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### **Burma Research Institute Held a Congressional Briefing on Burma**

**Ellicott City, MD** ---- The Burma Research Institute (BRI) held a hybrid Congressional Briefing on Monday, April 28, 202 at Rayburn Office Building (2200) in Washington, DC. The briefing titled,

**“Burma: Humanitarian Crisis and Violations of Religious Freedom and Human Rights.”**

BRI is grateful to Rep. Young Kim (R, CA-40), Chairwoman, East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, for her assistance in securing the briefing room.

“The speakers agreed on one important issue which is to deter or stop the ongoing military’s airstrikes; we need the United States’ help,” said Zo Tum Hmung, President & CEO of BRI at his concluding remarks.

“The Trump administration must implement the Burma Act, especially providing non-lethal assistance to the resistance groups,” said Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Maryland). “We will win, we need to implement the Burma Act,” echoed by Ambassador Sam Brownback, former Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

“The attacks on places of worship including the burning of churches are troubling,” said Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa).

The Congressional Briefing is cosponsored by American Baptist Churches USA, Burma Advocacy Group, International Campaign for the Rohingya, Campaign for a New Myanmar, No Business with Genocide, U.S. Campaign for Burma, and Jubilee Campaign.

#### **Remarks and Statements**

1. [Recording of the Event](#)
2. [H.E. Duwa Lashi La, Acting President of the National Unity Government](#)
3. [Hon’ble U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Chairman of the Committee Representing the Pyidawngsu Hluttaw](#)
4. [Senator Chris Van Hollen \(D -Maryland\)](#)
5. [Senator Chuck Grassley \(R – Iowa\)](#)
6. [Senator Raphael Warnock \(D-Georgia\)](#)

7. Patrick Harvey, Senior Official at the International Religious Freedom Office at the State Department ([in the Recording of the Event](#))
8. [Susie Gelman, Commissioner of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom](#)
9. Ambassador Sam Brownback, Ambassador Sam Brownback, former Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, State Department ([in the Recording of the Event](#))
10. [Dr. Elijah Brown, General Secretary & CEO of Baptist World Alliances](#)
11. A Testimony of Ruth Kristin Knutson, and BRI Research Team ([in the Recording of the Event](#))
12. [BRI Research Team – Presentation Slides on the Refugee Education in the India-Burma Borders](#)
13. [Program](#)

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