

November 28, 2007: Public Hearing: After the Saffron Revolution: Religion, Repression, and the U.S. Policy Options for Burma

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The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom will hold a public hearing to examine how religious freedom abuses perpetuated by the Burmese military contribute to violent repression of peaceful dissent, ongoing abuses against ethnic minorities, and regional instability. The hearing also will assess recent U.N. diplomatic efforts as well as U.S. policy options for bringing about democratic change in Burma.

The witnesses are:

Paul Rush, F24 News, an eyewitness to the demonstrations and subsequent crackdown
Ashin Nayaka, Columbia University, an exiled Burmese monk and Buddhist scholar
Aung Din, US Campaign on Burma
Chris Lewa, Arakan Project
Salai Bawi Lian, Chin Human Rights Organization
Michael Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Jared Genser, Freedom Now

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