



## FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

# BURMA

### Introduction

These victim profiles are illustrative of those in the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief Victims List database. Mandated by the amended International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Victims List documents individuals who are detained, imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, forced to renounce their faith, or subjected to house arrest due to their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy.

### Religions of Individuals in Burma on the FoRB Victims List

Christian – Protestant



### Salai Ayla Lone Wai

Religion or Belief: Christian – Protestant

Arrested: December 2021

Sentence: 10 Years' Imprisonment

Reason for Persecution: Religious leadership role



### Thian Lian Sang

Religion or Belief: Christian – Protestant

Arrested: September 2021

Sentence: 23 Years' Imprisonment

Reason for Persecution: Religious leadership role

### CHRISTIANS

Christians in Burma, particularly those who are also ethnic minorities such as Chin, Kachin, Karen, or Karenni, face systematic religious freedom violations as the military regime arrests, attacks, and kills them for their religious identity and leadership. Since the 2021 coup, authorities have targeted religious leaders who do not align themselves politically with the junta.



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### **NOT RELEASED**

Salai Ayla Lone Wai  
Thian Lian Sang

### **RELEASED**

Shwe Nya War  
Ashin Sobitha  
Hkalam Samson