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BRI Held the 5th Hybrid Congressional Briefing on Burma

Ellicott City, MD -----[The Burma Research Institute](#) (BRI), formerly known as the Chin Association of Maryland (CAM), held the 5th Hybrid Congressional Briefing on Burma on December 16, 2025. BRI is grateful to Rep. Young Kim (R, CA-40), Chairwoman of East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs, for her assistance in securing the briefing room.

Title: U.S. Policy on Burma: Opportunities and Challenges

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Time: 12:15pm - 1:30pm (EST)

Location: Rayburn Office Building (Room 2200)
45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

Attendance: In-person or Virtual (Zoom)

Despite rising violence, mass displacement, deteriorating humanitarian crisis, escalating atrocities against [religious minority groups including Christians](#), and its involvement in [online scam operations](#), the Burmese military regime, known as the State Security and Peace Commission (SSPC), plans to hold [sham elections](#) beginning December 28, 2025. The speakers and panelists provided updates on the situation in Burma, reflected on US policy toward Burma and provided recommendations to the Administration and the Congress.

“I am grateful for the bipartisan congressional support calling the Trump administration to condemn the sham elections that will be held in Burma beginning on December 28, 2025. The elections will not be free or fair. The Burmese military regime has no right to hold the elections,” said by Zo Tum Hmung, BRI President & CEO. He also added, “I hope H.R.5490 – Dismantle Foreign Scam Syndicates Act will become law in early 2026.”

PROGRAM

Photos and biographies:



Moderator: Zo Tum Hmung, President & CEO, BRI – [Click here for his bio](#)

12pm-12:15pm: Light Refreshment

12:15pm - 12:30pm: Remarks

- Rep. Young Kim (R, California - 40), Chairwoman, East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs – [Click here to view the video remarks](#)
- Rep. Jefferson Shreve (R, Indiana - 6) – [Click here to view the video remarks](#)
- U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Chairman of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), Myanmar – [Click here to view his remarks](#)
- Dr. May Win Myint, Central Executive Committee Member, National League for Democracy – [Click here to view her remarks](#)

12:30pm - 1:00pm: Panelists

- U Moe Zaw Oo, Counselor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Unity Government, Myanmar – [Click here to view his written statement](#)
- Daw Myat Thida Htun, Chairwoman of the International Relations Committee, CRPH – [Click here to view her written statement](#)
- Padoh Saw Taw Nee, Head of the Foreign Affairs Department, Karen National Union – [Click here to view his written statement](#)
- Dr. Stephen Schneck, Commissioner, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) – [Click here to view his written statement](#)
- Esther Par, Coordinator of Research and Advocacy, BRI – [Click here to view her written statement](#)

1pm - 1:28pm: Q & A – Moderator

All panelists participated in the Q & A.

1:28pm - 1:30pm: Conclusion Remarks

Moderator

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- [Khit Thit Media YouTube](#)
- [Khit Thit Media Interview with Zo Tum Hmung](#)

Photos from the Briefing:



Rep. Young Kim (R, CA-40) giving her remarks



Rep. Jefferson Shreve (R, IN-6) giving his remarks



Speakers and Panelists



Panelists



U Aung Kyi Nyunt giving his remarks



Dr. May Win Myint giving her remarks



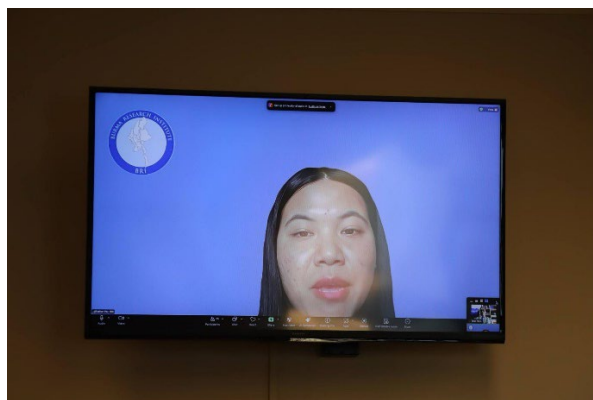
Dr. Stephen Schneck giving his remarks



U Moe Zaw Oo giving his statement



Daw Myat Thida Htun giving her statement



Esther Par giving her statement



Padoh Saw Taw Nee giving his statement and the online audience



Speakers and BRI volunteers



Speakers in front of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.



The Briefing room inside the Rayburn House Office Building

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