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BRI Statement on the USCIRF 2025 Annual Report

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Ellicott City, Maryland --- The Burma Research Institute (BRI) appreciates and welcomes the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) [2025 Annual Report](#) released on March 25, 2025 where Zo Tum Hmung, President/CEO of BRI attended in person. The Report's recommendations to the U.S. government include redesignating Burma as Country of Particular Concern.

We're grateful to USCIRF's continued documentation and recommendations on Burma. We hope that USCIRF will take further steps to recommend that the Burmese military's atrocities against ethnic and minority religions targeting Christians constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes, said President Hmung.

On March 7, 2025, Christian and advocacy organizations sent [a letter](#) to Secretary Marco Rukio urging him to determine that the military junta's atrocities against ethnic and minority religion targeting Christians in Burma constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

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