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REPORT RELEASE INVITATION

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Invitation to New Report Release ***Burma: Severe Violations of Religious Freedom Against Christians***

Ellicott City, Maryland --- The Burma Research Institute (BRI) invites you to the release of "Burma: Severe Violations of Religious Freedom Against Christians," covering the 2021 military coup through December 2025. The report highlights the Burmese military's egregious, systematic, and ongoing violations of religious freedom against Christians in Chin, Kachin, Karenni (Kayah), Karen states, and Sagaing region through church bombings, imprisonments of pastors, and killings of Christian leaders. Among other recommendations, BRI urges the Trump administration to determine these atrocities as crimes against humanity and war crimes. It also calls for congressional hearings. BRI is grateful to Sen. Chuck Grassley, President Pro Tempore, for helping us secure the room.

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EST)

Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building (**Room 226**)

50 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Zoom Link: The Zoom link will be sent the day before the event.

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PROGRAM:

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM: Opening Remarks

Congressional leaders and others are invited.

12:15 PM – 12:35 PM: Report Presentation

- Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops, BRI Board Chairman and former Associate General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA
- Zo Tum Hmung, President and CEO, BRI

12:35 PM – 12:45 PM: Witness

- Rev. Lakang Dau Qae (Ah Le), General Secretary, Kachin Baptist Churches USA, Elkridge, Maryland

- Fr. Paul Htun khine, Chaplain, Baltimore Myanmar Catholic Community, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Baltimore
- Anonymous Christian Clergy from inside Burma

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM: Q & A

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