

Liberating Burma

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The Burmese military had three days' warning of an extreme cyclone, certain to cause huge loss of life, and decided not to warn its people. It then did nothing to help them for two days, and virtually nothing since. Further, it actively stopped outside help (while it made films describing its own generous aid efforts, making people clap for the cameras on the eve of an election to perpetuate its own illegitimate rule).

Does this not amount to genocide by a government against its people?

Meanwhile, the conflict in Iraq costs about \$5000 a second. If such obscene amounts must be budgeted for 'defence', why can some of these resources not be directed to the removal of animals like the Burmese junta? Was Burma liberated from fascism, sixty-four years ago, for this?