

Chaos and Crackdowns Return to Myanmar

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The military-controlled government of Myanmar has imposed a nighttime curfew in at least two villages in western Rakhine state as inter-communal violence continues to spread.

According to the BBC News, "fighting between Rohingya Muslims and ethnic Rakhine Buddhists has been reported in two more districts. At least four people have been killed and more than 1,000 houses burned down since the clashes began on Sunday."

Cops have deployed reinforcements in the villages of Min Bya and Mrauk Oo to impose curfews. On Wednesday, at least one person was slain in fighting in Mrauk Oo.

As reported by the BBC, "Rakhine state spokesman Myo Thant said the fighting now spread to the townships of Kyauk Phyu and Myebon, south of the state capital Sittwe.

He said, "houses are burning and clashes between the two communities are ongoing."

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