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Religions for Peace - Myanmar is deeply saddened by the recent communal violence in Mandalay which has led to killing each other from both faiths. Religions for Peace – Myanmar condemns such kind of violence or any other kinds of violence and conflict.

Religions for Peace – Myanmar believes that the sectarian violence which has started from Rakhine State was not based on ethnicity and religious conflict. All these atrocious actions are committed by a group of evil minded people with hidden agenda to destabilize and infringe peace and tranquility of the nation. These people are purposely abusing and exploiting religion to implement their egocentric sinister plans.

The public and people of all faiths need to be aware of the fact that these violent acts are deliberately created to stimulate political unrest in the forthcoming next year election.

Even though the majority of the people wish to establish a democratic nation through truthful and just way, there are groups who want to turn back from democratic reform process and are inciting conflicts and instability through evil and violent way.

In view of advancing inter-communal harmony and social cohesion, members of all religions and ethnic races should come together and condemn these violent acts. Religions for Peace - Myanmar encourages and call for living in peace and harmony in order to avoid undesirable problems.

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