

I am gravely concerned on the confirmed death in custody of a child detained in November 2016 in northern Rakhine State as part of “clearance operations” that increases fears for the safety of hundreds of detained Rohingya men and boys. All remain at risk of torture and other ill-treatment and of being subjected to unfair trials.

Please immediately disclose the fate and whereabouts of all individuals detained during the security operations in northern Rakhine State and ensure that they are treated humanely, allowed effective, prompt and regular access to their family, lawyers of their own choosing and adequate medical care.

Please release all detainees unless they are promptly charged with an internationally recognizable offence. Where children have been charged with an internationally recognizable offence, release them into the custody of their parent or guardian while their trials are ongoing.

Authorities should undertake independent, impartial and effective investigations into deaths in custody and allegations of torture or other ill-treatment by the security forces and bring all those suspected to be responsible to justice in trials which meet international standards of fairness, without recourse to the death penalty.

Sincerely,