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Aung San Suu Kyi to Defend Myanmar in ICJ

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- Recently, **Gambia** has filed an application at the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, accusing Myanmar of violating the **1948 Genocide Convention**.
It is the first international legal attempt to bring Myanmar to ICJ over alleged mass killings of the **Rohingya minority** in 2017.
- Muslim-majority **Gambia**, has filed this application on behalf of the 57-nation **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation**.
- **Aung San Suu Kyi** will defend Myanmar in the Hague against accusations of genocide. She is a Myanmar's State Counsellor and Nobel Peace laureate (awarded in 1990).
- Myanmar, however, faces a number of legal challenges over the fate of the Rohingya, including a probe by the **International Criminal Court** (a separate war crimes tribunal) in the Hague and a lawsuit in **Argentina**.

Convention on Genocide

- It was **adopted in 1948** in response to the atrocities committed during World War II and a UN resolution which recognised that "**genocide is an international crime, which entails the national and international responsibility of individual persons and states.**"
- The Convention on Genocide was among the first United Nations (UN) conventions addressing humanitarian issues.
- The Convention has since then been widely accepted by the international community and ratified by a majority of States.

International Criminal Court (ICC)

- It is governed by an international treaty called 'The Rome Statute' which was adopted in 1998. The **International Criminal Court (ICC)** is the world's first permanent international criminal court.
- **Headquarters:** Hague, Netherlands.

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- The **ICJ** was established in 1945 by the United Nations charter and started working in April 1946.
- It is the **principal judicial organ of the United Nations**, situated at the Peace Palace in the Hague (Netherlands).

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

- The **OIC** was formed in 1969 after a summit in Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco on 25 September 1969.
- The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is among the largest inter-governmental organizations in the world.
- **Headquarters:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- It has 57 member states and 12 observers including the United Nations