil society (we'd then have an more in-house focussed afternoon looking at UK and international strategy). The plan is for Mr Swire to open the morning roundtable event and we're looking to get some high level speakers. I've asked [redacted - personal data] in Geneva to sound out UNSR Yanghee Lee about possible attendance – though it doesn't look like it will fit with her travel plans around the March HRC sessions. But I had a bit of a further left-field thought, and wondered if SGSA Nambiar might be in or around Europe at that time and prepared to attend?

Rakhine and the Rohingya is more Yanghee Lee's field but Nambiar has taken quite

an interest in it over the last couple of years and there is the obvious cross-over of the issue into Burma's future stability prospects. I'm also not sure when Nambiar last visited London and it might be a useful moment to take stock with him - as his own mandate runs down and with the NLD about to form a government. If we did get Nambiar over, we'd probably look to use him in at least the opening session of the Rakhine Roundtable as well as offer a Ministerial bilateral and meetings/lunch with officials, majoring more on Burma's progress, future prospects and the peace process. Do you think it would be worth sounding his office out on this basis?

Hope you managed a decent – and restful - break over the festive period?

All the best,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 02 February 2016 17:23

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Rakhine event in London OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Thanks [redacted - personal data]. I've added - [redacted - personal data] I thought we'd had some interaction with the Japanese embassy here on Rakhine issues but apparently not so have removed them from the Embassies section. The person I met from CHD was [redacted - personal data] who would it would be good to invite but perhaps not as a guest speaker – though [redacted - personal data] would be good for this.

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 02 February 2016 15:50

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Rakhine event in London OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Further to our discussion today, I've updated the participants list and agenda at S:\Asia Pacific\APD\ASEAN Department\Burma Team\4. Ethnic situation\Rakhine\March 2016 Roundtable

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From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 02 February 2016 09:47
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Rakhine event in London OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Good news chaps – we've brought HMA back in on this and can press ahead now. Let's discuss this afternoon...

[redacted - personal data]

From: Andrew Patrick (Sensitive)
Sent: 02 February 2016 05:53
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: David Whineray [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Rakhine event in London OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[redacted - personal data]

My two concerns were publicity on which we are in the same place it seems, and expense, which you have resolved with help from the academy.

I see this as a useful stakeholder management exercise, probably less as something that will add to our knowledge.

We will probably take part by VTC given the other pressures here.
Sent from Blackberry

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 02:28 PM
To: Andrew Patrick (Sensitive)
Cc: David Whineray; [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine event in London OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Andrew,

You are aware that we are planning to host an event on Rakhine in London in March. I understand you had some questions about the profile of the event [exempt under s35 Formulation of Government Policy]. I hope the attached explains the purpose of the meeting, and how we propose to manage the risks. As always, we are very happy to take advice from Post on handling.

I'd be grateful for any views before we send out the invitations (hopefully later this week).

Regards,

[redacted - personal data]

PS I am also copying the text below for the benefit of David Whineray, who is travelling in the region with the PUS.

[redacted - personal data]

SUBJECT: RAKHINE EVENT IN LONDON – 23 MARCH 2016

1. I wanted to update you on the Rakhine event we are organising in London in late March – both to enlist your support, and to address any concerns you may have about what the profile of the event may imply about the UK's role in this space.
2. Rakhine will remain a core priority for the UK's Burma policy because of the risks it poses. If Rakhine goes badly it has the potential to undermine the progress and reforms we have worked so hard to achieve across the rest of the country. Until the issues there are resolved it will remain a driver of conflict and a barrier to development. Ultimately, left unchecked, the persecution of the Rohingya could become a magnet for extremism.
3. The event we are proposing has three objectives:
 - (a) To improve understanding among policy-makers in London of the situation in Rakhine. We are already well-served by Post with good reporting on Rakhine, including from regular Embassy visits. But as we review policy after the elections, we see value in drawing in external expertise, not least to avoid the risk of group-think.
 - (b) To brainstorm policy options with trusted third parties and international partners.
 - (c) To help manage some of the stakeholders in London who are the source of so many of the PQs, letters and public enquiries we deal with on Burma.
4. To achieve this, the day will be divided into two parts. The first half will bring in a wider range of stakeholders across Whitehall and externally, including NGOs, diaspora, academics and practitioners, totalling about 25 people. The Diplomatic Academy has given us the budget to bring one or more experts over from Burma. The second half will discuss options among a smaller, more select group of allies (US, UN, EU and Australia) and a handful of trusted external contacts. Mr Swire will open the event. We are also seeking the involvement of Vijay Nambiar given the potential importance of the UN.

5. *[Exempt under s27 International Relations and s35 Formulation of Government Policy]*

6. *[Exempt under s27 International Relations and s35 Formulation of Government Policy]*

We would also welcome Embassy participation to help inform the discussion - ideally in person, or through an introductory session over video conference. Should you or the Embassy team, including DFID, wish to participate in this way, we would be happy to organise it.

7. If necessary we could take further measures to contain the risk. Notably we could focus participation down from a ceiling of 30 delegates to closer to 20 in the morning session, **[Exempt under s27 International Relations]** These measures would help mitigate the risks, but at the cost of diluting the value of the event, and are something I would prefer to avoid if possible.
8. I look forward to hearing any views or advice you may have for how we approach this. I attach a guest list for reference. A reply would be appreciated this week as we need to send the invitations out.

-----Original Message-----

From: **[redacted - personal data]**

Sent: 08 January 2016

To: **[redacted - personal data]**

Cc: **[redacted - personal data]**

Subject: RE: **[redacted - personal data]** today OFFICIAL OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Actually on reflection (after having got a cup of tea) maybe **[redacted - personal data]**

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: **[redacted - personal data]**

Sent: 08 January 2016 15:49

To: **[redacted - personal data]**

Cc: **[redacted - personal data]**

Subject: RE: **[redacted - personal data]** today OFFICIAL OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Thank you for these suggestions.

I'm actually a big fan of **[redacted - personal data]**. I'm not sure where he's based now or how much involvement he has had with Rakhine?

I don't think **[redacted - personal data]** is based in the UK any more, but we'll track him down.

I'll look forward to learning more about **[redacted - personal data]**.

We do have **[redacted - personal data]** on the list.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 08 January 2016 15:41

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: [redacted - personal data] today OFFICIAL OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Thanks for sharing this evolving thinking, which looks good to me. Just on attendance, you might also consider [redacted - personal data]. Also, I know you're not his biggest fan, but what about [redacted - personal data].

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

More controversially, did you give any thought to [redacted - personal data]? I realise they come from a certain angle, but they have been looking at the issue fairly closely. [redacted - personal data] Anyway, just thought I'd throw the names out there.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

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[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 08 January 2016 15:07

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: [redacted - personal data] today OFFICIAL OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

We spoke about the planned Rakhine event in March. [redacted - personal data] has also checked with Mr. Swire's office and we're agreed on Wednesday 23rd March.

You suggested that [redacted - personal data] might mention this to [redacted - personal data] in his meeting today. Attached for reference are the draft outline and possible participants list.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 08 January 2016 10:55

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: [redacted - personal data] today OFFICIAL OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Just to add, there's nothing especially new to add on Burma.

However, just to note that [redacted - personal data] came in to see us yesterday to sound us out on a proposal to convene a meeting on Rakhine in London involving Embassies from Europe, SE Asia, S Asia and the Middle East. He had been asked to do this by [redacted - personal data]

We counter-pitched our more discreet, more academic event that we're looking to hold in mid-late March here at the FCO. We're planning to invite the top commentators, academics and practitioners (UN, EU, US, Australia) for a policy discussion. We're hoping for one or two high level people, e.g. Yanghee Lee (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights), Vijay Nambiar or [redacted - personal data]

We discussed US attendance, which we had anticipated being at working level, and probably from the Embassy. But [redacted - personal data] thought that Washington might be interested, and even [redacted - personal data] himself. Any attendance from Washington, including [redacted - personal data], would be welcome, although I realise the latter may be ambitious, and he might feel under-ranked by the rest of the attendees.

But you might just like to mention that we are organising something and would welcome US participation. It's still in planning phase, so more detail to follow.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 01 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Rakhine note for HMA OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Hope you're well. I understand that we're going to proceed with inviting Nambiar.

Will we invite another expert speaker? My understanding is that the remaining shortlist consists of [redacted - personal data].

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 01 February 2016 11:23
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine note for HMA OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Thanks – this looks right to me. I have a question on whether we'd have the EU and Japan in on the afternoon stuff but it's something to think about certainly, and no harm flagging it as a possibility.

You were going to get this off now to David and then (assuming he's content) to Andrew? I'll let UKMIS NY know there's been a delay in getting the invitation to them for Nambiar but that we'll get back to them shortly.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 29 January 2016 14:44
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine note for HMA OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[redacted - personal data],

Welcome back.

Unfortunately we haven't sent the invitation to Nambiar yet for the Rakhine event in March. I discussed the issue with Post on Monday. [Exempt under s27 International Relations and s35 Formulation of Government Policy]

I mean to discuss it with David, but he was off sick Monday to Wednesday and then left Thursday to travel to the region with the PUS. However, he does have his BB with him. So I'd like to send him the attached note, to bring him up to speed, and then (assuming he's happy) to send it on to HMA.

Before I do that, can I confirm you're happy with the content?

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 05 February 2016 14:26

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: FCO Rakhine event, 23 March

Hi [redacted - personal data],

Sounds like it's shaping up to be a good event. I can't think of any Rakhine Buddhists in the UK off the top of my head, but let me ask my colleague [redacted - personal data]

More soon,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 11:42 AM

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FCO Rakhine event, 23 March

[redacted - personal data],

We'd value your participation on 23 March. We're still working on the agenda, but we're hoping to have a broad discussion with a wide range of stakeholders in the morning, followed by a more policy-focused discussion with a much smaller hand-picked group in the afternoon. Ideally you'll be able to join us for the full day.

We're planning to invite some Rohingya voices for the morning session, but were wondering if there are any Rakhine Buddhist voices we could also consider? We're not aware of anybody.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 22 January 2016 10:25

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Visiting scholar working on S. China Sea conflict

Hi [redacted - personal data],

Quick note to say that I've marked the 23 March in my diary. Is the intention for that to be a full day event?

I'm hoping to be able to make it, although [redacted - personal data], so much will depend on how well we're prepared. But it sounds like it's coming together well, so I'll do my best.

Regards,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 1:42 PM

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Visiting scholar working on S. China Sea conflict

[redacted - personal data],

Good to hear from you. We're really looking forward to the Burma/Bangladesh training on 11 Feb. I'm the main contact point on the Burma side here so if you have any questions let me know. Hoping to talk to [redacted - personal data] this week.

The Rakhine Conference will take place now on 23 March. There's been some very high level UN interest in attending, which would make it very interesting. Invitations will be a few weeks away, but hopefully you can put it in your diary.

Unfortunately I won't be able to make it for the [redacted - personal data] event on Wednesday, but [redacted - personal data] coming in on Friday.

[redacted - personal data] will revert to you separately on the South China Sea meeting.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Nambiar

[redacted - personal data] – afraid I just heard some bad news. Sounds like Nambiar has a personal agenda clash and won't be able to make the Rakhine event. I understand they will confirm this shortly, but will request a staff member attend in his stead (not to speak, though).

Sorry about that,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Sensitivity: Private

Hi [redacted - personal data],

Okay. I will speak to [redacted - personal data] in the morning (due to the time difference) when I am back in the office.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016 11:47

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data],

I spoke with [redacted - personal data] yesterday and explained our plans for the day. He is very enthusiastic and confirmed his availability. I would think that we can proceed with making arrangements for his flights and accommodation now. It would be worth discussing dates with him I'd think.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016 10:53

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Sensitivity: Private

Hi [redacted - personal data],

I'm working from home today. Yes, I'm happy to liaise with [redacted - personal data]

data]. Just checking are you happy for me to offer flights and a couple of nights accommodate? at this stage or do you just want me to confirm his availability for the date of the event and give him an outline of the programme for the day.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]
[redacted - personal data]

From: **[redacted - personal data]**
Sent: 10 February 2016 10:36
To: **[redacted - personal data]**
Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data] – if Nambiar can't make it I think we should go with our 'Plan B' and pin down Yanghee Lee now.

[redacted - personal data] – would you be able to liaise with **[redacted - personal data]**? His details are as follows:

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: **[redacted - personal data]**
Sent: 10 February 2016 10:32
To: **[redacted - personal data]**
Cc: **[redacted - personal data]**
Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
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Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data]

Definitely. **[redacted - personal data]** is also content so let's go ahead and get **[redacted - personal data]** tied in ASAP! We do then need to consider if we want to pursue the Yanghee Lee option as a special guest now that Vijay Nambiar has withdrawn – let's have a chat about that?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016 09:56

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data],

It looks like we can proceed with inviting [redacted - personal data] as our expert speaker now. Is this your understanding also?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016 05:26

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
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Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data]

Others here very supportive of [redacted - personal data]. In terms of additional names, I cannot really think of any more, to tell you the truth, if we can get [redacted - personal data] then I think it will be extremely useful – he is more balanced and is on the ground of course.

best

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 08 February 2016 15:24

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Sensitivity: Private

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[redacted - personal data]- just I agree with you, [redacted - personal data] would be excellent to have there. I think he would bring good knowledge of what's happening on the ground and also his practical thinking will help counter-balance some of the academic participants.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 08 February 2016 15:17

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event

Importance: High

Sensitivity: Private

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[redacted - personal data],

Just keeping you in the loop. When we saw him last week, [redacted - personal data] mentioned that [redacted - personal data] had emailed him about this – in my view he would be the best of their candidates below, able to bring a well-informed perspective that would balance some of the other views. He seemed quite positive about the idea.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 03 February 2016 00:07

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event

OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Importance: High

Sensitivity: Private

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Hi [redacted - personal data],

Thanks for your email. We're still on-track with this Rakhine event (I spoke to [redacted - personal data] about it when I was in Rangoon the other week – copied in) and have set aside Wed 23 March as the date. We're hoping to get Vijay Nambiar to London that day to speak and present one of the morning sessions (before heading off with a separate official programme) and Mr Swire has agreed to introduce the day. I attach our working-draft guest list and a rough programme (both need revising). In brief we're still looking at a public but not publicised morning session with a mix of government and outside stakeholders and then a more closed-doors and internal policy-focussed afternoon.

In terms of the guest speaker slot, this is still open and we have the following short list of possibilities who we might invite and pay to travel and attend:-

[redacted - personal data]

Obviously there are some sensitivities around the use of [redacted - personal data] and both [redacted - personal data] have a particular slant on things Rohingya and Rakhine. But grateful your views on this and whether there is anyone else you think we should add into the mix. Separately, it would be really excellent if either or both you and [redacted - personal data] could attend (spare end of year DFID travel budget?!). I spoke to Gavin and HMA when I was out about coming but it doesn't unfortunately correspond with their travel plans.

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 02 February 2016 01:47

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Conscious I never responded on this. Let me know how this is going and if I can still help further

best

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 07 January 2016 23:08

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event

Chaps,

A quick query on keynote speakers for the March Rakhine Roundtable event if I may. We approached [redacted - personal data] about this role but he's not available and we're looking at few alternatives.

One name that has cropped up is [redacted - personal data]

I'm also checking with Geneva and New York if it might be possible to snag Vijay Nambiar or Yanghee Lee as a guest speaker for the roundtable (which would have to be as part of a wider London programme). Any other ideas gratefully received however – no matter how left-field!

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Travel on Saturday 19 March for Christopher Carter

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I've just received the quotes from Hogg Robinson for [redacted - personal data]. The cheapest option is Qatar Airlines – see below. Do you want me to offer economy or business class fare to [redacted - personal data]? There is no premium economy option available on these carriers.

As you are aware, we have a budget of £5,000 for this event.

Perhaps, we can have a chat tomorrow.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: FCO Duty Travel UK

Sent: 11 February 2016 16:33

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Travel on Saturday 19 March for [redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Please see below for details of flights and fares:-

QATAR airlines via Doha

QR 919 D 19MAR RGNDOH HS1 0755 1120
QR 1 D 19MAR DOHLHR HS1 1250 1730
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Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: *[redacted - personal data]*

Sent: 11 February 2016 2:34 PM

To: FCO Duty Travel UK

Subject: Travel on Saturday 19 March for [redacted - personal data]

Importance: High

Dear Travel Centre [redacted - personal data],

We spoke.

Grateful, if you could please put together some flight options for [redacted - personal data] who we are flying to the UK to speak at our event in London. Can you please give the price for each class of travel for the entire journey **i.e. economy, premium (if available) and business class fare options**. Please give the best possible flight connections and supply information on the fare rules for each option. The dates he wishes to travel are:-

Outbound – Saturday 19 March from Yangon (Myanmar) – London

Inbound – Sunday 27 March from London - Yangon (Myanmar)

I have charging instructions, so I will be able to supply the details when I confirm the flights.

I understand you will need all passport details to confirm the flight. I will provide these in due course.

I will check with [redacted - personal data] that he has the correct visa to travel to the UK.

Thank you so much for all your help. Please call me if you need any more information.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 16 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Yes, that's great news. I'm just about to contact the travel centre to check the business class fare. We have a bit of leeway, if it has gone up a bit as we have now saved on his hotel costs. I will let you know what the cost of the flight will be before I book it.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 February 2016 11:30
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London

Good news [redacted - personal data] – and a saving to the budget too for the hotel costs 😊

I chase [redacted - personal data] for any word on Yanghee Lee.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 February 2016 11:15
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

The flight schedule looks fine. Thanks for organizing that. Don't worry about booking me a hotel room. I will stay with my friend [redacted - personal data]. I am happy to save the FCO some funds!!

The requested passport details are as follows;

[redacted - personal data]

Warm regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 6:57 PM
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London
Importance: High

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Grateful, if you could please let me know if this flight option works for you so that I can book the flights. I will also need your passport details as indicated in my email below.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 12 February 2016 10:54
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London
Importance: High

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thank you for your email. The best flight option with our travel agent is with Qatar Airlines for a business class fare. See flight details below:-

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QR 918 C 27MAR DOHRGN HS1 2105 #0625

I will need the following passport details to book the flights:-

- a) Your full name (as stated in passport)
- b) Nationality
- c) Passport number
- d) Expiry date
- e) Date of birth

If you are content with the flight times, please let me know as soon as you can (today if possible) so that I can confirm the deal we have on the flights.

I will book a hotel for you for 2 nights only – for 22 & 23 March. You will need to book the additional nights for your stay. I will get back to you with all the details.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 February 2016 11:25
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I was travelling from Yangon to Sittwe today and I have been out of telephone range for much of the day. Sorry we missed each other.

To address your questions;

I would prefer to leave Yangon on Saturday 19 March. I would like to depart London on Sunday 27 March for Yangon. Naturally I am happy to cover the costs myself of any extra nights in London above the couple of nights you have indicated that FCO would cover. I am very flexible around those dates and can fit around travel schedules as required.

I hope that's helpful. Looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:22 PM

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - London

Importance: High

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I tried to call you this morning, but your phone was switched off.

I understand [redacted - personal data] spoke to you about the Rakhine State Conference we are planning on **Wednesday 23 March** at the Foreign Office in London. We are delighted that you have confirmed your availability to take part in the 1 day conference.

I will be arranging your flights to London and hotel accommodation (for a couple of nights). Grateful, if you could please get back to me with the following information:-

- 1) Date of departure from Myanmar to London - if there is an approx. time you are available to travel.
- 2) Date of departure from London to Myanmar - will it be straight after the event depending on flight availability?

Once I have received all the information from I will get back to you with some flight options.

Happy to talk if you want to discuss.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 16 February 2016

To: FCO Duty Travel UK

Subject: RE: Travel on Saturday 19 March for [redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Grateful, if you could please let me know if the lowest business class fare is still available from £2507.25 and what the cost is today for the Qatar Airlines flights below:-

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I would like to confirm the flights with you today if we can still get a good deal. Passport details for [redacted - personal data] are below:-

[redacted - personal data]

I have charging instructions from the Diplomatic Academy who have agreed to pay for these flights. See below:-

Company:	01
Budget Holder:	018816
Account:	619115
Beneficiary:	010511
Objective:	991003

I will call you first, but just thought it was worth putting everything in writing to you.

I can be contacted on [redacted - personal data], as I am working from home today.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: FCO Duty Travel UK

Sent: 11 February 2016 16:33

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Travel on Saturday 19 March for [redacted - personal data]

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[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 February 2016 2:34 PM

To: FCO Duty Travel UK

Subject: Travel on Saturday 19 March for [redacted - personal data]

Importance: High

Dear Travel Centre [redacted - personal data]

We spoke.

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Thank you so much for all your help. Please call me if you need any more information.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 18 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - Entente Cordiale room

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted – out of scope of request]

The plight of the Muslim Rohingya community in Rakhine State is the single biggest human rights issue facing Burma. It looks set to be a particularly high profile issue this year and a hard-hitting OHCHR report is due to be presented at the June HRC session in Geneva. On the eve of ASSK's new NLD government coming to power, we're bringing together a roundtable of international experts, academics, I/NGOs and officials to look at the risks and opportunities from the democratic changes in Burma to advance the situation of the Rohingya. It would be great if the Minister were able to open the event on 23 March to underline the importance that HMG places on a solution in Rakhine. But do let me/[redacted - personal data] know if you need more justification/background on this (we'll, of course, be happy to provide speaking notes/a briefing for the Minister in good time for the conference).
Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 18 February 2016 10:41
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - Entente Cordiale room

Hi [redacted - personal data],

We spoke earlier. I tried to call you, but unable to leave a message as your phone has not been activated.

I explained to you that that Mr Swire is now travelling on the date of our event, therefore now unable to open the event. We have just found out that Yanghee Lee (UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burma) is unavailable, due to family illness. However, we still have [redacted - personal data] as our keynote speaker at the event.

Grateful, if you are able to confirm if the Minister is available to give the opening remarks at the event, as I would like to include the details in the invitation (due to be sent out by tomorrow).

I look forward to your reply. Happy to discuss, if you wish.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 17 February 2016 10:33
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: 23 March - Rakhine State Conference - Entente Cordiale room

Dear [redacted - personal data],

We spoke. You said that the Minister may be available to open our event on 23 March at 9.30am- 9.45am – Rakhine State Conference in the Entente Cordiale room

Please find attached an outline of the programme and potential participants for the day. We have invited [redacted - personal data] to be a keynote speaker at the event. Yanghee Lee, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burma has also been invited to the event. If the Minister is available to open the event she may want to use the opportunity to have a bilateral with Yanghee Lee, if she thinks it will be useful.

Other participants at the event will include FCO, OGDs, Burma experts, NGOs/International Organisations and UK-based diplomatic missions.

If you require any more information, please let me know.

I look forward to your reply.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 18 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: UK - invite to London event on Rakhine, 23 March

[redacted - personal data]

Regarding this event, we are of course disappointed Mr Nambair cannot attend, but are delighted that you will be able to join us to engage in the debate and report the discussion to his office.

[redacted - personal data] in CC is organising – please do forward any logistical queries to him,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 February 2016 15:02

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Re: UK - invite to London event on Rakhine, 23 March

Dear [redacted - personal data]

As discussed earlier today, please find attached Mr. Nambiar's response to the kind invitation below. Unfortunately, he will no longer be able to attend due to personal circumstances.

In the letter, he proposes I attend the event as our office is very much engaged on Rakhine.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

To: [redacted - personal data]

Date: 02/02/2016 12:42 PM

Subject: UK - invite to London event on Rakhine, 23 March

[redacted - personal data]

I hope you are well. As discussed, please find attached an invitation for Mr Nambiar from London to attend as a keynote speaker our conference event on Rakhine in March. Please do respond to me with any queries. Assuming the response is positive, I can forward you to London colleagues to arrange logistics.

While I have you, I also have a further query for you regarding the annual AOB briefing to the Council by Mr Nambiar. We are approaching the routine time of year for this, so we may start planning something soon. Maybe we could discuss briefly by phone?

Sincerely,

[redacted - personal data]

Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference

Stephen Lillie, Director of Asia-Pacific Directorate, would like to invite you to the Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference on **Wednesday 23 March**.

Venue: Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street,
London, SW1A 2AH

Time: 9.00am – 5.30pm

The Keynote speaker will be *[redacted - personal data]*
If you would like to attend, **please RSVP to *[redacted - personal data]*** by Friday 4 March.

Programme

Entente Cordiale Room

- 09:00** **Reception/coffee**
- 09:30** **Opening remarks**
The Rt. Hon. Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE, FCO Minister of State for human rights
- 09:45** **Introduction**
[redacted - personal data]
- 10:00** **Session 1: The post-election situation**
- Latest developments in Rakhine
 - Expectations of the new government
 - What are the main risks and opportunities?
- 11:30** **Coffee**
- 11:45** **Session 2: The international response**
- What has and hasn't worked – lessons learned from international engagement
 - How can the international community influence the situation under an NLD government?
- 13:00** **Lunch**

Wyatt Room

- 14:00** **Session 3: Translating analysis into action**
- What underlying principles should inform our approach on Rakhine?
 - What would constitute politically feasible policy proscriptions?
- 15:30** **Coffee**

15:45

Session 4: Opportunities to influence

- How can the international community best influence the new government?
- International coordination
- What happens next – next steps

17:30

Closing remarks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 18 February 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
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Sensitivity: Private

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I eventually heard back from OHCHR that Yanghee Lee's [redacted - personal data] postponed her planned Burma visit for now. I think she's still planning to go to the HRC session in Geneva in March and present her latest human rights report. But she'll be travelling back to South Korea afterwards and not able to come to our Rakhine event, unfortunately. The good news, however, is that [redacted - personal data] is confirmed as Keynote speaker and we've got his tickets etc sorted. I hope to get the invitations and agenda out in the next day or so once we've confirmed Baroness Anelay (FCO human rights Minister) will do the opening remarks – Mr Swire is now away travelling at that time.

We're hoping to dial post in for at least the opening session of the event, but it would be really useful to have attendance from Rangoon – and particularly from you or [redacted - personal data]. As you say, the roundtable will be Wed 23 March and Good Friday is 25 March - so it could work well if you were travelling back for Easter.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 18 February 2016 08:21

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
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Sensitivity: Private

[redacted - personal data]

Once again a slow reply from me, but I've asked around and no-one yet knows when Yanghee Lee will next be here or whether she will go to Rakhine, I'll keep my ear to the ground

There is a small chance I might be in UK at the time of the event – is it still planned for 23rd? Do you have any timings, or is it all day? Would it be useful if I came? I haven't asked around yet, but I may come home for easter and this is a couple of days before I believe

best

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 February 2016 17:25

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Ideas for Keynote/Guest Speakers at March London Rakhine Roundtable Event
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Sensitivity: Private

The FCO has classified this message as OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE. Please ensure you handle it appropriately.

[redacted - personal data]

Many thanks for this, that's helpful. [redacted - personal data] spoke to [redacted - personal data] the other day to informally sound him out and he was very enthusiastic so we'll go ahead and firm up the invitation and offer of travel costs funding.

It looks like Vijay Nambiar will not now be able to attend which is a shame. SR Yanghee Lee is interested in coming over for the event after attending the Geneva HCR in March but do you know when she'll be in Burma on her latest visit and if she's been granted permission to travel to Rakhine this time round? [Exempt s27 International Relations].

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Baroness Anelay - Speech - Deadlines 14 & 16 March

Hi [redacted - personal data]

We need to have a catch up this week. Let me know what day/time is best for you.

Baroness Anelay's office have been in touch with regards to her speech for the event. Perhaps, we can have a chat about this.

First draft of the speech should go to DL Speechwriters by **14th March**. With the final copy in by **the box (15:00) on Wednesday 16 March**. Private Office ([redacted - personal data]) have provided the link for the usual format for event Briefs [FCO Net Page](#). If we have any question, we should speak to [redacted - personal data].

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 February 2016 09:19
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Please see email from [redacted - personal data] below. Do we want to invite [redacted - personal data]? If so, I presume it will be for the morning conference only.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 19 February 2016 21:08
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data] would be a useful contributor on 23 March 2016:
[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

Kind regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 19 February 2016 15:26

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. We are delighted that you are able to attend the event. A full list of participants will be send out in due course.

I have just sent an invitation to [redacted - personal data] – thanks for sending his email address.

Look forward to seeing you on the day.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 19 February 2016 15:22

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

This is to confirm my acceptance.

Kind regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 19 February 2016 14:19

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Grateful, if you could please send me an email address for [redacted - personal data] (if you have one), so that I can send him an invitation to the event.

Thank you so much.

[redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data],

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Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm

The Keynote speaker will be [redacted - personal data]

If you would like to attend, **please**
RSVP to [redacted - personal data] by Friday 4 March

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 17:06
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: [redacted - personal data]

Interesting, thanks [redacted - personal data] We'd have to think carefully about afternoon participation... Seems to know his stuff though and would appear(?) to be personally moderate on the issue.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 15:52
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data],

[redacted - personal data] would seem to be a good choice, but may not be well-received by our more strident Rohingya participants.

[redacted - personal data].

Please see attached for a Diptel and analysis from post of the report's findings from the time.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 15:23
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: My apologies

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Many thanks for your email to [redacted - personal data] and for letting us know. While this is obviously disappointing news, I completely understand the reasoning around the delicate and sensitive timing for Rakhine that the government transition period represents (clearly the timing was part of the thinking for scheduling the event now).

Thanks also for your recommendation of [redacted - personal data] as a possible replacement speaker - he certainly sounds like he would be an interesting substitute. Do you have contact details for [redacted - personal data] or would you be best placed to sound him out informally about the possibility of his attendance?

It would be really good to meet when you're in London in July (we managed to miss each other when I was in Rakhine the middle of last month). If you let me know your plans and availability nearer the time, I'd be happy to set up a meeting with myself and other Rakhine-interested FCO officials.

With best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 03:26
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: My apologies

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I am really sorry to inform you and your colleagues that it is no-longer possible for me to attend the Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference in March. I totally appreciate that you have already sent out the invitations listing me as a guest speaker and understand the difficulty this creates. [redacted - personal data]

I spoke with Gavin McGillivray, head of office for Dfid in Burma, and Ambassador Andrew Patrick, yesterday about my decision. I suggested to them that [redacted - personal data].

Once again my deep apologies for this late withdrawal. I wish the conference well. I will be in London in July on leave and would be happy to meet FCO staff involved in Burma if that was helpful.

Warm regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 3:31 PM
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: E-TICKET ITINERARY RECEIPT FOR [redacted - personal data].19MAR.JJ4NNZ
Importance: High

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Please find below your e-ticket (also attached as a pdf file) for travel on 19 March to London.

Hogg Robinson the travel agent have asked me to check with you that you have the correct visa (if required) to travel to the UK via Doha.

Thanks for letting me know that you have already made arrangements with regards to your accommodation in London.

We will get back to you with details of the programme and the list of participants invited to the event hopefully by the end of this week.

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data] **On Behalf Of** DONOTREPLY.UK@HRGWORLDWIDE.COM

Sent: 16 February 2016 14:27

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: E-TICKET ITINERARY RECEIPT FOR [redacted - personal data].19MAR.JJ4NNZ



E-Ticket Itinerary Receipt

16 February 2016

This email has been generated by an electronic process and replies will not be actioned.

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY TO ENSURE ALL DETAILS ARE CORRECT

We have pleasure in confirming the following reservation for [redacted - personal data].

Electronic Ticket Reservation. This itinerary is required for travel.

A valid passport (and visa if required) is required for all international flights

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<https://mytripandmore.com/baggage.aspx>



Itinerary Details

Trip Locator:	JJ4NNZ
Traveller:	[redacted - personal data]



E-TICKET

Qatar Airways: Check-in Desk. Passport and itinerary receipt required for all travel.
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NAME: **[redacted - personal data]**
 TICKET NUMBER: 157 1700 779380
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 TAX3: 299.50XT
 TICKETING AMOUNT: GBP2324.15
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Itinerary Summary

Traffic	Date	From - To/Location	Supplier	Times	Class	Status
✈	19 Mar 2016	RGN - DOH	QR919	07:55 - 11:20	Business	Confirmed
✈	19 Mar 2016	DOH - LHR	QR1	12:50 - 17:30	Business	Confirmed
✈	27 Mar 2016	LHR - DOH	QR10	09:15 - 18:05	Business	Confirmed
✈	27 Mar 2016	DOH - RGN	QR918	21:05 - 06:25	Business	Confirmed



Air

Qatar Airways

Flight # QR919

Booking Reference: ZON4DO
Status : Confirmed

Departing:	Yangon Mingaladon Airport, Myanmar (Burma) (RGN)
Date/Time:	19 Mar 2016, 07:55
Arriving:	Doha Airport, Qatar (DOH)
Date/Time:	19 Mar 2016, 11:20
Duration:	06h 55m
Aircraft:	Airbus A330-200
Cabin Class:	Business - D
Seat:	2B
Meal:	Meal
Baggage Allowance:	40K

Remarks
YOUR FLIGHT NUMBER IS QR919



Air

Qatar Airways


Flight # QR1

Booking Reference: ZON4DO
Status : Confirmed

Departing:	Doha Airport, Qatar (DOH)
Date/Time:	19 Mar 2016, 12:50
Arriving:	London Heathrow Airport, United Kingdom (LHR), Terminal 4
Date/Time:	19 Mar 2016, 17:30
Duration:	07h 40m
Aircraft:	Boeing 777-300ER
Cabin Class:	Business - D
Seat:	3J

Meal:	Meal
Baggage Allowance:	40K
Remarks YOUR FLIGHT NUMBER IS QR1	

 Air	Qatar Airways Flight # QR10	Booking Reference: ZON4DO Status : Confirmed
	Departing: London Heathrow Airport, United Kingdom (LHR) , Terminal 4 Date/Time: 27 Mar 2016, 09:15 Arriving: Doha Airport, Qatar (DOH) Date/Time: 27 Mar 2016, 18:05 Duration: 06h 50m Aircraft: Airbus A380-800 Passenger Cabin Class: Business - D Seat: 17A Meal: Meal Baggage Allowance: 40K	
Remarks YOUR FLIGHT NUMBER IS QR10		

 Air	Qatar Airways Flight # QR918	Booking Reference: ZON4DO Status : Confirmed
	Departing: Doha Airport, Qatar (DOH) Date/Time: 27 Mar 2016, 21:05 Arriving: Yangon Mingaladon Airport, Myanmar (Burma) (RGN) Date/Time: 28 Mar 2016, 06:25 Duration: 05h 50m Aircraft: Airbus A330-200 Cabin Class: Business - D Seat: 2J Meal: Meal Baggage Allowance: 40K	
Remarks YOUR FLIGHT NUMBER IS QR918		

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From: [redacted - personal data];
Sent: 23 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data],

Yes unfortunate about [redacted - personal data], but he also mentioned this to me yesterday and seemed quite certain that he wasn't able to attend. [redacted - personal data] did suggest [redacted - personal data], as a possible replacement for him. He would be excellent, I don't know how likely it is that he would be available though. There is some risk to him becoming too associated with international actors, but he would probably be best placed to judge that.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 February 2016 22:11
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

[redacted - personal data]

We spoke earlier about the Rakhine event. Attached and below are the invitations and rough agenda that started to go out on Friday afternoon (also attached is the latest participation list). We haven't heard from [redacted - personal data] about pulling out (and only agreed and bought his flight tickets at the end of last week) but will try to get hold of him tomorrow to discuss. It would be a real shame (as well as a bit ironic) if he was to pull out because of concerns about the government transition – the main point about this is to have a think (on the eve of the NLD coming to power) about the risks and opportunities that the new government presents on Rakhine.

Let me know, however, if any other thoughts/suggestions./concerns etc occur.

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: FCO conference Rohingya / Rakhine 23 March

Dear [redacted - personal data]

As you are aware, [redacted - personal data] has replied to the invitation and has accepted. At this stage, we are only having one representative from each organisation at the event. However, if changes I will let you know.

Thank you for your interest.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 17:39
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: FCO conference Rohingya / Rakhine 23 March

Dear [redacted - personal data]

That's excellent – thanks so much.

If both [redacted - personal data] and I could attend, that would be wonderful.

Very best wishes

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 12:23
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FCO conference Rohingya / Rakhine 23 March

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I sent an invitation to [redacted - personal data] on Friday. I have not received a reply from [redacted - personal data] yet. Here is a copy of the invitation :-

Dear [redacted - personal data]

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The Keynote speaker will be **[redacted - personal data]**

If you would like to attend, **please**
RSVP to [redacted - personal data] by Friday 4 March

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: **[redacted - personal data]**
Sent: 23 February 2016 10:18
To: **[redacted - personal data]**
Cc: **[redacted - personal data]**
Subject: FCO conference Rohingya / Rakhine 23 March

Dear **[redacted - personal data]**

We hope that you are both well. Busy no doubt, as we wait for a new government to be formed in Myanmar.

We heard that the FCO is holding a conference on the Rohingya / Rakhine on 23 March. We would be interested to attend, if this is indeed the case and at all possible. **[redacted - personal data]** will be away, but **[redacted - personal data]** and I should be available, depending on timing.

Many thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 February 2016 12:27
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: My apologies

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thank you for being so understanding. I feel profoundly embarrassed at this late withdrawal from the conference and I am really sorry about it.

I would be delighted to meet you and any other FCO colleagues who may be interested in having a chat about current issues in Rakhine when I am in London in July. [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

Warm regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 February 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - 2 more have accepted

Sounds like a plan. I have a meeting from 10.00-10.30 otherwise I'm free. Let me know what time is best for you.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 February 2016 15:56
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - 2 more have accepted

[redacted - personal data]

Yes, thanks – sounds good. Happy to sit in on a call and perhaps we can, all three, have a stock-take afterwards on Monday?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 February 2016 13:46
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - 2 more have accepted

I haven't heard back from [redacted - personal data] since writing yesterday. We do have his number: perhaps we should cold call him on Monday morning if he hasn't responded by then?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 February 2016 13:41
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - 2 more have accepted

Hi [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data] have just confirmed their attendance at the event.

Any luck with our keynote speaker?

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 02 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thank you so much for getting back to me. We are delighted that you are able to attend the event. A full list of participants will be send out in due course.

Look forward to meeting you on the day.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 02 March 2016 13:26
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thanks for your invitation that I am glad to accept.

best,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data]

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Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 03 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine Conference - Agenda for meeting this morning

[redacted - personal data]

Please see agenda for our meeting this morning. Let me know if I've missed anything. We can probably use the room next door to me.

1. Keynote Speaker update ([redacted - personal data] or other options)
2. Latest on acceptances and rejections of invitation
3. Catering thinking (lunch options etc)
4. Briefing for Baroness Anelay
5. Update on assistance in afternoon from Policy Planners?
6. Agreeing session leads
7. Ensuring that the Diplomatic Academy is happy
8. Podcast/Filming for Dip Acad.
9. Flights for Keynote Speaker, if required.
or to offer flights to [redacted - personal data] etc.
10. Offer Rail Tickets for:-
[redacted - personal data].
11. Accommodation for keynote speaker and others offered flights – 2 nights offered to each person.
12. PA system and lapel microphones – do we need them for the morning conference?
13. Do we need TV screens to hook up for presentations at all? If so, I will need all presentations in advance of the event to load on to a laptop.
14. VTC – check if post still want to do this as I will need to ensure this can be done on the day.
15. Are there going to be breakout sessions? If so, I will arrange for flip charts and markers to be available in the room.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Rakhine conference in London

[redacted - personal data]

Thank you so much for getting back to us. We appreciate you highlighting the potential problems, and agree that it is looking more complex than we originally thought to bring you to the UK for this

event at such short notice. However, we would be very interested in meeting you the next time you are travelling to the UK. We wish you the best of luck in your work and hope you have a pleasant and fulfilling trip to [redacted - personal data].

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 04 March 2016 03:49

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Re: Rakhine conference in London

Dear all,

I see one potential problem. I won't have my regular passport until a day before I leave for Europe on March 9th. If I use my diplomatic passport for the British visa, the embassy will require me to present a letter from the Foreign Ministry. Since this is a private trip, I won't be able to get the diplomatic note from our foreign ministry. regards, [redacted - personal data]

On Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 9:20 PM, [redacted - personal data] wrote:

Dear [redacted - personal data]

As [redacted - personal data] explained, I am looking into the possibly of arranging a visa to the UK. Grateful, if you could please get back to me with the following information:-

- 1) Date of birth
- 2) Passport number
- 3) Passport expiry date

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 03 March 2016 13:15
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine conference in London

[redacted - personal data]

It was good talking with you today. As discussed, we're hoping you can join us for the Rakhine conference here in London on 23rd March.

Please allow me to introduce my colleague [redacted - personal data], who will be in touch to see if it will be possible to arrange a UK visa.

Best wishes

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 February 2016 15:51
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine conference in London

[redacted - personal data]

I'm the [redacted - personal data] with the UK Foreign Office, based in London.

We're planning a conference focusing on the situation in Rakhine State here in London on 23rd March. I'd like to discuss some ideas we have for this event with you. Would it be possible for us to talk on the telephone on Thursday or Friday this week?

Please let me know when would be convenient for you.

Best wishes

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: [redacted - personal data] would like to come to the Rohingya/Rakhine conference

please.

Thanks [redacted - personal data] – I'm aware of [redacted - personal data] and don't have a problem inviting him to the morning sessions. Would not be appropriate for the afternoon though.

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 04 March 2016 16:21

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: [redacted - personal data] would like to come to the Rohingya/Rakhine conference please.

[redacted - personal data]

Please see the email below. [redacted - personal data] is invited all day. What do you think? Should we offer him the morning only.

I will figure out the rail tickets (process etc) and flights on Monday and chase those who have not replied to the invitation. I've been caught up with some AUKMIN stuff today.

Have a good weekend.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 04 March 2016 16:08

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: [redacted - personal data] would like to come to the Rohingya/Rakhine conference please.

Dear [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data].

I was talking to [redacted - personal data] yesterday, and he pointed to the conference that you are holding at the FCO on the subject on March 23rd. If possible, I would be very interested in attending it as well - particularly as I will have just returned from Myanmar and Rakhine state.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Best, [redacted - personal data]

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[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 07 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW March 23 Rakhine Meeting

Hi [redacted - personal data],

See below – State Dept unable to send someone to the Rakhine meeting later this month (which I assume is still happening?). I said I hoped someone from the US Embassy London might be able to attend instead.

I've also asked [redacted - personal data] if I can drop by this week, as I've not gone in to discuss Burma for a while and I'll be away for two weeks from Friday. Anything you'd like me to share/ask about in particular?

Best, [redacted - personal data].

[attached email exempt – s27 International Relations]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 07 March 2016 12:31
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London - Please send to [redacted - personal data]
OFFICIAL

CLASSIFICATION:OFFICIAL

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data] can't make it. He's checking with 2 colleagues - [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:27 PM

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London - Please send to [redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data],

Just double checking if you have received a response from [redacted - personal data] with regards to the invitation. I have not received a direct response from him at all.

Grateful, if you could please get back to me.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 07 March 2016 18:04

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Podcasts for Diplomatic Academy - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference

Hi [redacted - personal data],

We spoke. Just to confirm that we are not going to film now, but just do the podcasts at the end of the day. We thought we would make 3 podcasts for the Diplomatic Academy lasting about 20 minutes each by 3 of the participants giving a presentation including updates on the situation in the Rakhine State. You confirmed that you will book the recording devices for us 2 or 3 if possible, so that we can do the recordings at the same time. **We will need to have them the day before the event on 22 March.** I mentioned having a training session with you, to find out how the recording devices worked, so that a couple of us can operate them on the day. Please let me know what day and time is good for you.

I also mention borrowing a couple of the Diplomatic Academy banners for the event and some literature to put out on the day. You said that you can arrange this for me. **I will collect the banners etc. on 22 March** from you for use on 23 March – email copied to [redacted - personal data].

I have attached the outline of the programme and list of participants (acceptances indicated on list).

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Thank you for all your help.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

----- Original Message -----

From: Mark Farmaner [<mailto:mark.farmaner@burmacampaign.org.uk>]

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 09:05 PM

To: Stephen Lillie (Sensitive)

Subject: Re: Rohingya conference 23rd March OFFICIAL

Dear Stephen Lillie

Thank you for your response. However, I am already aware that we have not been invited. That is why I emailed you. I was asking for an explanation as to why we have not been invited.

I am aware that the FCO has become less willing to engage with civil society organisations which have been critical of government policy. I have been at Burma Campaign UK for more than 15 years. During this time, even when we disagreed publicly over policy, we still maintained regular communication privately and the FCO felt that having people with differing views which could be discussed in confidence in private meetings strengthened policy making.

It is a sad departure from previous practice to exclude organisations with long term expertise on this issue, just because you don't agree with all of what they have to say.

Mark

Original Message

From: Stephen.Lillie@fco.gov.uk

Sent: Monday, 7 March 2016 18:21

To: Mark Farmaner

Cc: Ian.Cramman@fco.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Rohingya conference 23rd March OFFICIAL

CLASSIFICATION:OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Farmaner,

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that the FCO is holding a Rakhine-themed roundtable on 23 March. However this will be a private event with a strictly limited and specific guest list. On this occasion, Burma Campaign UK have not been invited.

I look forward to meeting on another occasion.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen Lillie

Stephen Lillie, Director Asia Pacific
FCO, London

----- Original Message -----

From: Mark Farmaner [<mailto:mark.farmaner@burmacampaign.org.uk>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 04:39 PM
To: Stephen Lillie (Sensitive)
Subject: Rohingya conference 23rd March

Dear Stephen Lillie

I understand that you are organising a conference on Rakhine and the Rohingya on 23rd March. I am surprised that no-one from Burma Campaign UK has been invited. We are one of the main organisations working on Burma in the UK, and have been working on issues relating to Rakhine and the Rohingya for more than 20 years. We have also been attending meetings and conferences on Burma organised by the FCO for more than 15 years. Could you tell me why we are being excluded from this conference?

Thank you

Mark Farmaner
Director
Burma Campaign UK

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Okay, no worries.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 March 2016 14:57

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data] - I've never heard of him and we've already got a good turn-out for the morning. So – although his research looks interesting - I'm disinclined to invite him.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 March 2016 14:53

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

[redacted - personal data]

What do you think? Should we invite him to the morning session only?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 09 March 2016 14:42

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I wanted to draw your attention to the presence in London of [redacted - personal data] who has been doing a lot of work in Rakhine state. He will be here on the date of the conference and I think it would be worth considering inviting him:

[redacted - personal data]

If you wish to invite him, his email is [redacted - personal data]

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 24 February 2016 12:30

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data],

Just to let you know that we have invited [redacted - personal data]

Thank you for your kind offer.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 19 February 2016 12:38

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thanks for this. I will need to rearrange some things but I should be able to come. I assume you will also invite [redacted - personal data]

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Costs for Rakhine Conference

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I've attached a spreadsheet giving the costs so far with a total spend of **£4375.34**. We are going to try to reimburse [redacted - personal data] for his flights and [redacted - personal data] for his rail fare. These costs have been included. There will probably be a few stationery costs, but not too much and possibly a couple of rail fares, but some have not got back to me. I've also covered the 3 nights hotel accommodation for [redacted - personal data] for the duration of his stay and 1 night accommodation for [redacted - personal data]. **Hotels not booked yet, but do you agree we can cover all 3 nights for [redacted - personal data], before I book it.** Let me know if you are happy with the catering costs and I can book it online. I've put in a bit extra to cover food and refreshments for helpers i.e. [redacted - personal data] and myself.

Here is a breakdown of the costs for the day with the finger buffet lunch – including VAT.

Catering – break down

Entente Cordiale

Arrival - Tea & Coffee, Biscuits x 36 people	69.2
Water - 4 jugs	2.01
Orange Juice - 2 jugs	6

Tea/Coffee Break

Tea & Coffee, Biscuits x 36 people	67.2
Water - 4 jugs	2.01
Orange Juice - 2 jugs	6

Lunch

Tea & Coffee x 36	69.2
Water - 4 jugs	2.01
Orange Juice - 2 jugs	6
Finger Buffett x 36	432

Wyatt Room

Water - 4 jugs	2.01
Tea & Coffee, Biscuits x 20 people	38.4
Orange Juice - 2 jugs	6

Total 708.04

[redacted - personal data]

Travel	Cost
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i> - flights business class from Burma to London £2324.15 paid (cancelled ticket on 24 February) Cancellation charge USD \$50 plus admin fee (amount not known)	35
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i> - flights - Burma - London - business class	2458.85
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i>	460
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i>	67.1
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i>	36.5
<i>[redacted - personal data]</i>	29.85

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

Hotel Accommodation

[redacted - personal data] 435

[redacted - personal data] 145

Catering 708.04

Stationery

Total 4375.34

NB: Other admin charges from Hogg Robinson for booking flights, rail and hotel accommodation - charge not known

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 March 2016

To: FCO Duty Travel UK

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Hotel Reservations for March

Hi Travel Centre,

Grateful, if you could please book hotel reservations at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, London at the special rate of £145 per night including breakfast for:-

[redacted - personal data]– Arriving on 22 March for 3 nights (departing on 25 March)

[redacted - personal data]– 23 March – 1 night only

The charging instructions are:-

Company: 01
Budget Holder: 018816
Account: 619115
Beneficiary: 010511
Objective: 991003

Please send the individual hotel reservation confirmations to me, so I can pass on to the individuals.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable Event

Yep, that sounds great – let's go with the latter suggestion. He'll want two minutes of intro remarks to give sitting down – so a cue card is best. Overall, the structure will be useful, along with any key facts – but he can provide the content.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 March 2016 16:20
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable Event

[redacted - personal data]

It's really good news that the Minister will now after all be able to open this event on Rakhine and the Rohingya on the 23rd. I've been discussing the briefing with [redacted - personal data] but would be grateful your guidance on what would be the best support for the Minister on the day.

The event will be approximately 30 Rakhine experts, academics, UN/INGOs etc sat around a boardroom table with the Minister also seated and delivering the opening remarks. After talking to speechwriters, my feeling is that the Minister knows Burma and Rakhine well (having been there twice now, he'll have more firsthand Rakhine experience than many that will be in the room) and so may not want a full scripted speech but rather some bullet points on a clutch card and an quick oral briefing the day before? What do you think would work best though?

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 March 2016 18:15
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: DL Speechwriting Team (Sensitive); [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

Apologies – the draft speech should be with us by Wednesday 16 March and the final briefing by Monday 21 March.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 March 2016 17:46
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: DL Speechwriting Team (Sensitive); [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

Thanks for your email but can I clarify the deadlines for speech and briefing please? Your original email (bottom of this chain) asked for draft speech by Wed 16 March and the cleared full pack including briefing by Monday 21 March (and we had a similar timescale when the event was going to be covered by Baroness Anelay). I know Speechwriters are asking for 48hrs to turn round drafts - so 1500hrs this coming Monday (14th) isn't going to be doable.

The event is being held in the Entente Cordial Room starting at 0900 with reception and coffee/tea and then a welcome by Stephen Lillie at 0930. We've slotted the Minister in to make opening remarks (approximately 5 minutes) directly after Stephen. The Minister could then leave (approx 0945) or has the option of staying on for the first session of the conference (until 1115 – not obligatory / if his diary allowed). An event invitation with the agenda is attached.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 March 2016 16:20
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]; DL Speechwriting Team (Sensitive)
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable
Importance: High

[redacted - personal data],

The Minister is now not going to Bangladesh so he will now be able to speak on 23 March. Please could you send the briefing to us by 15.00 on Monday 14 March and the draft speech. Grateful if you could remind of the time and venue as I removed from the dairy.

Many thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 07 March 2016 12:20
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data],

Thanks for arranging with Baroness Anelay's office.

Best wishes,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 07 March 2016 12:00
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

Dear [redacted - personal data],

You said in your email of 15 February that "The Minister is now going to be overseas week commencing 21 March so will not be able to speak at the event on 23 March. Grateful if you could find an alternative speaker".

Therefore, we asked Baroness Anelay to open our event and she has agreed.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 07 March 2016 09:34
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

I just wanted to give you a heads up that Mr Swire may be overseas on the 23rd March, but we are waiting to hear from the Whip's office to see whether he can be excused from 21-23 March. You may wish, therefore, to find someone suitably senior to stand in if Mr Swire is not able to attend.

Many thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 14 January 2016 15:46
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

The Minister has agreed to give opening remarks at the Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable event on 23 March at 09.30 in the Entente Cordiale Room. Please could you confirm how long the Minister will need to stay for.

Briefing for the event should include the following all single sided:

A steering paragraph setting out the objectives for the event (both for us and for the interlocutors) and any handling considerations, including (if relevant):

- Will there be translation;
- Will gifts be given (please note that, if gifts will be given, the Department should organise the gifts which the Minister will give in return);
- Who will be accompanying from the team;
- Will anybody greet the Minister on arrival? If so, who?
- When, and from where, will the Minister be speaking? (From a podium? From a freestanding microphone?)
- Will anybody else be speaking (if so, please include a running order of speeches);
- Will there be Q&A after the remarks;
- Fully scripted speech, printed Arial 16, 1.5 line spaced, single sided (the Minister speaks at around 110-120 words per minute);
- If there will be Q&A after the remarks, the likely questions which will be asked, with answers, in Q&A format;
- For the bilateral, points to make, defensive lines, background, CV.

Annex:

- Guest list;
- Recent reporting which offers background on the subjects to be discussed;
- Any other relevant background (eg programme of the event);
- List of the Minister's recent/last meetings with key people who will be there.
- Photo clutch card with key contacts who the Minister should talk to during the event, and specific points to make/defensive lines for those people;

Somebody from the team should be available to steer the Minister around the event, make the necessary introductions, and note and report any action points.

I've copied in [redacted - personal data] in the speechwriting team, so that he is aware of this event. He can give good advice on the Minister's likes, dislikes and style of remarks.

We'll need a hard copy of the first draft of the remarks only (not the full briefing, no need to be on clutch cards at this point), cleared by speechwriters, by **1500 on Wednesday 16 March**, which we will then feed back on. We'll then need a hard copy of the final version plus the full briefing single sided by **1500 on Monday 21 March**, please.

Please also consider what the media angles are for the meeting. If a statement is to be issued, it should be sent up with the briefing. If required, arrangements should be made for a photographer to attend. Press Office and Private Office can help and advise on this.

The Minister is an enthusiastic tweeter, and, unless there is a particularly sensitivity surrounding a meeting, likes to tweet about all of his meetings and events. Draft tweets should therefore be sent up

with briefing for all meetings. If the person the Minister is meeting has a Twitter account, we should use their Twitter name within the Tweet, eg Great to see @whoever..... – and remember your #hashtags!. Please tell us clearly in briefing if there is a reason why he should not tweet about a particular meeting.

Many thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 08 January 2016 16:00
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

Please find attached a rough outline of the event and possible participants (this is subject to change). We intend to invite Vijay Nambiar (UN Secretary General's Special Advisor on Burma) to be a keynote speaker at the event. Other possible participants include Scot Marciel (US Dept of State, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs) with the potential for Mr Swire to have a bilateral.

Participants for the event will include FCO, OGDs, Burma experts, NGOs/International Organisations and UK-based diplomatic missions.

If you require any more information, please let me know.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 08 January 2016 15:14
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

Hi [redacted - personal data]

If you could let me have a full diary bid and then I can discuss this with Mr Swire at the next diary meeting and put in the diary. I don't normally reserve slots until I have checked with the Minister on all the diary bids.

Thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 08 January 2016 15:11
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

Hi [redacted - personal data]

We spoke. Grateful, if you could please reserve a slot in the diary for Mr Swire to open our Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable event on 23 March at either 9.00am or 9.30am. The location for the event is the Entente Cordiale Room (K1.168). I will provide further details in due course.

Thank you so much.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I will get back to you with the details, so you can dial in.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 March 2016 09:46
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

[redacted - personal data]

That's great – will be good to have you there even if only remotely.

[redacted - personal data] – as discussed, can you sort out the call details and let

[redacted - personal data] know please.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 March 2016 06:19

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

[redacted - personal data]

Thank you. I will dial in from about 10.00 your time (I have meetings until then) and will probably have to duck out after Session 1, [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 March 2016 19:31

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Importance: High

Thanks [redacted - personal data] – latest guest List and Agenda attached. Apparently the Entente Cordiale conference room doesn't have secvieiw but we can dial-in post by spider-phone.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 10 March 2016 03:42

To: Ian Cramman (Sensitive)

Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

[redacted - personal data]

Agend anad guest list got lost along the way. Could you re-send?

Thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 March 2016 08:33
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London
Importance: High

I'm afraid I will struggle to but others might be able to join. Copying [redacted - personal data] also, as he might have an interest.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 10 March 2016 01:14
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Chaps,

Just wondering if anyone will be available at post and wanting to dial in to the opening sessions of the Rakhine event on 23 March? [redacted - personal data] will be here and has confirmed his attendance but we are happy to set up VTC or spider phone if there's an appetite for it.

Latest agenda and guest list attached.

Cheers,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 04 March 2016 03:53
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Thanks for this. Yes, I can confirm my attendance, looking forward to it. Let me know if you need anything specific from me in advance. Nothing more I need at the moment, thanks

cheers

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 03 March 2016 17:12

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

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Hi [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data] tells me (from the Monday VTC) that you are now able to come to the Rakhine day on 23 March. This is really good news and it will be great to have your expertise and level of knowledge there. I'm attaching the invitation/draft programme as well as the current guest list. We're still in discussion with [redacted - personal data] as keynote speaker but, otherwise, we're getting a good level of acceptances from some prominent stakeholders.

Hope this is all OK but do let me or [redacted - personal data] know if you need anything else on any of this?

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 14 March 2016 09:12

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

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[redacted - personal data]

Are you happy for [redacted - personal data] to attend as [redacted - personal data] is unable to attend the conference? Not too sure if you know him.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 12 March 2016 21:13

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Fw: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data] is a colleague of mine at [redacted - personal data], however i'm afraid he'll be unable to attend the conference.

Is it possible I might take his place however?

Look forward to hearing back from you, thanks in advance for your help [redacted - personal data],

[redacted - personal data]



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Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference – 23 March 2016

Entente Cordiale Room

Programme

09:00 **Reception/coffee**

09:30 **Introduction and opening remarks** by Stephen Lillie, Director of Asia-Pacific Directorate, FCO

09:40 **Session 1: [redacted - personal data]**
The post-election situation

- Latest developments in Rakhine
- Expectations of the new government
- What are the main risks and opportunities?

11:15 **Coffee**

11:30 **Session 2: tbc**
The international response

- What has and hasn't worked – lessons learned from international engagement
- How can the international community influence the situation under an NLD government?

13:00 **Lunch**

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Programme

- 14:00** **Session 3: Translating analysis into action - [redacted - personal data]**
- What underlying principles should inform our approach on Rakhine?
 - What would constitute politically feasible policy objectives?
- 15:30** **Coffee**
- 15:45** **Session 4: Opportunities to influence - [redacted - personal data]**
- How can the international community best influence the new government?
 - International coordination
 - What happens next? – next steps
- 17:30** **Closing remarks**
[redacted - personal data]



Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference – 23 March 2016

1. Stephen Lillie	Director Asia Pacific, FCO
2. David Whineray	South-East Asia Dept Head, FCO
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31. [redacted - personal data]	[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 15 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Cost for Rakhine Conference

[redacted - personal data]

Total cost so far is **£4391.16. – see break down below.**

There could be another rail fare and some stationery costs plus the admin charges from Hogg Robinson for booking travel and hotels.

[redacted - personal data]

Travel	Cost
[redacted - personal data] - flights business class from Burma to London £2324.15 paid (cancelled ticket on 24 February) Cancellation charge USD \$50 plus admin fee (amount not known)	35
[redacted - personal data] - flights - Burma - London - business class	2458.85
[redacted - personal data]	460
[redacted - personal data]	67.1
[redacted - personal data]	36.5
[redacted - personal data]	29.85
[redacted - personal data]	0
[redacted - personal data]	0
Hotel Accommodation	
[redacted - personal data]	435
[redacted - personal data]	145
Catering	694.72
Stationery	29.14
Total	4391.16

NB: Other admin charges from Hogg Robinson for booking flights, rail and hotel accommodation - charge not known

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 15 March 2016 17:02

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

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[redacted - personal data]

For info. If I don't get a response from [redacted - personal data] I thought I might try [redacted - personal data] (as another organisation who have been working on the ground). My slight hesitation is that I'm not so sure how much [redacted - personal data] has personally been involved on Rakhine. It then starts to get a bit problematic as Amnesty don't have a presence there and only visit occasionally and most other attendees are not involved in the international response. I don't really see one of the Diaspora groups leading this session either, do you? [redacted - personal data] (if you see this in time) what is your feeling on this?

Ta,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 15 March 2016 16:45

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I was wondering if you'd had the chance to see my email below and consider the suggestion contained in it, that you might chair one of the sessions at next week's Rakhine Conference? Please do let me know if you have any concerns or queries about this. Or indeed if you are not able to take this on.

With best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 11 March 2016 16:34

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

We are very excited that you are able to attend the FCO's Rakhine and Rohingya Conference on 23 March and really looking forward to seeing you there. I wonder, however, if you would consider chairing the second session of the event? We've provisionally entitled this session "The

International Response” and thought that it could cover ‘*What has and hasn’t worked – lessons learned from international engagement*’ as well as ‘*How can the international community influence the situation under an NLD government?*’. With your long experience of working on the ground we thought that you’d be an ideal candidate to lead the discussion on this area. But we’d be happy to work around your own views on this and how to conduct and structure the session if you’d be interested in the chairperson role?

With very best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 24 February 2016 09:22

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Hi [redacted - personal data]

It looks like [redacted - personal data] will be available to attend the event. I have just replied to her email.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 23 February 2016 19:06

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Re: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Many thanks for this invitation. I should be available to attend this event in London on 23 March.

Best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 15 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Note takers - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference

Hi All,

Grateful, if you could please help with note-taking at the event next Wednesday 23 March. There are 4 sessions in total. You will need to capture in bullet form, main points, actions and any outcomes for each sessions.

[redacted - personal data] – Session 1 – (including opening remarks by the Minister – could now be Baroness Anelay)

[redacted - personal data] – Session 2

[redacted - personal data] – Session 3

[redacted - personal data] – Session 4

Updated programme and list of participants attached (as of today).

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 15 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable

[redacted - personal data]

I have just been informed that the Minister has been asked to take a Westminster Hall Debate on the political situation in Burma at 09.30-11.00 on Thursday 23 March. Given that the Minister was going to pass this to Baroness Anelay because of travel but then in the end could attend, it now looks certain that the Minister will want to do this debate. Is there any chance that Baroness Anelay would still be able to speak at 09.30 on the 23rd at the Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable?

Apologies for all the swapping and changing.

Thanks.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 March 2016 11:29
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]; DL Speechwriting Team (Sensitive)
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable Event

[redacted - personal data]

I need to check what Mr Swire's plans are on the 22nd and whether he is coming into the office. If he isn't, then the briefing will be on the Wednesday morning at 09.15. I'll let you know once I have had the diary meeting.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 March 2016 11:14
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]; DL Speechwriting Team (Sensitive)
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine/Rohingya Roundtable Event

Hi [redacted - personal data]

My exchange with [redacted - personal data] (below) refers. Would it be possible to schedule a slot on Tuesday next week (22nd) for a short oral briefing with the Minister in advance of the Rakhine conference the following day?
Best,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 February 2016 09:22
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: FM Helpdesk; [redacted - personal data]
Subject: 23 March - Entente Cordiale - Work Order - W1041361 - Booking ID 73500

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I've tried to change the room set up for my booking on 23 March, but it will not allow me to do it online. Therefore, I'm sending an email to you copied to FM setting out my requirements for the conference on **Wednesday 23 March**. Set up requirements are as follows:-

Entente Cordiale Conference room (inside room)

Large Conference table set up to accommodate 32 people
2 Tables at the side of the room for lunch & tea/coffee
Spider phone set up in the middle of the conference table

Large TV to be used for power point presentations

Outside the conference room

- 1 Coat rack
- 2 tables for registration
- 1 stand for sign

If possible, can it be set up the evening before on 22 March as we have an early start. I will be in the conference room at about 8.00am on the day. Call me if you need to discuss on 808 7534.

Thanks for all your help.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: *[redacted - personal data]*

Sent: 16 March 2016

To: *[redacted - personal data]*

Cc: *[redacted - personal data]*

Subject: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference – Set up

Dear *[redacted - personal data]*

With reference to our meeting today. Please find attached the programme & list of participants (not finalised yet) and the set up doc. containing all of the information for the day including mobile phone numbers etc.

I'll leave all of the items to go to the room on top of the lockers in K3.17, just in case there are any train delays, so at least you can start setting up the room.

Hope this all make sense.

Thanks once again, thanks for all your help.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

[redacted - personal data]

Happy to help but would be good to discuss with you and [redacted - personal data] your ideas for the session and what outcomes you need from it. I know you've talked to [redacted - personal data] already but am keen to hear first hand. I'm free today till 2pm and could pop up if you have a spare 15 mins. Otherwise I'm working from home for the rest of this week but suggest we could discuss over the phone, if not too sensitive?

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 March 2016 15:13
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Really good to speak to you earlier and good to have you aboard for the Rakhine event next week. I'm attaching the agenda and cast-list for the day. The format is for a roundtable with a wide variety of stakeholders in the morning (including diaspora groups, academics, NGOs and others) and a smaller sub-group in the afternoon looking at coming up with policy take-aways for engaging with the new NLD government.

We've got (we hope) chairs for the morning sessions but it was the afternoon we hoped that you could facilitate (as [redacted - personal data] did for a similar event a year or so ago looking at the elections). I see the afternoon as a bit more interactive and hands on than the traditional roundtable presentation and questions type morning set-up. I'm open to ideas and suggestions though and it would be good to talk this through.

Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 11 March 2016 16:38
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

[redacted - personal data]

Really good to meet you last week to talk about this FCO organised Rakhine and Rohingya event on 23 March. Following our discussion were you able to identify someone within Policy Unit who would be able to assist with facilitating the policy discussions we have planned for the afternoon sessions of the day? Happy to discuss further if that helps.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]
[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 February 2016 10:05
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

[redacted - personal data]

I'd be happy to meet with you on Thursday next week to discuss the event. Please let me know when would be convenient.

(I'm away in March, so I've also copied other colleagues involved with the organisation.)

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 February 2016 16:32
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

[redacted - personal data]

I'm sure one of us can help. [redacted - personal data] covers South Asia – but is going to be away in Delhi next week. I can speak to you next week about format. Thursday might be best.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 23 February 2016 15:30
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FCO Burma event, 23rd March

We're planning an event in London on 23rd March focusing on Burma's Rakhine State. Please find the invitation and agenda attached.

During the morning we'll be seeking to improve our understanding of the situation with the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders (around 25). In the afternoon we'll engage a smaller sub-group (around 15) to focus on policy.

We're interested to know if Policy Unit could support us with the chairing of the afternoon sessions? (I understand that [redacted - personal data], who has supported us in the past, will have left by then.)

Thank you

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: Stephen Lillie (Sensitive)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[redacted - personal data] - sure. I don't need a worked up speech but a pretty comprehensive set of bullet points would be helpful - before I leave for Berlin on Monday.

Stephen

Stephen Lillie, Director Asia Pacific
FCO, London

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Stephen Lillie (Sensitive)
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Stephen,

In all the to-ing and fro-ing on whether Mr Swire would be able to open the Rakhine conference next Wed, we've lost both Ministers (Mr Swire is now doing a Westminster Hall debate on Burma on the 23rd morning and Baroness Anelay has accepted another event after we stood her down the last time that Mr S said he would do it). In light of this, would you be willing to expand your slot at the start of the event? Currently we have you down to welcome participants and introduce the Minister. But would you be content to go on and do a few minutes on the importance of Rakhine and the Rohingya issue to the UK etc?

If this is OK let me know what you'd need from us by way of a speech or points to make on a clutch card etc? Happy to talk you through this when you're back in the office.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 March 2016 08:17
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I'm sorry, but Baroness Anelay has now picked up another commitment that she can't cancel.

The Minister is very sorry that she can't now do this. [redacted - personal data] would still like to attend if possible.

Sorry for the disappointment.

Kind Regards,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 15 March 2016 15:11
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference

Dear [redacted - personal data]

We spoke. Please find attached the updated programme and list of participants as

of today.

Unfortunately, Mr Swire has been asked to take a Westminster Hall Debate on the political situation in Burma at 09.30-11.00 on 23 March. Just wondered if Baroness Anelay will be available to open our event on 23 March from 9.30am-9.45am. I understand the Minister is travelling at the moment, therefore it may take awhile to get an answer with the time difference.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: *[redacted - personal data]*
Sent: 17 March 2016
To: *[redacted - personal data]*
Cc: *[redacted - personal data]*
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference

Hi *[redacted - personal data]*

Yes, that great. Perhaps, you or *[redacted - personal data]* can follow up with him, when you have a moment. I intend to send the list of participants to everyone tomorrow and remind them of the start time and venue etc. Do you want me to send the programme?, as there will two versions i.e. one for those attending the morning session only and one for those attending all day. I will update them in the morning and run them both by you.

It's been a bit hectic today with back to back meetings. I know you've had a full day too.

I'm working from home tomorrow morning and on annual leave in the afternoon.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: *[redacted - personal data]*
Sent: 17 March 2016 14:25
To: *[redacted - personal data]*
Subject: RE: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference

Thanks *[redacted - personal data]* – phew that's one more thing sorted! ☺

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 17 March 2016 13:55
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Very happy to chair the session, although as [redacted - personal data]. The attendees list looks like there are lots of very expert people! But yes, happy to chair and I can at least bring some recent experience of what the UN and others are thinking right now.

Let me know what you need - I will also reply to you on logistics (sorry, I was traveling and haven't got round to working out my day yet).

Best regards, [redacted - personal data].

[redacted - personal data]

On 17 Mar 2016, at 13:46, [redacted - personal data] wrote:

Dear [redacted - personal data],

We are very excited that you are able to attend the FCO's Rakhine and Rohingya Conference on **23 March** and really looking forward to seeing you there. I wonder, however, if you would consider chairing the second session of the event? We've provisionally entitled this session "**The International Response**" and thought that it could cover '*What has and hasn't worked – lessons learned from international engagement*' as well as '*How can the international community influence the situation under an NLD government?*'. We thought that you'd be an ideal candidate to lead the discussion on this area. But we'd be happy to work around your own views on this and how to conduct and structure the session if you'd be interested in the chairperson role?

I have attached the latest programme and list of participants.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 17 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London OFFICIAL
Importance: High

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I've had a really long conversation with [redacted - personal data]. We need to find someone else to do this session. Who do you suggest? It's getting late in the day, so we need to secure someone quite quickly. Sorry, to give you bad news.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 17 March 2016 09:03
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: FW: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London OFFICIAL
Importance: High

Sorry [redacted - personal data] – am really struggling with my IT this morning so would you be able to give [redacted - personal data] a quick call about chairing the second session (number below)? I'll be back in the office around lunchtime.
Thanks,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 16 March 2016 19:47
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London OFFICIAL

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Hi [redacted - personal data], I had a couple of calls this afternoon that I guess were you but couldn't hear anything at my end. Not to worry, I'll give you a call on the number you gave in the morning. Best regards, [redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 04:38 PM
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I tried to call your number through Skype calls as [redacted - personal data] and it did not work. Tomorrow morning I will be in my hotel to complete a report and this will be the best time to call me. [redacted - personal data]. So any time before 10am your time will work.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

At 16-03-16 22:56, [redacted - personal data] wrote:

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I will try to call you after my current meeting is over. But it would be easier to call me tomorrow morning before 10 a.m. UK time.

Best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

At 16-03-16 13:00, you wrote:

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Many thanks for getting back to me on this. I would be very happy to talk this through – let me know when would be the best time to call?

In the meantime I attach the latest draft participants list and event schedule, which I hope are helpful.

With best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 16 March 2016 12:44

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Invitation - Wednesday 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - London

Dear [redacted - personal data]

You caught while travelling [redacted - personal data]. Before answering your request, I would like to receive more details about the panel and speakers. Can I talk to you on the phone about this? [redacted - personal data]

Best regards,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 18 March 2016

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Rakhine conference - afternoon sessions

[redacted - personal data]

Ahead of our chat on Monday, quick thoughts below on the afternoon sessions. Basic idea is to draw on the stages in the International Policy Framework (IPF) to agree objectives and actions, in a more interactive way to follow up on the morning discussions. Happy to take ideas on board though when we catch up.

14:00 Session 3: Translating analysis into action

- What underlying principles should inform our approach on Rakhine?

- What would constitute politically feasible policy objectives?

45 mins: discussion to develop **vision and objectives** (flipcharts – small groups)

45 mins: scenarios – develop **scenarios** of possible futures over a 3 year timeframe (ie for new government). Flipcharts – small groups; compare; discuss which is most likely, which most favourable

15:30 Coffee

15:45 Session 4: Opportunities to influence

- How can the international community best influence the new government?

- International coordination [not quite sure what you want to achieve here – let's discuss]

- What happens next? – next steps

45 mins: **options/levers**: discuss what are our options, and what levers and tools we (HMG, partners, international community) have for influencing

45 mins: **action plan** – group discussion of how we put agreed options into action (full group?)

17:30 Closing remarks

[redacted - personal data]

Copying in [redacted - personal data] too for any thoughts.

Best wishes,

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 18 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Thanks for getting back to me, no problem at all. I will arrange your rail ticket – details follow.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 18 March 2016 11:35
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Re: 23 March - Rakhine & Rohingya Conference

Hi [redacted - personal data]

I will catch the train from [redacted - personal data] so just a normal peak time day return works if that is OK.

The content of the second session looks fine to me. As you say, we can tweak on the day and I can discuss with [redacted - personal data] Monday.

Sorry it has taken a couple of hours to get back to you - lots of urgent phone calls this morning!

Best regards, [redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

On 18 Mar 2016, at 08:58, [redacted - personal data] wrote:

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Thank you so much. Yes, please let me know if you want me to arrange your rail ticket. I can give you a booking reference so that you can collect the ticket from the station anytime. Please let me know where you will get the train from and I will arrange for an all day travel card which includes tube/bus, and allows you to travel anytime of the day.

Just checking with you that you are happy with the broad content of session 2. We can tweak it to suit your needs on the day. I need to send the programme to all participants this morning, so please get back to me.

[redacted - personal data] is travelling overseas at the moment, but he will be back in the office on Monday. [redacted - personal data] will contact you on Monday to discuss the session.

Once again, we appreciate all your help.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 21 March 2016 12:19

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: RAKHINE CONFERENCE

[redacted - personal data]

No she hasn't. Very happy to invite her, although her diary may be busy given the short notice. Perhaps [redacted - personal data] could explore with [redacted - personal data] if there were a specific session she could attend.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 21 March 2016 11:12

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RAKHINE CONFERENCE

[redacted - personal data]

A quick one from the Stephen meeting this morning. Has Deb B been invited to the Rakhine conf? Stephen thought we should if not given her ongoing interest in Burma. Tks.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 21 March 2016 09:33

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Request to attend the 23rd March Rakhine Rohingya Conference

Sorry [redacted - personal data] but I don't know them and I think it's too late to be adding folk unless there's a strong reason why. Can you go back and say sorry, it's a limited event by invitation only etc.

Tks,

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 21 March 2016 08:53

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Request to attend the 23rd March Rakhine Rohingya Conference

[redacted - personal data]

Please see the email below and let me know if you think this person should be invited to the morning session. Not too sure if you know them or not.

Thank

[redacted - personal data]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 20 March 2016 21:56

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Request to attend the 23rd March Rakhine Rohingya Conference

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I was informed that a conference will be held at FCO regarding Rakhine and Rohingya. [redacted - personal data]

I am hoping, if there would be any possibility for me to attend the conference.

Thank you in anticipation and please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Best regards.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine conference - afternoon attendees

Hi [redacted - personal data]
Four groups will be good, as we're planning an exercise to generate 4 scenarios.
[redacted - personal data] and I plan to meet in the room about 1340 to write stuff on the flipcharts, so we could see you there. Thanks for your help.
[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 March 2016 14:49
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Rakhine conference - afternoon attendees

[redacted - personal data]

I think our emails just crossed. We have access to the Wyatt room from 12.00 noon. I can get 4 flip charts, markers and post-its. Thought we were going to have 3 groups, but we can have 4, if you prefer. We can figure it out tomorrow.

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 March 2016 14:43
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Rakhine conference - afternoon attendees

Hi [redacted - personal data]
Good to meet you yesterday. Could you forward me your latest list of who's attending the afternoon sessions?
As mentioned, we'll need 5 flipcharts (could manage with 4 if space is an issue) and loads of post-its. Would you be able to arrange that please? We may have some post-its among our PU stocks that we can add in. We'll aim to prepare the flipcharts during the lunch hour before the afternoon session starts – would be great if we can snatch 5 mins together then to work out how to divide the participants into 4 balanced groups for the second exercise.

Thanks!

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 24 March 2016
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: 23 March - Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference - Costs

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Just to let you know that the Rakhine and the Rohingya Conference took place yesterday (23 March). The cost of the conference came to £4589.32 . This does not include the admin charges for Hogg Robinson who booked the flights, rail fares and hotel accommodation. I could not find out from Hogg Robinson the cost of their admin charges for each booking. I have attached a spreadsheet giving a breakdown of the costs.

We have made 3 podcasts with the help of [redacted - personal data]. Once they have been edited they will be available on the Diplomatic Academy page of the intranet for internal use only. We will supply some more information from the day including a presentation from our keynote speaker.

Let me know if you need any more information from me.

Thank you so much for all your help and for providing the funding for this event.

Kind regards

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 12 January 2016 13:32
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Diplomatic Academy charging codes, contact point and proposal

[redacted - personal data]

As discussed, please find the Diplomatic Academy charging codes, contact point and our proposal below.

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 27 November 2015 14:40
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Expertise Fund

[redacted - personal data]

Thanks for providing the extra information. As we have had some money returned from other projects approved, we are, exceptionally, able to let you go ahead with this project as long as it's completed this FY.

Charging instructions to be used are:

Company: 01
Budget Holder: 018816
Account: 619115 if training, or check [Prism Chart of Accounts](#) for all codes
Beneficiary: Use post beneficiary code, Directorate code, or Faculty code whichever is appropriate
Objective: 991003

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 24 November 2015 16:38

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Expertise Fund

[redacted - personal data]

Please find a brief outline of the planned event as follows:

Proposed activity

The FCO Asia Pacific Research Group (APRG) and cross-Whitehall Burma Unit are planning a Diplomatic Academy event in early 2015 focusing on the Rohingya; a persecuted, stateless Muslim group. This is an important issue for Ministers and there is increasing interest in Parliament and among the media. The event will bring leading experts together with HMG policymakers to advance our understanding of the situation and review UK policy. A one day event involving 15-20 HMG participants is planned. Key learning points from the event will be captured and shared more widely across HMG including with colleagues in Burma and Bangladesh.

Budget

- *Travel costs for five UK-based experts: £500*
- *Travel costs for one Burma-based expert: £4,000*
- *Lunch and refreshments: £500*
- *Total: £5,000*

Please let me know if you require any further information at this stage. I'll look forward to hearing from you

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 20 November 2015 16:34

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: RE: Expertise Fund

[redacted - personal data]

We can possibly look at this but we are now fully allocated for 2015/16 and so this it would depend on other projects being underspent or funds handed back.

Can I ask initially for a very rough outline of proposed activity and costings?

Thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 20 November 2015 14:16

To: [redacted - personal data]

Cc: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: FW: Expertise Fund

[redacted - personal data]

I think you should see [redacted - personal data] e-mail below. From a States and Societies perspective, this is an important issue that deserves further attention and it would be a shame if it had to wait until the next expertise fund round which I guess was not to be until circa May. Following the recent Burmese elections, and given the Muslim and migration connections it is both topical and important.

[redacted - personal data] is aware of the importance of capturing the learning points the future use as well as the need to minimise ancillary costs. I believe a credible expertise fund bid could follow.

Is there any chance of considering this outside the usual round of bid? I'm going to be away next week (returning one December), but a thought you have would be gratefully received.

Thanks, [redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]

Sent: 20 November 2015 13:40

To: [redacted - personal data]

Subject: Expertise Fund

[redacted - personal data]

The Burma Unit is keen to organise an event early next year. We have in mind a roundtable event focusing on the Rohingya; a persecuted, stateless Muslim group. The idea will be to bring leading experts from the UK and overseas together to discuss the situation and consider UK policy.

I know that you've been involved with the expertise fund in the context of the diplomatic academy. We're interested to know if there might be scope to apply for expertise funding in this case? I'm grateful for your advice and/or if you can point me in the right direction.

Many thanks

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 March 2016 09:31
To: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: [redacted - personal data]

Dear [redacted - personal data]

Just let you say that the Burma ws was great and we are able to challenge, discuss, debate, and find a way to do better, which is wonderful.

I hope you are happy with the outcome. It was intensive but thoroughly learning and thinking.

Happy ester and lets keep in touch.

warmest regards

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 25 March 2016 08:50
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: RE: Updated List of Participants

Dear [redacted - personal data]

I just wanted to thank you again for having me at the conference on Wednesday; I very much enjoyed participating and look forward to staying engaged. Hope to have the opportunity to see you again before too long.

Best,

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]

From: [redacted - personal data]
Sent: 22 March 2016 23:26
To: [redacted - personal data]
Cc: [redacted - personal data]
Subject: Updated List of Participants

Hi [redacted - personal data]

Good to meet you this afternoon. Please find attached the updated list of participants for tomorrow.

I believe the FCO Policy Unit will have 4 groups for the afternoon sessions - see below:-

Afternoon Sessions

Group 1

[redacted - personal data]

Group 2

[redacted - personal data], London David Whineray, South-East Asia

Dept. - Head, FCO

Group 3

[redacted - personal data]

Group 4

[redacted - personal data]

See you in the morning.

[redacted - personal data]

[redacted - personal data]