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CAM Congressional Briefing Held on Sept. 18, 2023

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Washington, DC --- On September 18, 2023, CAM held a Congressional Briefing at the Russell Senate Office Building, entitled *Escalating Atrocities Against Christians in Burma*.

CAM Executive Director Zo Tum Hmung spoke about the pattern of persecution against Christians in Burma, including the Chin people, and presented cases of airstrikes against civilians and religious buildings. His remarks are available [here](#).

The event also featured testimony from a Chin pastor originally from Tlanglo Village and a Chin woman whose mother and sister were killed in a military airstrike on Khuafu Village.

CAM thanks all of our speakers:

Commissioner Stephen Schneck of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

U Aung Kyaw Moe, Deputy Union Minister of the Ministry of Human Rights, National Unity Government

U Kyaw Zaw, Spokesperson of the President's Office, National Unity Government

Reverend Ah Le, General Secretary of the Kachin Baptist Churches USA

Pastor Van Thakam Thang, originally from Tlanglo Village, Chin State

Mah Khin, originally from Khuafu Village, Chin State

CAM also thanks the office of Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) for assisting with the event, Dr. Robin Stoops for moderating, and our co-hosts: International Campaign for the Rohingya, Campaign for a New Myanmar, Burma Advocacy Group, Boat People SOS, Jubilee Campaign, 21Wilberforce and the Office of International Justice and Peace of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CAM reiterates the following recommendations:

- 1) For the Biden administration to determine that the atrocities against Christians in Burma constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- 2) For the Biden administration to join the European Union Sanctions on Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

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The Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) is a non-profit organization based in Ellicott City, Maryland with an office in Washington, DC. CAM advocates for Chin and other refugees and internally displaced persons in Burma, religious freedom, and human rights. CAM also works to empower the local Chin community in Maryland to successfully integrate into American society.