



## What Has the U.S. Campaign for Burma Done Lately?

### 2008 Accomplishments

- We helped to organize a letter signed by 112 former Presidents and Prime Ministers that was delivered to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on December 3, 2008.
- We led a successful effort to ban all imports of Burmese gems into the United States. The Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE (Junta Anti-democratic Efforts) Act of 2008 was signed into law on July 29, 2008. This trade previously brought the regime hundreds of millions of dollars per year.
- Because of our advocacy efforts, the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 was renewed for the 5th consecutive year.
- We led a successful effort to keep Burma debated at the highest levels of the UN. Because of us, Burma remains on the permanent agenda of the UN Security Council.
- Our work has been covered in over 10,000 news articles over the past year, helping keep vital media attention on the crisis in Burma.
- We raised over \$260,000 for direct relief inside Burma when Cyclone Nargis struck in May 2008.
- For the first time, Hollywood is now speaking out about Burma. 35 leading celebrities recorded videos encouraging the people of Burma in their struggle for human rights and calling on Americans to join the U.S. Campaign for Burma.
- We coordinated over 240 events to commemorate the first anniversary of the Saffron Revolution in September 2008.

### Other Recent Accomplishments

- We have helped to put the world's only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize , Aung San Suu Kyi, on the map of global consciousness. Our efforts to raise awareness about Aung San Suu Kyi have been covered in thousands of news articles around the world, as well as on NBC, CNN, and countless radio shows.
- We organized a letter to the United Nations Secretary General calling for the UN to do more on Burma – signed by 28 Hollywood celebrities including Anjelica Huston, Owen Wilson, Julie Benz, Dustin Hoffman, Jennifer Aniston, and more.

- In 2005-2007, led successful global campaign to place Burma on the permanent agenda of the United Nations Security Council.
- We led the global effort for the UN Secretary General to appoint an envoy to Burma to negotiate between the military regime and Aung San Suu Kyi.
- We have established 100 community and student chapters across the United States dedicated to working on Burma.
- We've brought Congressional staff to visit refugees and human rights activists on the Thailand-Burma border, where over 1,000,000 refugees have fled in fear. These Congressional staff subsequently ensured U.S. support for funding for refugee camps and internally displaced persons, the only government in the world to take such a step.
- We exposed to the world the crisis in eastern Burma, where the country's ruling military regime has destroyed over 3,300 ethnic minority villages.
- Over a 10-year period, our staff worked to pressure over 100 companies to cut ties with Burma's military regime, preventing billions of dollars from flowing to arms sales. The effort has been widely recognized as the most successful and effective boycott effort since the anti-Apartheid struggle to end white-only rule in South Africa during the 1980s.
- We worked closely with the U.S. Congress to support the landmark passage of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, which forbids the United States from selling arms or giving money to Burma's military regime. The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 97-1 and the House by a vote of 418-2. Both Democrats and Republicans strongly supported the bi-partisan effort.
- We raised over \$50,000 in funds for Burmese victims of the 2005 Asian tsunami, who were denied assistance by both their own government and from neighboring governments. Through the U.S. Campaign for Burma's strong ties inside Burma, 100% of these funds were delivered directly to the people needing help.
- We organized 25 trips of Americans to refugee camps along the Thailand Burma border and sent a film crew inside Burma to document the levels of poverty and abuse.
- We produced For the Lady, a benefit CD with songs donated by Paul McCartney, Pearl Jam, U2, Damien Rice, Coldplay, Avril Lavigne, Ani DiFranco, and 22 other major musicians.
- We broadcasted 3 songs from R.E.M.'s June 19, 2006 concert (Aung San Suu Kyi's 60th birthday) into Burma with a special dedication from the stage from Michael Stipe. This was the first time that any concert has ever been broadcast inside the authoritarian country.