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on Burma  
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"The status of women remains stagnant, their living conditions continue to deteriorate and violence against women appears endemic. Despite this, women inside and on Burma's borders continue to find ways to survive and resist the brutal military regime known as the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC)."

"Any support to the regime only means a continued license to rape and kill. As long as others continue to support the regime for one reason or the other, the nightmare of sexual violence continues indefinitely." ~ Women's League of Burma.

"The regime's prioritization of funds for military spending not only deprives civilians of much needed health and education services, but also furnish soldiers with the means to perpetrate abuses on the women of Burma."

"Our women are rarely allowed to achieve decision-making positions even though they are able and well qualified. This means they are neither assured of their right to security nor their right to shape their own destiny." ~ Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

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