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Burma Research Institute Wrote a Letter to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Related to Religious Freedom in Burma

Ellicott City, MD ---- March 31, 2025, the Burma Research Institute wrote [a letter to Dr. Stephen Schneck, Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom](#) urging him to recommend that Secretary of State Marco Rubio determine the Burmese military's, also known as Tatmadaw, atrocities against Christians and other minorities constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

“Such a determination of crimes against humanity and war crimes by the State Department can help decrease or even deter the violence against civilians by the Tatmadaw airstrikes. The Trump administration can impose tougher and coordinated sanctions on aviation fuel and banking, and provide nonlethal assistance such as early warning systems, bunkers, and communication tools to protect civilians and places of worship from the airstrikes.” said the letter.

On March 7, 2025, Christians and community organizations in the United States wrote a [letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio](#) urging him “to determine that the human rights abuses and systematic violations of religious freedom or belief targeting Christians in Burma constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes”.

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