

RAMKIP THANTLANG PENG TONNAK CONFERENCE

Chin Evangelical Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Biahmaitthi

Coordination Committee for Thantlang Affairs (CCTA) nih Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) rianttuannak chim dingin sawmnak kan hmuh. Kan i lawm. Cun, atulio harnak a tongmi dirkamhnak caah le hmailei Thantlang sersiam tthannak kong ceih ding a si caah ka lawm khun. CCTA Convenor Rev. M. Thawng Kam, Secretary Pu Stanley Cung le upa vialte nan cungah ka lawm taktak. Atu bantukin tonnak kan ngeihmi hrimhrim zong hi a herh ngaingai.

Thangtlang peng caah kanmah Thantlang peng thazaang a biapi bik. Kan hngalh. Nain, CAM hi war crimes le crimes against humanity kong le refugees le Internally Displace Peoples (IDPs) kong kan aupi caah ramdang bawmhnak lei hoih in kan cuanh hnuk lai.

Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) Kong

CAM cu zeidah a si, khoika ahdah um?

CAM cu 2012 kum ah kan dirh. Maryland State cozah le federal cozah ah registration kan tuah. 501 (c) (3) a si. Ellicott City ah zung kan ngei. Cun, DC Baptist Convention, Washington, DC zungkhan kan ngei fawn.

CAM tinhmi cu Maryland khuasa Chin mipun bawmhchanhnak, refugees/IDPs caah dirhkamhnak le nuhrinvo le biaknak zalonnak hna an si.

Zeidah kan tuan?

War Crimes le Crimes Against Humanity

Biden acozah nih State Administration Council (SAC) sualnak cu war crimes and crimes against ti seh hi kan aupi. War crimes¹ le crimes against humanity² tiah U.S. nih a ti taktak ahcun International Court of Justice le adangdang ah SAC tazacuai dingin lam a kau lai kan zumh.

War crimes asullam tahchunhnak pakhat cu timhciamman tein biaknak inn hrawh a si.
(*Intentionally directing attacks against buildings dedicated to religion*).

Crimes against humanity tahchunhnak pakhat cu sualnak ngeilomi doh (attack) kha a a si. (a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population)

Rohingya kong

¹ War Crimes a sullam a si. Biaknak inn hrawh hi tahchunhnak pakhat a si. (Accessed May 5, 2023)
<https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/war-crimes.shtml>

² Crimes against humanity a sullam a si. Sullam ngei lomi mipi doh hi tahchunhnak pakhat a si (accessed May 5, 2023) <https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/crimes-against-humanity.shtml>

March 21, 2022 ah Biden cozah nih Kawl ralkap sualnak cu genocide le crimes against humanity a si, tiah a ti.³ Hi hi kan welcome tiin CAM nih March 22, 2022 ah statement kan chuah colh.. U.S cozah nih Rohingya cu \$2.1 billion renglo a bawmh cang. U.S. Congress zongah Rohingya cu an thinlung ah a cam tuk cang. Hi bantuk hin kan si kho ve ko lai tiah kan zumh. U.S. cozah nih a kan zangfah deuh poah le Thantlang dirhthannak caah san a tlai lai tiah kan zumh. Senators le House of Representatives (Capitol Hills) ah fak deuh in kan cawl a hau tiah kan ruat.

Chin Refugees le IDPs

UNHCR nih repatriation (semnak ram kirthannak), local integration (ramhnihnak umnak) le resettlement (ramthumnak kalnak) tiin policy atlang piin phun thum a ngei. Ramthumnak ah kal ding lawng a ttuan lo. Ramhnihnak um lioah protection le assistance a pek. U.S acozah zong cu ttiamthiam cu a si ve. Ram hnihnak i refugees le semnak ram i IDPs kha protection le humanitarian assistance a pek hna⁴.

May30, 2023 ah kan chuah dingmi ah Chin refugees cu international protection an ngeih ding le humanitarian assistance tam deuh an hmuh nak ding kan langhter. U.S. nih fak deuh in a zuanhnawh ding a herh, kan ti. UN agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO etc, le INGOs nih an kan zuan hnawh a hau kan ti. IDPs caah cross-border-aid in kal seh, kan ti. Phundangin chim ahcun Mizoram lein Laitlang ah bawmhna lut seh, kan ti. Ramchung a luh ding tha kan pe lo. (Conference tikah report kan langhter te lai. Atu ka ttial lio, a chuak deuh rih lo).

INGOs pakhat a si ve mi Doctors Without Border/MSF zong Mizoram ah a ttuan cuahmah. MSF hi Mizoram ttuan khawh dingin Chin Advocacy Committee (PJC)/CBCUSA thazaang tampi a rak i tel ve. Director ka rak ttuan lio a si caah fiang tein ka hngalh.

Mizoram ah Champhai District, Siaha District lei Aizawl District ah refugees an tam bik. Lawngtlai le Hnahthial ah an um ve. 40,000 hrawng Mizoram ah an um. New Delhi ah 4,000 hrawng an si. Lairam Isua Khrista Bapptist Kohhran (LIKBBK) an biapi bantukin Mizoram Presbyterian Synod, Baptist Churches of Mizoram le Evangelical Church of Maraland an biapi ngai ve. Central Young Lai Association an biapit bantukin Central Young Mizoram Association le Mara Thylia Py an biapi ngaingai. Mah hi zoh thiam ngai a herh tiah kan ruat.

Chin Kum Thar le Chin refugees

Kum 2019 in Chin Kum Thar kan tuah. March 17, 1949 ah Chin Kum Thar hi Chin Affairs Council nih an rak dirh. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga nih bia a chim. Cun, CACC GS Rev. Dr. Za That zong kan rak sawm. A rak kan telpi kho. Kum 2022 (Avoi (4) nak ah CYMA President, Assistant Secretary le CYLA President nih an kan telpi. Hi nih hin Mizoram he kan i pehtlaihna a fehter chinchin tiah kan ruat. U.S. State Department he tonnak kan ngeihter hna. Ralzam bawmh an herhnak kong an chim. Mizoram Education Minister le a hawile zong

³ Biden cozah nih Rohingya kong Genocide and crimes against humanity tiah a ti. CAM nih kan cohlang tiah statement a chuah (accessed May 1, 2023). <https://chinmd.org/2022/03/30/cam-statement-on-the-determination-of-genocide-against-rohingya/>

⁴ State Department ah a um. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (accessed May 14, 2023). <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-civilian-security-democracy-and-human-rights/bureau-of-population-refugees-and-migration/>.

Washington, DC ah kan konglam an chim. Speaker Lalrinliana kan sawm. US cozah sinah kan kong a chim. Kanmah chimmi nakin a kan dawtu midang nih an chim hi hmual a ngei deuh caan an tampi.

Statements le Monthly News Update

Statements kan chuah. Cozah he adangdang sinah kan kuat. Mino sinah tampi kuat kan i tim. Tahchunhnak ah ralkap vanlawng nih Victoria Camp⁵ a tuk ah khan statement kan chuah colh. **Monthly News Update**⁶ kan chuah. Refugees le IDPs le adang kong kan ttial. CAM I resource/website ah an um. Kan konglam chim nan duh ahcun an bawm ngai hna lai.

Reports Kan Ttial

CAM nih Reports pasarih kan ttial cang. Kum 2021 i Ralkap nih hramhram in nawlIngeihnak a lak hnuin reports pali kan ttial. Atanglei hi an si.

1). CHIN REFUGEES IN INDIA’S MIZORAM STATE: Helping the Refugees and Supporting the Local Communities Welcoming Them (May 2023); 2). Two Years After the 2021 Military Coup: The Worsening Situation of Christians Across Burma⁷; 3). Seventeen Months After the Military Coup in Myanmar/Burma: Escalating Persecution of Chin Christians in Chin State and Sagaing Region⁸; 4). After the 2021 Military Coup in Myanmar/Burma: Challenges for Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees⁹; 5). Unprotected: Chin IDPs in Chin and Rakhine State¹⁰; 6). Unsafe: Chin Refugees in Malaysia and New Delhi, India¹¹; 7). Seeking Refuge: The Chins in Mizoram State, India¹².

Reports ah Forward le Statement of Support an kan ttial piak.

FORWARD ah Dan Kosten, Chair, Refugee Council USA le Sam Worthington, President and Chief Executive Officer InterAction nih an ka ttial piak.

⁵ Statement on Burmese Fighter Jets Attacking Camp Victoria in Chin State, Burma (accessed May 9, 2023)

<https://chinmd.org/2023/01/10/statement-on-burmese-fighter-jets-attacking-camp-victoria-in-chin-state-burma/>

⁶ CAM Monthly News Update – December 2022 (accessed May 9, 2023)

<https://chinmd.org/cam-monthly-news-update-december-2022/>

⁷ Two Years After the 2021 Military Coup: The Worsening Situation of Christians Across Burma (accessed on May 2, 2023. <https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CRFReport-June-2022-June.22.22-compressed.pdf>.

⁸ Seventeen Months After the Military Coup in Myanmar/Burma: Escalating Persecution of Chin Christians in Chin State and Sagaing Region (accessed April 26, 2023) <https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CRFReport-June-2022-June.22.22-compressed.pdf>.

⁹ After the Military Coup in Myanmar/Burma: Challenges for Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees (accessed May 5, 2023) <https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/After-the-2021-Military-Coup-in-MyanmarBurma.pdf>

¹⁰ UNPROTECTED: Chin IDPs in Chin and Rakhine States, Myanmar/Burma (accessed May 1, 2023)

<https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Unprotected-Chin-IDPs-Final.pdf>

¹¹ UNSAFE: Chins Seeking Refuge in Malaysia and New Delhi, India (accessed April 28, 2023)

<https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Chin-Refugees-Final-Oct-8-2020.pdf>

¹² Seeking Refuge: The Chin People in Mizoram State, India (accessed April 25, 2023)(<https://chinmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Seeking-Refuge-The-Chin-People-in-Mizoram-State-India.pdf>).

Statements of Support a ttialtu hna cu Rev. Dr. C Duh Kam, Executive Minister Chin Baptist Churches USA, Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General World Evangelical Alliance; Rev. Raimundo C. Barreto Jr., PhD, Director Division for Freedom and Justice, Baptist World Alliance; Ambassador Johnny Young, Executive Director Migration and Refugee Service; U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Dan Kosten, Chair Refugee Council USA; Sam Worthington, President and Chief Executive Officer InterAction; Stephan Bauman, President and Chief Executive Officer World Relief; Sarah Costa, Executive Director Women's Refugee Commission; Ralston Deffenbaugh, Assistant General Secretary, Human Rights and International Affairs, Lutheran World Federation.

Forward le Statement of Supports a ttialtu vialte hna hi ttha tein chawnh khawh ahcun kan sinah thazaang nganpi an si kho. Anmah awka hi a ngan taktak.

Briefing le Advocacy

Burma Advocacy Group (BAG) ah chungtel kan si. BAG he rian kan ttuantti. Tahchunhnak ah Burma Act 2022 le \$136 million bawmhnak kan ttuantti. Atu zong FY2024 ah U.S. bawmhnak kongah kan ttuan lio.

Burma Act of 2022 hi kanmah Maryland Senator Ben Cardin ah a chuahpi hmasa. Cucaah a hramthok tein kan rak cawl ve. Appropriation Act kong zongah thazaang kan chuah. Atu cu Biden cozah nih a ttuan (implementation) a hau cang. \$136 million chungin Mizoram lei a phan ve a hau. Mah cu kan i zuam cuahmah.

Congress, State Department le Washington, DC NGOs ah biaknak kong kan chim. Kanmah lawng kan si lo. Tahchunhnak ah Khuafong kongah Rev. Aaron Tawk Al; Tlanglo kongah Rev. Dr. Van Bawi Kam; Malsawm kongah Rev. Hrang Cung Hnin he DC upa kan ton hna.

USCIRF Hearing ah CAM Biachim

February 8, 2023 ah United States Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) nih Hearing a ngei. An kan sawm. Bia kan chim.

“Two Years after the Coup: Religious Freedom in a Contested Burma¹³”. tiah tlang an tar. USCIRF hi federal nih a sermi Commission a si. Commissioners pariat an um. President le Democratic le Republican hruiatu hna nih rian an khinh hna. President, Secretary of State le Congress ah policy recommendations an pek. Thuk deuhin kan lut cang, tiah kan ruat.

USIP ah CAM Report Release

Unite Institutes of Peace (USIP) hi Congress nih a dirh¹⁴. April 13, 2023 ah “*Two Years After the 2021 Military Coup: The Worsening Situation of Christians Across Burma*” cu USIP ah release kan tuah. Kan lung a hmu ngai. Dr. Jeff Woods, General Secretary, ABCUSA nih “ralkap nih Khrihfa an hremmi cu war crimes a si; crimes against humanity a si, a ti. Biden nih ti hin a ti awk a si, a ti”.¹⁵ Kan lung a hmu taktak.

¹³ “Two Years after the Coup: Religious Freedom in a Contested Burma (Accessed April 25, 2023) https://www.uscifr.gov/events/hearings/two-years-after-coup-religious-freedom-contested-burma?fbclid=IwAR1-u1f2MatLwLIL6WJ5yt-laD1GryDEralPY_aOR5Be5q_Wmvo1O2bup4k

¹⁴ United Institutes of Peace hi Congress nih a dirh (accessed May 8, 2023) <https://www.usip.org>

¹⁵ April 14, 2023 ah VOA Burmese Service nih a chim. Hi video ah a um: (accessed May 13, 2023) <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=217658414229237>.

Thantlang Khua Dirtthannak

Khua dawh ah kan ser tthan lai. Um aa nuammi khua ah kan ser lai. Cun, khua nganpi ah kan ser lai. Chawlehthalnak khuapi ah kan ser lai. Zeitindah kan ser lai? Atanglei hi ka langhter lai.

1. Restitution (cham tthannak)

Restitution¹⁶ hi Pinheiro Principles ti zongin an ti. Inn le lo a rawkmi vialte kha cham tthan dih an si lai tiin sullam a ngei. Mah nih hin zeimawzat cu Thantlang a ser tthan lai.

2. Repatriation (kir tthannak)

Malaysia in ralzam 50,000 hrawng le India in 50,000 hrawng an kir tthan lai. Thantlang khua 10,000 he fonh ahcun a tlawmbik 110,000 an si lai, Thantlang khua thar ah. Atu lio Hakha nakin a let li in an tam deuh lai. Cun, UN nih an tak lawng in an kir ter hna lo. An zal te he an kirter ton hna. Cucaah Pawtarawn lei ah kauh chap a hau te lai. Hakha lei zong samh deuh a hau lai.

3. Chawlehthalnak khuapi ah aa chuah lai

Kaladan kong ruat ko usih. Ram a tthat tikah cun Sangau leiin Thantlang ah mawttaw ngan pipi (truck) an lut te lai. Thantlang nih kan khualipi Hakha a cawm te lai. Kalay le Gangaw lam kan i bochan ti lai lo.

Biafunnak

Thantlang sersiam tthan ding caah reports ttial kan duh: 1). Restitution, 2). Repatriation, 3). Kaladan, le 4). Cross-border – aid kong. Minung thazaang caah harnak kan ngei. Congress ah kan bia luhpi ding thazaang kan chuah deuh lai. Reports kan ttialmi hi advocacy caah kan liangruh an si. Forward le Statement of Support khi a hmanzia thiam ahcun Thantlang caah bawmchantu an si kho. Refugees/IDPs kong le Thantlang sersiam tthannak hi pakhat le pakhat pher tah in an i tah. Tthen awk an ttha lo.

Washington, DC ah advocacy kan tuahmi vialte hi kan tlam a tling kan ti lai lo. Midang he I bawm in ttuantti deuh a hau. Nain, SAC a hram in bonghnak dingah san a tlai kho ve ko. Cucaah kan tha a chia lo.

Chin khrihfabu bawmhnak thawngin Washington, DC Baptist Convention ah zung kan ngeihmi nih kan tha a nuamter khun. U.S. khualipi ah kan tthu ve cang. Kan ral a ttha deuh ngai.

A herhmi cu rian kan ttuantti hna lai. Alam kipin kan doh lai. Kanmah le zawn cioin kan doh lai. Cucaah atu bantu kin itonnak nan kan auhmi hi hmailei kong fak piin nan ruat kho (far sighted) tiah ka ruat.

Kan lung a rual taktak a hau. Samaria Mittha si lawng a za ti lo. Damiah a hram in kan bongh a hau. Cu lo ahcun kan semnak ramah dinnak le biaknak zalonnak a um kho lai lo.xxx

¹⁶ Restitution kong a si. Restitution of Housing and Properties (accessed May 3, 2023). <https://www.unhcr.org/media/31732>