

Karen Muslims

Tens of thousands of Bengali Indians migrated to Burma when it was a British colony.

Many of their descendants live in Karen State and while they maintain their Muslim religion and culture, they speak Karen and are regarded as Karen Muslims.

Karen Muslims face massive persecution, including the destruction of their mosques, ethnic cleansing, and the systematic rape of Muslim girls and women by Burmese Army soldiers.

Photo: Newly arrived Karen Muslim refugees in Thailand.
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