

Burma - Myanmar

A land in chains

Burma, in 1989 renamed by the regime to "Myanmar", is situated in Southeast Asia between India, China and Thailand. This land and its multi-ethnic population are almost forgotten, only tourists and investors find their way to Burma. But the money they bring is not for the majority of the 50 million Burmese. A growing number of natives has to leave the country to search for a better life in exile. Among them are many pro-democracy activists who come to Europe. For almost 50 years, a military regime has ruled in Burma under different names. In 1988, thousands of Burmese had to pay with their lives for having demanded democracy. In 2007, monks were shot and beaten. Burma again made headlines in 2008 when cyclone Nargis killed tens of thousands and the regime refused to help.



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How you can help

- keep yourself informed at www.burma-center.org
- let us contact you, whenever we have news about Burma or plan an event
- join the group of volunteers and supporters "Friends of Burma"
- donate to help us continue our work

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Child Mortality: 10% of Burmese new born babies don't reach the age of 5 (Czech Republic: 0.4%) (UNICEF, 2005)

Corruption: Burma on rank 178 (of 180) (Czech Republic: 52) (TI, 2008)

Freedom of Press: Burma on rank 171 (of 175) (Czech Republic: 5) (RSF, 2009)

“Please use your liberty to promote ours.”

Aung San Suu Kyi



- Burma's army is using rape as a weapon of war
- More than 2,000 political prisoners
- Routine of torture in detention
- Widespread use of forced labor and child labor
- Over 500 thousand Internally Displaced Persons, estimated 5 million people forced out of the country
- 70,000 child soldiers
- Nearly half of the state budget spent on the military



Activities of Burma Center Prague

- Project with partner organization in India
- Campaign for Burmese affected by famine
- Online fair-trade shop for Burmese refugees in India and projects to empower self-help groups
- Providing support to Burmese refugees in the Czech Republic
- Film screenings and discussion evenings
- Annual publication "Focus on Burma"
- Organizing international conferences of Burmese dissidents in exile
- Exhibition of political cartoons of the artist Harn Lay
- Burmese-English Online Dictionary
- Analysing the situation in Burma
- Providing information to public, media and other NGOs



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Who we are

The Burma Center Prague is a non-profit and non-governmental organization run by Burmese and by supporters in the Czech Republic.

The mission of BCP is to contribute to the democratization of Burma and the respect for human rights. It seeks to improve the lives of people in Burma and Burmese in exile

- by analyzing the situation in Burma and by informing and involving the European public;
- by serving as a bridge between Europe and Burma;
- by providing needed services for Burmese, in particular capacity building and facilitating the integration of refugees; and
- by supporting the empowerment and active participation of Burmese for the transition of Burma.

Our activities emphasize the importance of human rights and the necessity to provide the population with basic tools enabling it to survive and to receive fundamental goods, such as education, health care and legal security. Also it is assumed that genuine democracy and the respect for human rights are preconditions for development and equal distribution of wealth in Burma. We act in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations and the UN Millennium Development Goals.