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Burma Research Institute Will Hold a Congressional Briefing on Burma

Ellicott City, MD ---- The Burma Research Institute (BRI), formerly the Chin Association of Maryland (CAM), will hold a hybrid Congressional Briefing to highlight the humanitarian crisis in the aftermath of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Burma. The Burmese military continues violating human rights and religious freedom. As of April 1, 2025, the earthquake death toll rose to [over 2,000](#) and it could reach beyond 10,000 people, according to estimates by the U.S. Geological Survey. The briefing will urge the Trump administration and Congress to provide additional assistance to the people of Burma.

Burma: Humanitarian Crisis and Violations of Religious Freedom and Human Rights

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 12pm - 2pm ET

Location: Capitol Hill, Washington, DC (room number will be announced shortly)

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Burma,” said Reverend Dr. Robin Stoops, BRI Board Chair. “We are thankful to the U.S. for providing two million dollars in assistance thus far but so much more is needed,” said BRI President & CEO Zo Tum Hmung.

Remarks:

- H.E. Duwa Lashi La, Acting President, National Unity Government of Myanmar
- Amb. Sam Brownback, former Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
- Reverend Elijah Brown, PhD, General Secretary & CEO, Baptist World Alliance
- Reverend Dr. Saw Ler Htoo, General Secretary, Karen Baptist Churches USA

Congressional Remarks: Various Congressional Members are invited to speak

Concluding Remarks: Zo Tum Hmung, President & CEO, Burma Research Institute

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