

Proposal to encode the Hanifi Rohingya script in Unicode

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1 Introduction

This is a proposal to encode the Hanifi Rohingya script in Unicode. It replaces “Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Rohingya Script” (L2/12-214). Major changes from the preliminary proposal include the addition of the letter *va*, renaming of some characters, changes to character properties, the reallocation of the script block to a new range within the SMP, and the unification of the Rohingya *tatweel* with the corresponding Arabic character. The glyphs used in the code chart are sourced with permission from the “Rohingya Gonya Leyka Noories” typeface developed by Muhammad Noor and contains new glyphs produced by the proposal author.

2 Background

The Hanifi Rohingya script (ရွှေသိမ္မားရွှေသိမ္မား ruwaingga, ရွှေသိမ္မားရွှေဟိမ္မား ruhaingga) is used for writing Rohingya (ISO 639-3: rhg), an Indo-Aryan language spoken by one million people in Myanmar (Rakhine State) and by two-hundred thousand people in Bangladesh (Cox’s Bazaar District). Rohingya is also spoken in several other countries as a result of the dispersion of the Rohingya community on account of persecution in Myanmar. The Rohingya language is closely related to Bengali. There are four different scripts used for writing the Rohingya language: Burmese, Arabic, the Latin-based ‘Rohingylish’, and the script described here.

The script was developed by Maulana Mohammed Hanif and others in the 1980s. A chart showing the script as approved by a steering committee is shown in figure 1. It is modeled upon the Arabic script and shows the influence of other scripts. However, it is a constructed script and has no direct genetic affiliation to other scripts.

There is limited information available on the Rohingya script in English. Most of the materials on the script are written in the Rohingya language. The Rohingya Language Committee and the Rohingya Education Board Myanmar have published multilingual primers of the script (see figures 3–16). There are also instructional videos available on YouTube (see figures 23–24). Educational materials and newspapers are published in the script. Two typefaces have been developed by Muhammad Noor (see table 4).

3 Script Details

3.1 Structure

Hanifi Rohingya is an alphabetic script modeled upon Arabic. It is written right to left. Consonant letters possess an inherent vowel /ɔ/. The inherent vowel is changed by placing a vowel mark after the consonant. A mark called *sakin* (= *sukun*) is placed after a letter to silence the inherent vowel. Tones are indicating using combining signs placed above a letter or vowel mark. Nasalization is indicated using a mark placed after a letter or vowel mark. Consonant gemination is marked using the sign *tassi* (= *shadda*).

The script is structurally conjoining. Letters join to following letters at the right edge. In several hand-written sources, the conjunction between letters is broken at the baseline. This does not indicate any particular joining property of the unattached letter to the left of break. In texts printed using digitized fonts, the connections between letters at the baseline is consistently maintained.

3.2 Character Names

Names for characters are based upon common Latin transliterations given in various script primers. The Latin names for most characters are uniform across different publications; however, there are different spellings for certain characters. For example, ၁ DDA is named ‘*rda*’ in one source and ‘*ra*’ in another; ၂ KHA is alternately called ‘*xa*’; ၃ GA is also called ‘*gha*’. The ၄ NGA is known as *gan* and ၅ NYA is known as *nayya*. In cases where there are multiple names for a character, an appropriate name has been chosen based upon consultation with the user community. Indigenous names are given as annotations in the names list.

3.3 Letters

There are 28 letters:

	Character name	Joining	Value
၂	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A	dual	/ɔ/, /?
၃	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA	dual	/b/
၄	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA	dual	/p/
၅	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA	dual	/t/
၆	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA	dual	/t̪/
၇	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA	dual	/j/
၈	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA	dual	/c/
၉	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA	dual	/h/
၁	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA	dual	/x/
၁၁	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA	dual	/f/
၁၂	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA	dual	/d/

ബ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA	dual	/d/
ଫ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA	dual	/r/
ଫ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA	dual	/ର/
ଳ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA	dual	/z/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA	dual	/s/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA	dual	/ʃ/
ଳ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA	dual	/k/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA	dual	/g/
ଳ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA	dual	/l/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA	dual	/m/
ଳ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA	dual	/n/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA	dual	/v/, /ଵ/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL WA	dual	/u/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA	dual	/j/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL YA	dual	/i/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA	dual	/ŋ/
ୟ	HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA	dual	/ɲ/

The letter A is a vowel carrier. It represents the vowel /ɔ/. The letters SMALL WA ('*kinna wa*') and SMALL YA ('*kinna ya*') are used for representing /u/ and /i/ in diphthongs (see section 3.6).

3.4 Sukun

The following character is used for indicating a bare consonant:

Character name	Joining	Value
ୟ HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SUKUN	right	—

It is called *sakin* in Rohingya and is similar in function to [°] U+0652 ARABIC SUKUN. It is placed after a letter in the encoded sequence, as shown below.

<i>b</i>		< J_{BA} , J MARK SUKUN>
<i>p</i>		< J_{PA} , J MARK SUKUN>
<i>t</i>		< J_{TA} , J MARK SUKUN>

It is generally used with letters that occur in isolation or at the end of a word. There is no formal convention regarding its usage and it may be considered optional. For instance, the charts in figures 3, 4, and 5 show SUKUN written with certain consonants, yet the chart in figure 6 shows the sign written with every consonant letter. When SUKUN does occur, it is used generally with the following letters:

		BA			KHA			GA
		PA			FA			LA
		TA			DA			WA
		TTA			SA			SMALL WA
		HA			SHA			SMALL YA

3.5 Alternate forms of letters

The following alternate forms are proposed for encoding:

	Character name	Joining	Value
	HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER DA	right	/d/
	HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER LA	right	/l/
	HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER MA	right	/m/

These are variant forms of the letters J_{DA} , J_{LA} , J_{MA} used in word-final position or for representing the letter in isolated contexts.

	Letter + suku	Alternate representation
final <i>da</i>		
final <i>la</i>		
final <i>ma</i>		

The alternate final forms are semantically identical to sequences of the respective letter + SUKUN, but as the two occur concurrently in various sources, they need to be represented separately.

3.6 Vowel marks

There are 5 vowel marks:

	Character name	Joining	Value
ؚ	HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A	dual	/a/
؜	HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I	dual	/i/
؞	HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U	dual	/u/
ؙ	HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E	dual	/e/
ؘ	HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O	dual	/o/

When vowels occur in word-initial position, they are represented using a combination of the letter A and a vowel mark:

a	ؚ	<ؚ A>
ā	ؚؚ	<ؚ A, ؚ VOWEL MARK A>
i	؜	<؜ A, ؜ VOWEL MARK I>
u	؞	<؞ A, ؞ VOWEL MARK U>
e	ؙ	<ؙ A, ؙ VOWEL MARK E>
o	ؘ	<ؘ A, ؘ VOWEL MARK O>

When modifying a consonant, they are placed after the letter:

bā	ؚؚ	<ؚ BA, ؚ VOWEL MARK A>
bi	؜ؚ	<؜ BA, ؜ VOWEL MARK I>
bu	؞ؚ	<؞ BA, ؞ VOWEL MARK U>
be	ؙؚ	<ؙ BA, ؙ VOWEL MARK E>
bo	ؘؚ	<ؘ BA, ؘ VOWEL MARK O>

Script charts show the vowel marks independently, unaccompanied by the letter A. These cases are intended for illustrating the mark and are not indicative of actual usage; the same applies to the other marks shown alongside the vowel marks in charts. Independent or initial vowels are expressed in combination with the letter A.

Diphthongs are represented by placing ؜ SMALL YA and ؙ SMALL WA after a vowel mark. The SMALL YA represents the sound /i/ and SMALL WA represents /u/:

<i>bai</i>	ဗျာ	<၂ BA, ဗ SMALL YA>
<i>bāi</i>	ဗုံာ	<၂ BA, ဗ VOWEL MARK A, ဗ SMALL YA>
<i>bui</i>	ဗုံးဗ	<၂ BA, ဗ VOWEL MARK U, ဗ SMALL YA>
<i>boi</i>	ဗုံးဗ	<၂ BA, ဗ VOWEL MARK O, ဗ SMALL YA>
<i>bou</i>	ဗုံးၢ	<၂ BA, ဗ VOWEL MARK O, ၢ SMALL WA>

3.7 Nasalization mark

The following character is used for marking nasalization:

Character name	Joining	Value
ဗ HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA	dual	/n/

It is placed after the consonant or vowel mark to be nasalized:

<i>bam</i>	ဗ	<၂ BA, ဗ NA KHANNA>
<i>bām</i>	ဗုံာ	<၂ BA, ဗ VOWEL MARK A, ဗ NA KHANNA>
<i>bamba</i>	ဗုံာၢ	<၂ BA, ဗ NA KHANNA, ၢ BA>

3.8 Tonal Signs

There are three tonal signs:

- ဗ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-1
- ဃ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-2
- ယ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-3

Their properties are as follows:

	R name	type	Arabic analogue
‘	TONE-1	<i>hārbāy</i>	short high tone ○ U+08EA ARABIC TONE ONE DOT ABOVE ○ U+08ED ARABIC TONE ONE DOT BELOW
’	TONE-1	<i>telā</i>	long falling tone ○ U+08EB ARABIC TONE TWO DOTS ABOVE ○ U+08EE ARABIC TONE TWO DOTS BELOW
˜	TONE-1	<i>tānā</i>	long rising tone ○ U+08EC ARABIC TONE LOOP ABOVE ○ U+08EF ARABIC TONE LOOP BELOW

The placement of tonal signs in the available sources is imprecise and not uniform. In some instances they are placed between the consonant and a vowel mark, in others they are positioned above the consonant, and in others upon the vowel; compare the placement of tones 2 and 3 in Figure 10, or compare lines 1 and 2 and the examples in Figure 13.) These may be considered stylistic choices. In the encoded representation, the tone signs are to be placed after a vowel mark if it is present:

bá	ဗ	<J A, ၚ VOWEL MARK A, ၚ SIGN TONE-1>
baa	ဗ	<J A, ၚ VOWEL MARK A, ၚ SIGN TONE-2>
báa	ဗ	<J A, ၚ VOWEL MARK A, ၚ SIGN TONE-3>

3.9 Gemination sign

The following character is used for indicating consonant gemination:

ၚ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA

It is called *tassi* in Rohingya and is similar in function to ၚ U+0651 ARABIC SHADDA. It is positioned above the letter that is doubled. The HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA is placed after the respective letter in the encoded sequence:

baba	ၚၚ	<J BA, J BA>
babba	ၚၚ	<J BA, J BA, ၚ SHADDA>

If there is a vowel mark after the doubled letter, then the SHADDA is placed before the vowel mark in the encoded sequence:

babbaၚၚ <J BA, J BA, ၚ SHADDA, ၚ VOWEL MARK A >

3.10 Digits

There is a full set of decimal digits:

ၦ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO	ၯ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE
ၧ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE	ၯ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX
ၨ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO	ၷ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN
ၩ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE	ၮ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT
ၪ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR	ၯ	HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE

As in Arabic, the Rohingya digits are written from left to right. The Arabic style · is attested as a glyptic variant for ၦ ZERO.

3.11 Punctuation

There is no script-specific punctuation. The U+002E FULL STOP is commonly used, as are Arabic signs, such as the , U+060C ARABIC COMMA and ? U+061F ARABIC QUESTION MARK.

3.12 ‘Tatweel’

A *tatweel*-like character is used for graphical elongation or justification. The . U+0640 ARABIC TATWEEL should be used for representing *tatweel* in Rohingya.

3.13 Collation

The sort order for Hanifi Rohingya is as follows:

၂ A < ၁ VOWEL MARK A < ၃ VOWEL MARK I < ၅ VOWEL MARK U <
 ၄ VOWEL MARK E < ၆ VOWEL MARK O < ၇ BA < ၈ PA < ၉ TA < ၀ TTA < ၁ JA <
 ၂ CA < ၁ HA < ၅ KHA < ၄ FA < ၁ FINAL DA < ၁ DA < ၁ DDA < ၁ RA <
 ၁ RRA < ၁ ZA < ၁ SHA < ၁ SA < ၁ KA < ၁ GA < ၁ FINAL LA < ၁ LA <
 ၁ FINAL MA < ၁ NA KHANNA < ၁ NA < ၁ WA < ၁ SMALL WA < ၁ YA <
 ၁ SMALL YA < ၁ NGA < ၁ NYA <

4 Character Properties

4.1 Unicode Character Data

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10D00;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
10D01;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
10D02;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
10D03;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
10D04;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
10D05;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA;Lo;0;AL;;;;;N;;;;;
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10D06;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D07;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D08;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D09;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0A;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0B;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0C;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0D;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0E;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0F;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D10;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D11;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D12;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D13;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D14;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D15;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D16;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D17;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL WA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D18;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D19;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL YA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1A;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1B;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1C;HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SUKUN;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1D;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1E;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1F;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D20;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D21;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D22;HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D23;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-1;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D24;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-2;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D25;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-3;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D26;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D27;HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER DA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D28;HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER LA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D29;HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER MA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D30;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;AN;;0;0;0;N;;;;;
10D31;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;AN;;1;1;1;N;;;;;
10D32;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;AN;;2;2;2;N;;;;;
10D33;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;AN;;3;3;3;N;;;;;
10D34;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;AN;;4;4;4;N;;;;;
10D35;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;AN;;5;5;5;N;;;;;
10D36;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;AN;;6;6;6;N;;;;;
10D37;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;AN;;7;7;7;N;;;;;
10D38;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT;Nd;0;AN;;8;8;8;N;;;;;
10D39;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;AN;;9;9;9;N;;;;;

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4.2 Arabic Shaping Data

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10D00; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A; D; No_Joining_Group
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10D1C; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SUKUN; R; No_Joining_Group
10D1D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A; D; No_Joining_Group
...
10D22; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA; D; No_Joining_Group
10D23; HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-1; U; No_Joining_Group
...
10D26; HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA; U; No_Joining_Group
10D27; HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER DA; R; No_Joining_Group
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10D29; HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER MA; R; No_Joining_Group
10D30; HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO; U; No_Joining_Group
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10D39; HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE; U; No_Joining_Group

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4.3 Script Extensions

The following characters should be extended for usage in Rohingya:

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0640 ; # Lm ARABIC TATWEEL
060C ; # Po ARABIC COMMA
061B ; # Po ARABIC SEMICOLON
061F ; # Po ARABIC QUESTION MARK

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4.4 ‘Confusable’ Characters

Some Rohingya letters resemble those found of Arabic. Attention to these ‘confusables’ is particularly important because Arabic is commonly used in Rohingya documents.

10D03 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA	; 0648 ARABIC LETTER WAW
10D07 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA	; 06BE ARABIC LETTER HEH DOACHASHMEE
10D08 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA	; 06A9 ARABIC LETTER KEHEH
10D09 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA	; 06CF ARABIC LETTER WAW WITH DOT ABOVE
10D0B HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA	; 0637 ARABIC LETTER TAH
10D0C HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA	; 0637 ARABIC LETTER TAH
10D11 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA	; 0637 ARABIC LETTER TAH
10D12 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA	; FECB ARABIC LETTER AIN INITIAL FORM
10D13 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA	; 0644 ARABIC LETTER LAM
10D14 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA	; FEE3 ARABIC LETTER MEEM INITIAL FORM
10D19 HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL YA	; FE91 ARABIC LETTER BEH INITIAL FORM
10D1D HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA KHANNA	; 0632 ARABIC LETTER ZAIN
10D1D HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA KHANNA	; FEE7 ARABIC LETTER NOON INITIAL FORM
10D1E HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A	; FEBB ARABIC LETTER SAD INITIAL FORM
10D24 HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-2	; 0654 ARABIC HAMZA ABOVE
10D25 HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TONE-3	; 0653 ARABIC MADDAAH ABOVE
10D26 HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA	; 0651 ARABIC SHADDA

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10D00

Hanifi Rohingya

10D3F

	10D0	10D1	10D2	10D3
0	၂	၃	၄	၀
1	၂	၄	၃	၁
2	၅	၆	၂	၇
3	၂	၂	၂	၃
4	၅	၂	၂	၅
5	၂	၆	၂	၄
6	၂	၃	၂	၂
7	၂	၂	၂	၂
8	၂	၂	၂	၂
9	၂	၂	၂	၂
A	၂	၂		
B	၂	၂		
C	၂	၂		
D	၂	၂		
E	၂	၂		
F	၂	၂		

Letters

- 10D00 ၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A
 10D01 ၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA
 10D02 ၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA
 10D03 ၅ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA
 10D04 ၆ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA
 10D05 ၇ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA
 10D06 ၈ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA
 10D07 ၉ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA
 10D08 ၁၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA
 10D09 ၁၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA
 10D0A ၁၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA
 10D0B ၁၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA
 10D0C ၁၅ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA
 10D0D ၁၆ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA
 10D0E ၁၇ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA
 10D0F ၁၈ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA
 10D10 ၁၉ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA
 10D11 ၁၁၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA
 10D12 ၁၁၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA
 10D13 ၁၁၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA
 10D14 ၁၁၅ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA
 10D15 ၁၁၆ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA
 10D16 ၁၁၃၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA
 10D17 ၁၁၇ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL WA
 = kinna wa
 10D18 ၁၁၈ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA
 10D19 ၁၁၉ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL YA
 = kinna ya
 10D1A ၁၁၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA
 = gan
 10D1B ၁၁၂၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA
 = nayya

Sukun

- 10D1C ၁၁၀ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SUKUN
 = sakin

Vowel marks

- 10D1D ၁၁၁၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A
 = aa-for
 10D1E ၁၁၁၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I
 = i-for
 10D1F ၁၁၁၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U
 = u-for
 10D20 ၁၁၁၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E
 = e-for
 10D21 ၁၁၁၅ HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O
 = o-for

Nasalization mark

- 10D22 ၁၁၁၆ HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA

Tone marks

- 10D23 ၁၁၁၇ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAY
 • short high tone
 10D24 ၁၁၁၈ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN THELA
 • long falling tone
 10D25 ၁၁၁၉ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA
 • long rising tone

Gemination sign

- 10D26 ၁၁၁၁၁၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN SHADDA
 = tassi

Final letters

- 10D27 ၁၁၁၁၁၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER DA
 10D28 ၁၁၁၁၁၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER LA
 10D29 ၁၁၁၁၁၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA FINAL LETTER MA

Digits

- 10D30 ၀ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO
 10D31 ၁ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE
 10D32 ၂ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO
 10D33 ၃ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE
 10D34 ၄ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR
 10D35 ၅ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE
 10D36 ၆ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX
 10D37 ၇ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN
 10D38 ၈ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT
 10D39 ၉ HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE

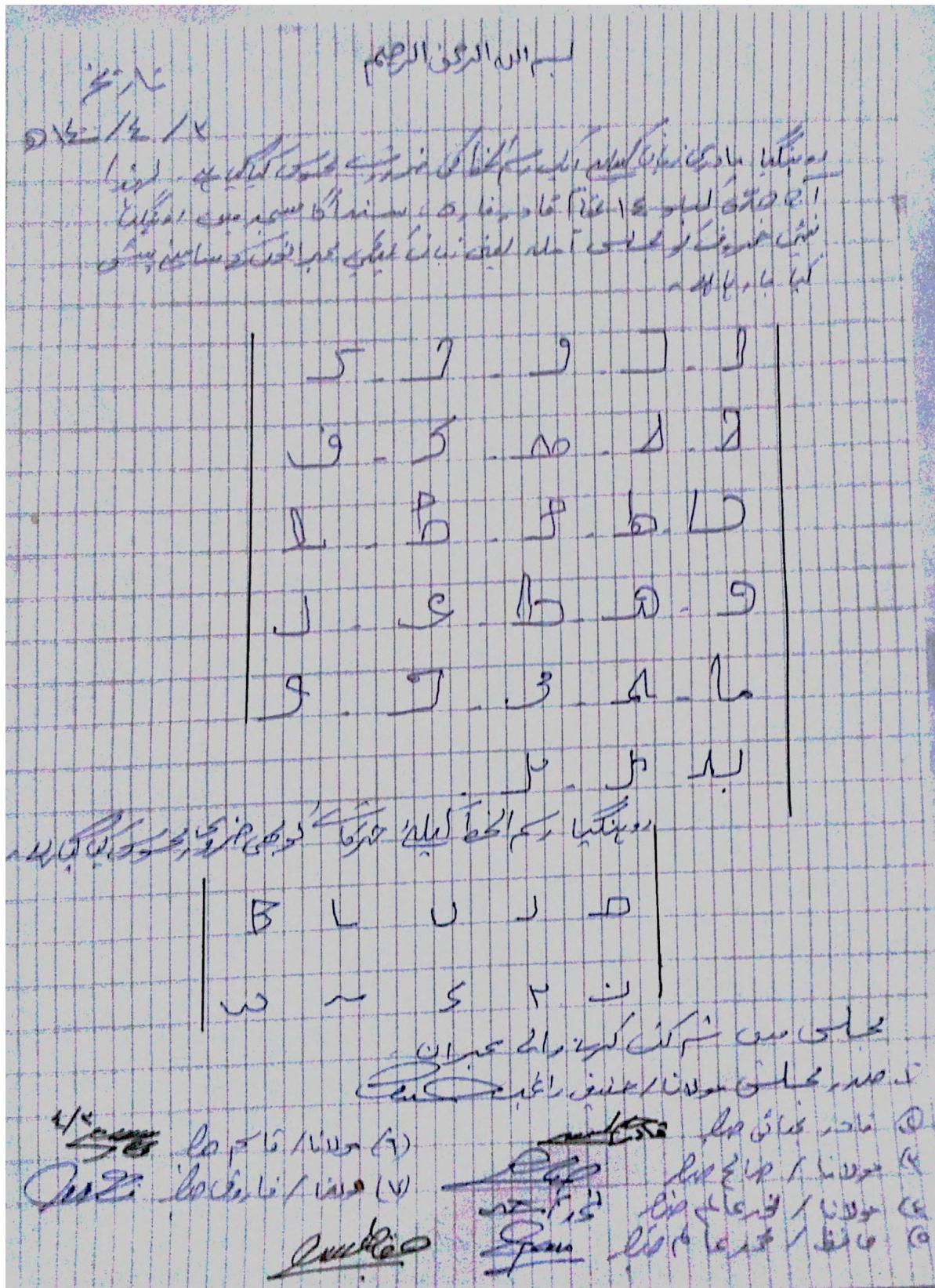


Figure 1: A document containing the Rohingya script as finalized by Hanif and others on February 19, 1980, with signatures of the individuals involved in the creation of the script.

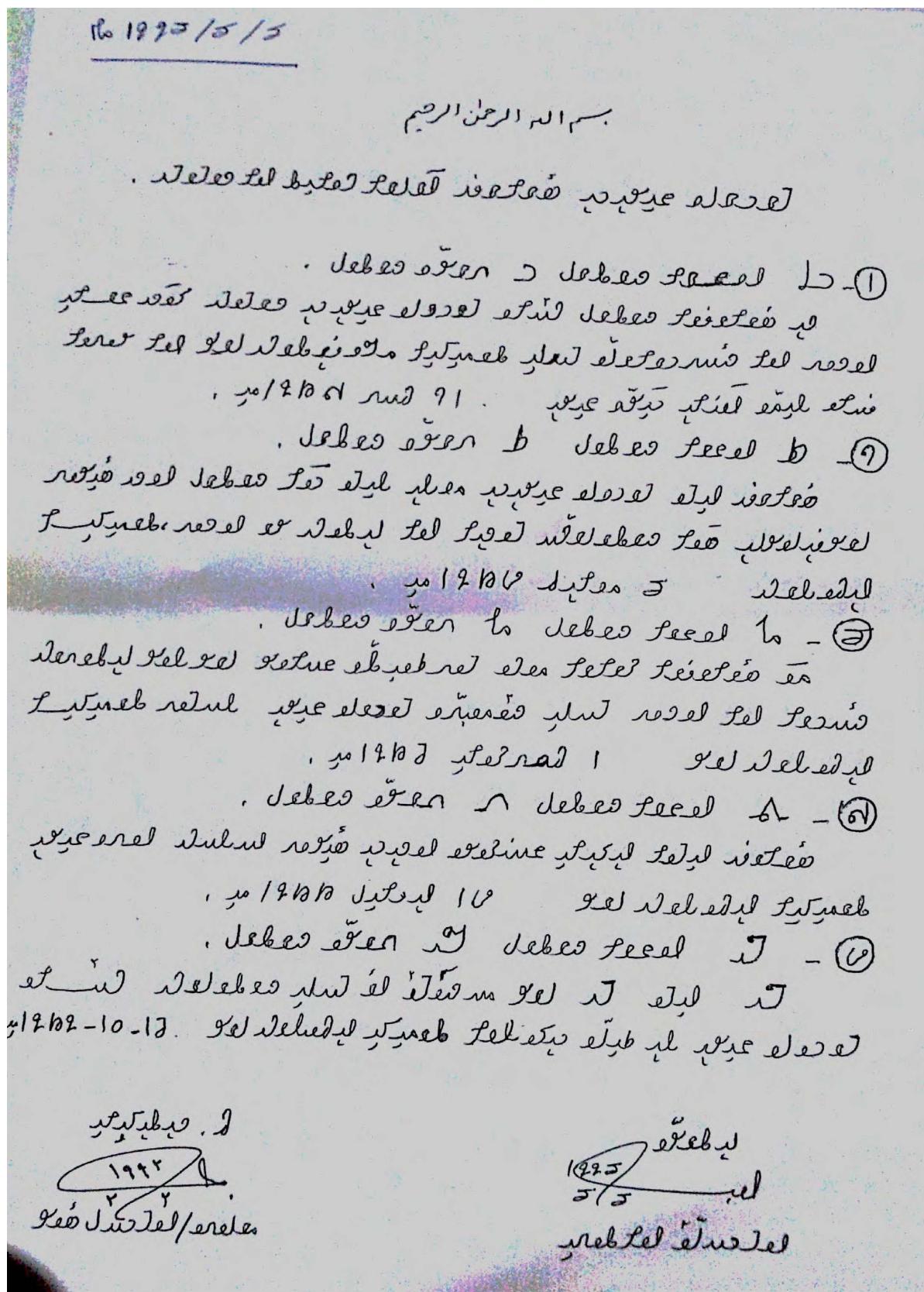


Figure 2: Description of some characters attached to the official chart shown in figure 1.



Figure 3: Chart of Rohingya script from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (A): 1).

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

اَللّٰهُمَّ اسْمُكَنْعَبِدُكَ وَلَا تُحْمِلُنَا مَا لَا نَعْتَصِمُ بِهِ
روہینگیا بان کے حروف تہجی Alpha bets Rohingya Language

ڈا	کڈ	تا	لڈ	پا	وڈ	با	لڈ	اً	ل
ڈا	Tda	تا	Ta	پا	Pa	با	Ba	اً	Aa
فا	فر	خا	کر	ھا	ھر	چا	ڑا	جا	ڙا
فی	Pha	Kha	Ha	چا	Chha	ڇا	Dha	Ja	Da
زا	ڈا	ڑا	ڑا	را	ڑا	ڏا	ڈا	دا	ڏا
زی	Za	Rda	Ra	ڙا	Dha	ڏا	Da	Da	Da
لا	لڈ	گا	وڈ	کا	ٹا	شا	وڈ	سا	وڈ
لی	La	Gi	Ga	کا	Ka	Sha	Wo	Sa	Sa
یا	و	کِنَّاوا	کِنَّاوا	وَا	وَر	نَا	نِنَّا	مَا	مِنَ
یی	Ya	Kinnawa	Kinnawa	وی	Wa	Na	Nana	Ma	Ma
	نَائِيَا	نَائِيَا			نِنَّا	کِنَّا	کِنَّا		
	Naiya	Naiya			Nana	Kinnaya	Kinnaya		
Vowels For Rohingya Language									
اَوَر	فَر	اَئَ فَر	س	اُوَر	د	إِيْ فَر	ر	اَفَر	ص
اوَر	ofor	اے فر	Aefor	اوَر	Ufor	إِيْ فر	efor	اافر	Aafor
تَسِي	و	ڈانا	ـ	ڈھیلا	ـ	هاربھائ	ـ	ناخننا	ـ
تسی	Tossi	ڈانا	Tana	ڈھیلا	Tela	هاربھائ	Haarbai	ناخننا	Nakhonna
اِردو ہندوستانی لہجے میں حروف									
۱۰	۹	۸	۷	۶	۵	۴	۳	۲	۱
۱۰	۹	۸	۷	۶	۵	۴	۳	۲	۱
۱۰	۹	۸	۷	۶	۵	۴	۳	۲	۱
۱۰	۹	۸	۷	۶	۵	۴	۳	۲	۱

Figure 4: Chart showing Rohingya letters and signs with Urdu and Burmese names.

Figure 5: Chart showing Rohingya letters with Arabic correspondences and names in Latin transliteration.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

(الْجَلِيلُ لِلْجَلِيلِ)

TA	K	TIA	K	PA	Q	BA	K	AA	K
FA	Q	KHA	K	HA	M	CHA	K	JA	Q
ZA	R	RDA	K	RA	M	DA	T	DHA	T
LA	L	GHIA	U	KA	T	SHA	Q	SA	Q
YA	Y	KINNAWA	G	WA	W	NA	M	MA	M
				NAYA	L	GHAN	K	KINNAYA	L

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، لَبَابُ، لَبَابُ، لَبَابُ، لَبَابُ، لَبَابُ
لَفَقَ، لَفَقَ، لَفَقَ، لَفَقَ، لَفَقَ، لَفَقَ

WOFOR. ፩ EAFOR. ፪ UOFOR. ፫ EIFOR. ፬ AFOR. ፭

TASSI. ፩ TA NA. ፪ TAHALAH. ፪ HAR BAY. ፪ NAKHANNA. ፫

Figure 6: Chart showing Rohingya letters with Latin transliteration.

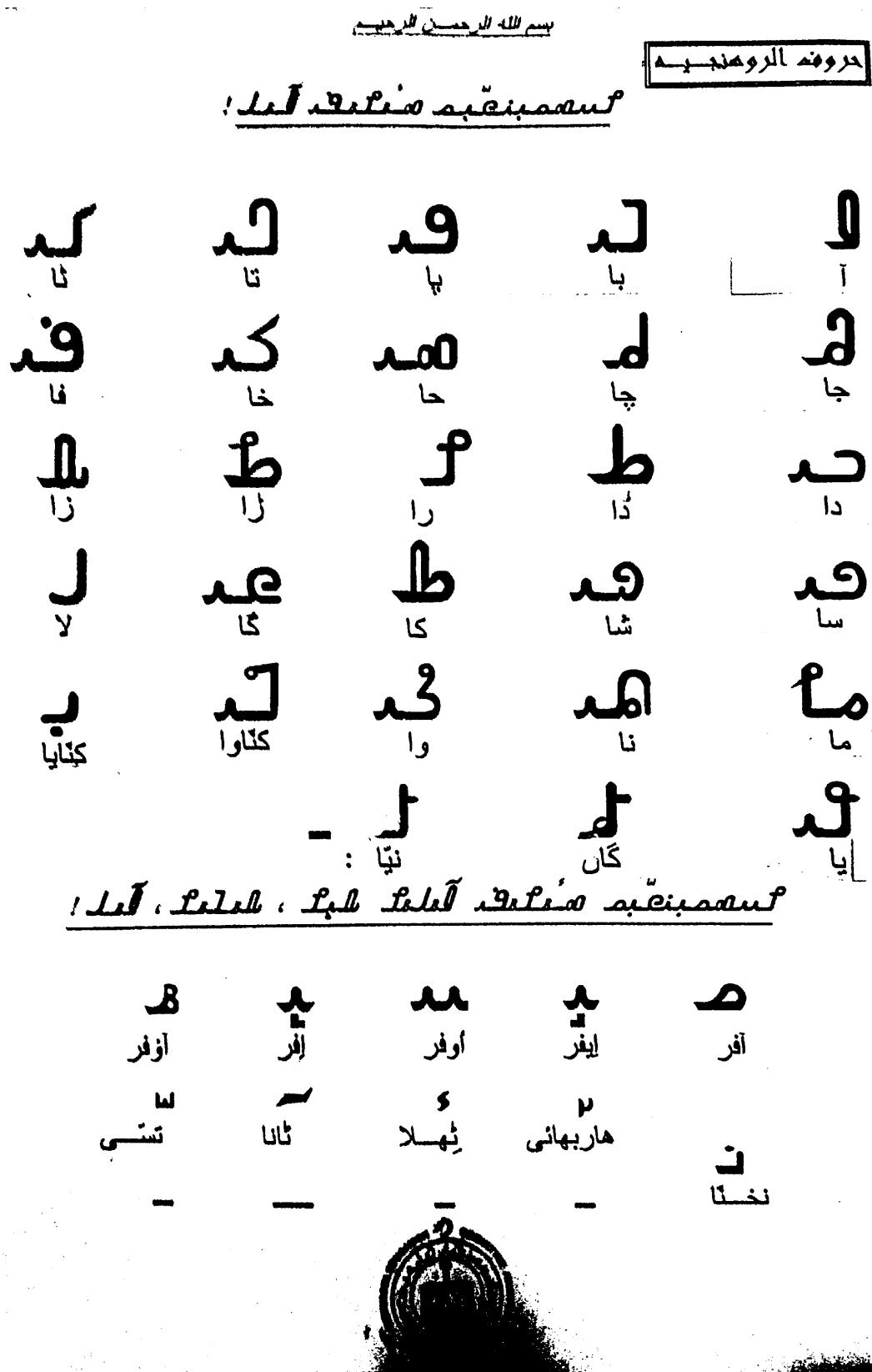


Figure 7: Page from a Rohingya primer showing Rohingya letters with names in Arabic transliteration.

فِنْقَم لِعَلَمَاتِ (؟)							
عَرَجَتْ حُوَّا مَلا حُرَّ لِحَمَّىن							
<u>لِمْ فِنْقَم لِعَلَمَاتِ (؟) مِبْعَدَة</u>							
كـم	لـم	فـم	لـم	لـم	لـم	لـم	لـم
ثـا + آفر - ثـا	تـا + آفر - تـا	يـا + آفر - يـا	بـا + آفر - بـا	أـ + آفر - أـ	جـا + آفر - جـا	دـا + آفر - دـا	سـا + آفر - سـا
كـم	كـم	هـم	لـم	لـم	لـم	لـم	لـم
فـا + آفر - فـا	خـا + آفر - خـا	حـا + آفر - حـا	جـا + آفر - جـا	دـا + آفر - دـا	سـا + آفر - سـا	مـا + آفر = مـا	مـا + آفر = مـا
لـم	طـم	لـم	طـم	لـم	طـم	لـم	لـم
زـا + آفر - زـا	رـا + آفر - رـا	رـا + آفر - رـا	شـا + آفر - شـا	نـا + آفر = نـا			
لـم	عـم	طـم	طـم	فـم	فـم	فـم	فـم
لـا + آفر - لـا	كـا + آفر - كـا	كـا + آفر - كـا	كـا + آفر - كـا	شـا + آفر = شـا			
لـم	لـم	كـم	كـم	لـم	لـم	لـم	لـم
غـان آفر - غـان	كتـوا آفر - وـا	وـا + آفر = وـا	كـتاوا آفر - وـا	نـا + آفر = نـا			
لـمْ فِنْقَم لِعَلَمَاتِ (؟) مِبْعَدَة							
ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ - مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ
ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ
<u>لـيـ فِنْقَم لِعَلَمَاتِ (؟) مِبْعَدَة</u>							
كـيـ	لـيـ	فـيـ	لـيـ	لـيـ	لـيـ	لـيـ	لـيـ
ثـا + آيفـر = ثـيـ	تـا + آيفـر = تـيـ	يـا + آيفـر = يـيـ	بـا + آيفـر = بـيـ	بـا + آيفـر = بـيـ	أـ + آيفـر = أـيـ	أـ + آيفـر = أـيـ	أـ + آيفـر = أـيـ
ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ
ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ	ـ ئـ : فـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - فـ مـ	ـ ئـ : لـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - لـ مـ	ـ ئـ : مـ + مـ + مـ + مـ - مـ مـ

Figure 8: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing ـوـ VOWEL MARK A and ـئـ VOWEL MARK I.



Figure 9: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing ڻ VOWEL MARK U, ڻ VOWEL MARK E, ڻ VOWEL MARK O.

Figure 10: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing J LETTER NA KHANNA, ○ TONE-1, ○ TONE-2, ○ TONE-3, ○ SIGN SHADDA.

Figure 11: Page from a Rohingya primer describing the use of \mathcal{I} SMALL WA and \mathcal{U} SMALL YA.

0 2 6 2 6 3 6 5 8 ?

Surab Carey rose {adult}

Load Balancing: Load Balancer



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Figure 12: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the use of *tatweel*.

الكلمة المقابلة		
المعنى	المعنى	المعنى
لهم	لهم	لهم
فأنت	فأنت	فأنت
لهم	لهم	لهم
فبِكَ	فبِكَ	فبِكَ
لهم	فبِكَ	فبِكَ
كَفِيله	كَفِيله	كَفِيله
لهم	فَإِنْ	فَإِنْ

Figure 13: Table showing use of tonal signs from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (A): 11).

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Figure 14: Example of running Rohingya text from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (B): 1).

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အသာဆုံး နေဂတ်များ

၁၁	၂၁	၃၁	၄၁	၅၁	၆၁	၇၁	၈၁	၉၁	။၁	၁
၂၂	၃၂	၄၂	၅၂	၆၂	၇၂	၈၂	၉၂	။၂	၂	
၃၃	၄၃	၅၃	၆၃	၇၃	၈၃	၉၃	။၃	၃		
၄၄	၅၄	၆၄	၇၄	၈၄	၉၄	။၄	၄			
၅၅	၆၅	၇၅	၈၅	၉၅	။၅	၅				
၆၆	၇၆	၈၆	၉၆	။၆	၆					
၇၇	၈၇	၉၇	။၇	၇						
၈၈	၉၈	။၈	၈							
၉၉	။၉	၉								
။။	၁။	၂။	၃။	၄။	၅။	၆။	၇။	၈။	၉။	။။

အသာဆုံး၊ အသာဆုံး၊ အသာဆုံး
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Figure 15: Chart of digits from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (B): 34).

Annamalai Perambals			
1 (ii)	1 n (iii)	1 q (iv)	1 z (v)
n -	v -	z -	ət -
ə ə (vi)	ə n (vii)	ə q (viii)	1 z (ix)
1 1 -	1 n -	1 q -	1 ə -
ə n (x)	ə n (xi)	ə z (xii)	1 ə (xiii)
ə ə -	1 n -	1 q -	1 ə -
ə ə (xiv)	v ə (xv)	ə v (xvi)	z ə (xvii)
d n -	1 v -	1 q -	1 ə -
ə v (xviii)	ə q (xix)	ə d (xx)	z ə (xxi)
ə v -	ə l -	ə t -	ə ə -
1 -	1 -	ə	ə
v -	ə -	v -	ə -
v	z	ə	ə

Figure 16: Excerpt from an primary-level arithmetic book written in Rohingya (from Ruwaingya Education Board Myanmar: 21).

Figure 17: The cover page of *Haq-Dar*, a Rohingya language news weekly (December 5, 2002).

Figure 18: The cover page of *Serak*, a Rohingya language news weekly (October 13, 2007).

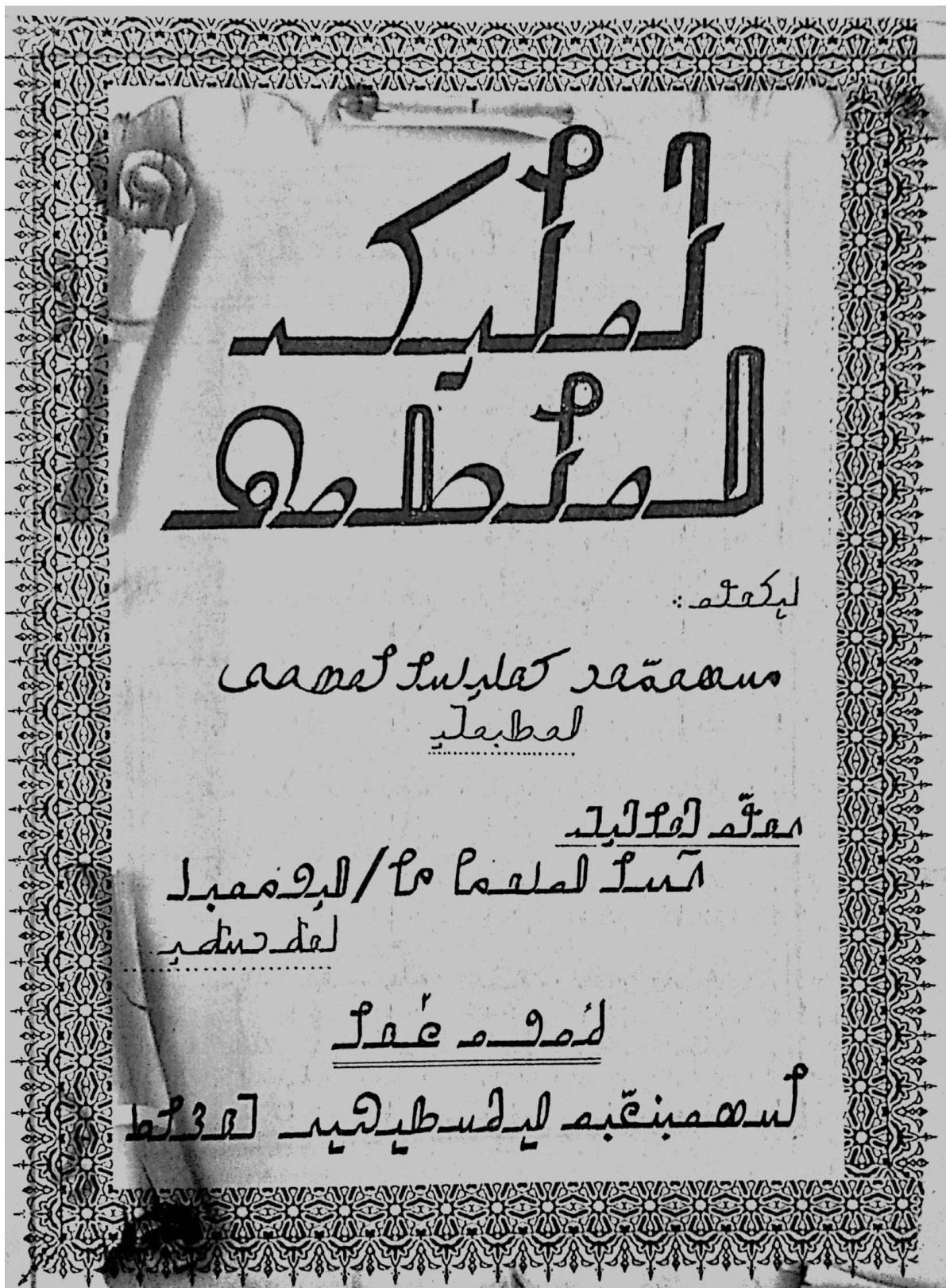
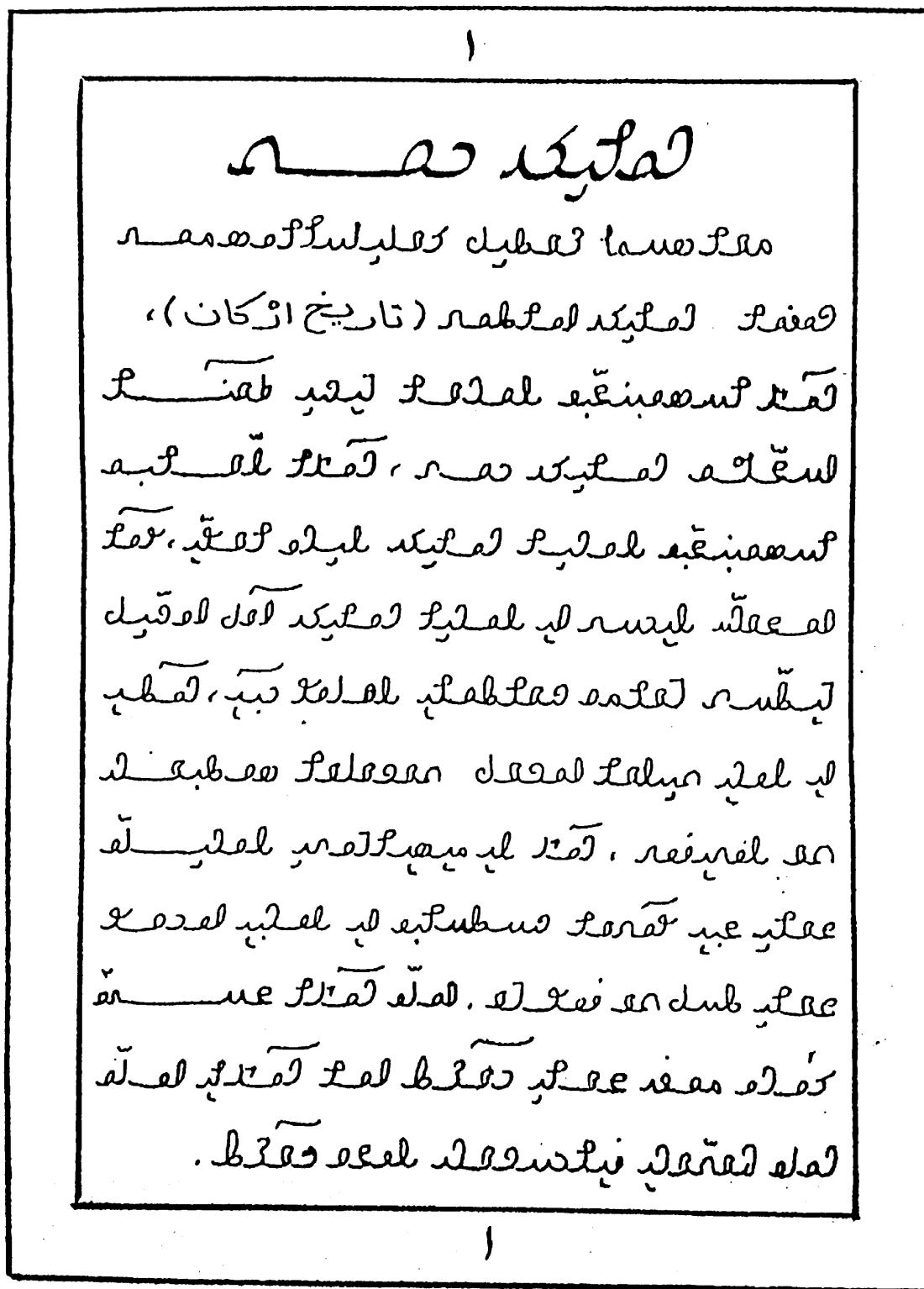


Figure 19: Cover page of *History of Arakan*.

Figure 20: First page of *History of Arakan*.

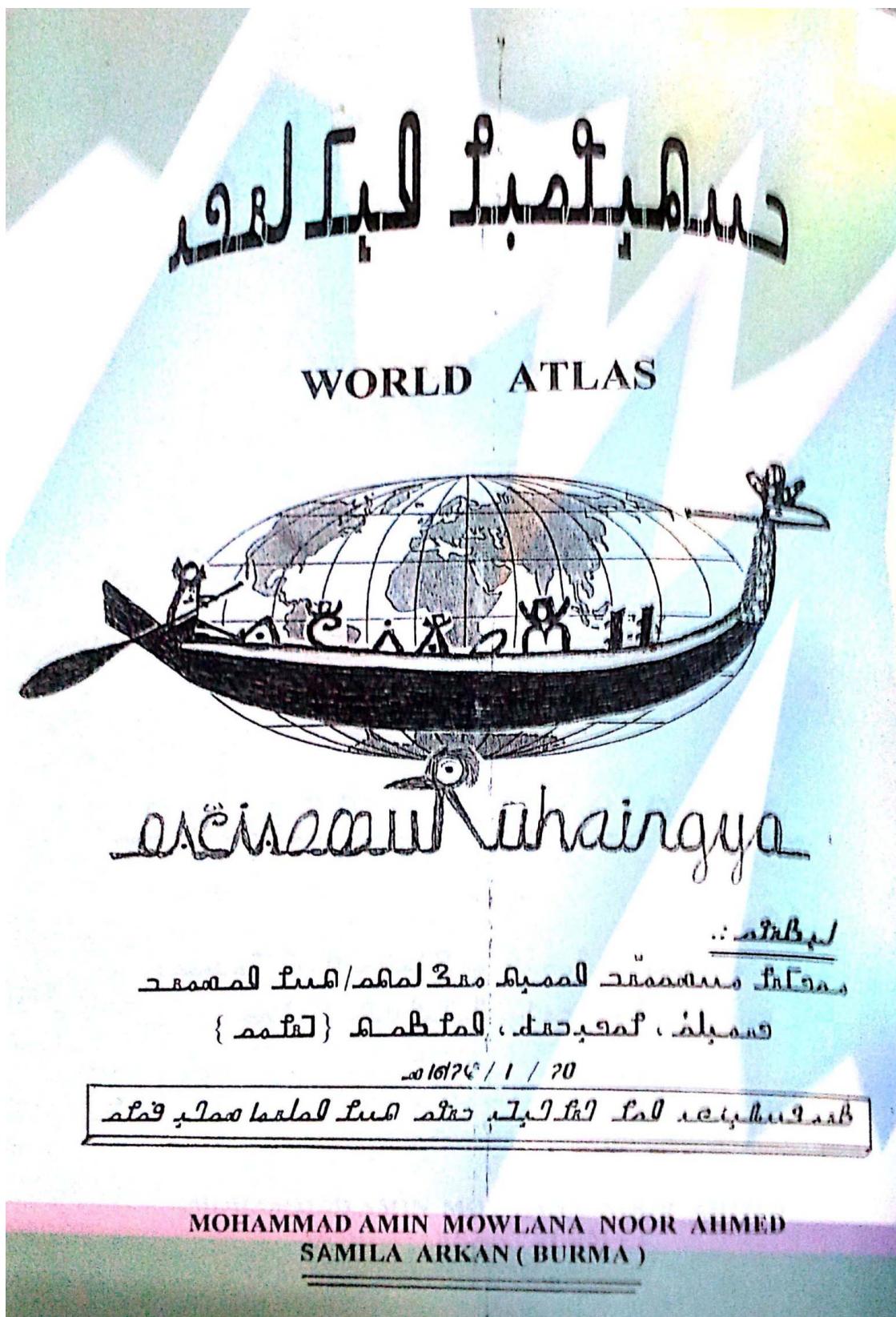


Figure 21: Cover of *World Atlas*

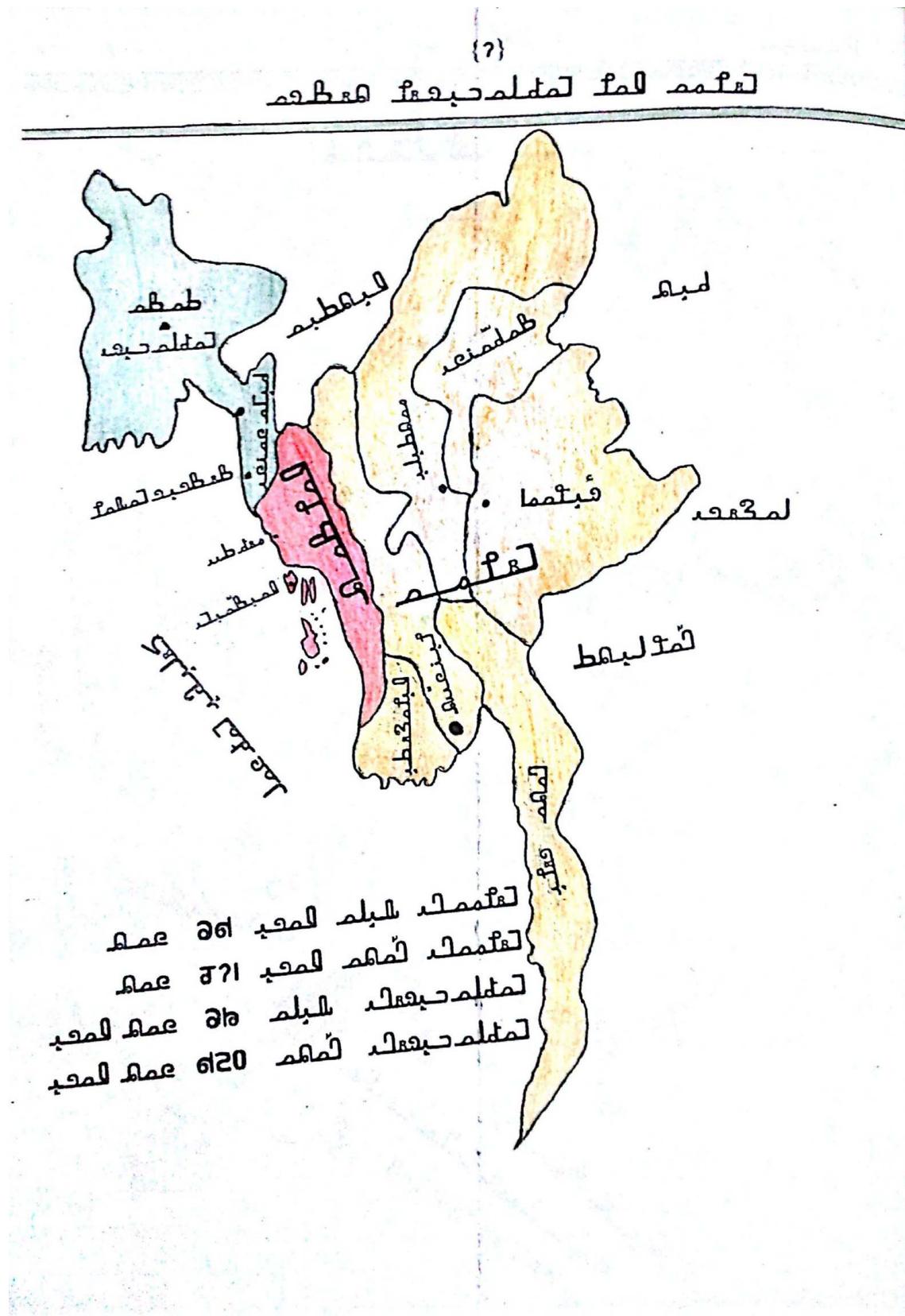


Figure 22: Page from *World Atlas* showing Myanmar with the Arakan region highlighted.

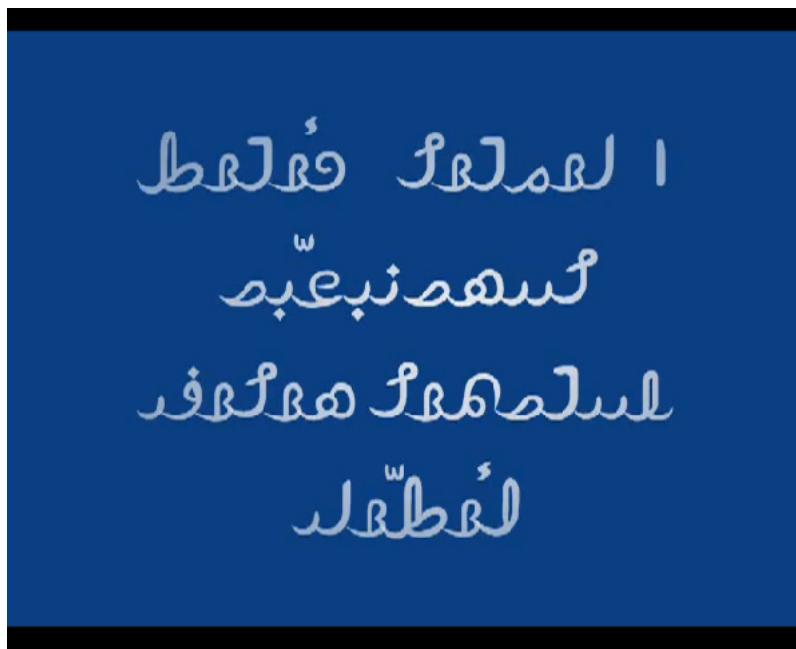


Figure 23: Use of a Rohingya typeface in a digital video (from noorismail52 2011a: frame 3).



Figure 24: Use of a Rohingya typeface in a digital video (from noorismail52 2011b: frame 103).

	G	K		G	K		G	K
A	ဂ	ဂ	KA	କ	କ	NA KHANNA	ନ	ନ
BA	ବା	ବା	GA	ଗ	ଗ	TONE-1	୧	୧
PA	ପା	ପା	LA	ଲ	ଲ	TONE-2	୨	୨
TA	ତା	ତା	MA	ମ	ମ	TONE-3	୩	୩
TTA	ତତା	ତତା	NA	ନ	ନ	SHADDA	ୣ	ୣ
JA	ଜା	ଜା	WA	ଓ	ଓ	ZERO	୦	୦
CA	ଚା	ଚା	SMALL WA	ଙ	ଙ	ONE	୧	୧
HA	ହା	ହା	YA	ଯ	ଯ	TWO	୨	୨
KHA	ଖା	ଖା	SMALL YA	ବ	ବ	THREE	୩	୩
FA	ଫା	ଫା	NGA	ଙ୍ଗ	ଙ୍ଗ	FOUR	୪	୪
DA	ଦା	ଦା	NYA	ଙ୍ଗ	ଙ୍ଗ	FIVE	୫	୫
DDA	ଦଦା	ଦଦା	SUKUN	ୟ	ୟ	SIX	୬	୬
RA	ରା	ରା	AA	ା	ା	SEVEN	୭	୭
RRA	ରରା	ରରା	I	ି	ି	EIGHT	୮	୮
ZA	ଶା	ଶା	U	ୁ	ୁ	NINE	୯	୯
SA	ଶା	ଶା	E	ୱ	ୱ			
SHA	ଶା	ଶା	O	୳	୳			

Table 4: Comparison of digitized Rohingya typefaces: “Rohingya Gonya Leyka Noories” (‘G’) and “Rohingya Kuna Leyka Noories” (‘K’) designed by Muhammad Noor.