



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Panelist Bios

Jennifer Quigley, Executive Director, U.S. Campaign for Burma

Jennifer Quigley has worked on the movement for freedom and justice in Burma in different capacities for ten years. Prior to joining the U.S. Campaign for Burma, she worked for the Women's League of Burma and its member organizations on international advocacy and capacity building both while living in Thailand and in the U.S. Her work included advocating for and with women from Burma at the United Nations to both ensure the U.N. Security Council and other UN bodies pressure the military regime to end violence against women and bring peace and democracy to Burma and guarantee women from Burma are full participants in all stages and decision-making levels of the peace-building process. As the Executive Director for the U.S. Campaign for Burma, she works to ensure international policymakers, including the US government, support the movement for freedom and democracy in Burma, provide support for human rights and humanitarian needs, as well as seek to bring justice and an end to crimes against humanity and impunity in Burma.

Bill Davis, DrPH., Burma Researcher, Physicians for Human Rights

Bill Davis has spent five years working in development and human rights in East Africa and Southeast Asia. Davis worked as PHR's Burma project director from 2011–2013; during this time, he led a population survey of health and human rights in Karen state and emergency investigations in Kachin, Rakhine state, and Mandalay division in Burma. He also led investigations on health and human rights of Burmese refugees in China, India, and Thailand. Davis holds an MA in molecular biology and a doctorate in public health.

David Mathieson, Burma Researcher, Human Rights Watch

David Scott Mathieson is the senior researcher on Burma in the Asia Division of Human Rights Watch. He was born in Scotland and grew up in Australia and Malaysia. Since 1995, David has worked on various issues related to military rule and repression in Burma, and from 2002 has been an academic researcher living in the Thailand-Burma borderlands, looking at the complex interplay of refugees, narcotics and civil conflict in Burma. He has been a teacher and academic researcher at a number of universities in Australia, including Flinders University and the Australian National University. David joined Human Rights Watch in August 2006, and has worked on several reports and investigations including the 2007 crackdown on peaceful protests in Burma, child soldiers, internal displacement and refugees, and harassment of the Burmese political opposition.

Wakar Uddin, PhD., Director General, Arakan Rohingya Union, Chairman & Founder, The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America

Dr. Wakar Uddin is a Rohingya American, born in Maungdaw, Arakan State Burma. He is currently a Professor at Penn State University. He is the Director General of Arakan Rohingya Union, which is a federation of 61 Rohingya organizations worldwide. Dr. Uddin is also the Founder and Chairman of The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America Arakan Rohingya Union, currently recognized by all the 57 OIC-member countries and the international community as an official voice of Rohingya people globally, including those in their Burma. Representing these two organizations, Dr. Uddin have been active in seeking a political solution to the problems faced by the Rohingya people in Burma and advocating for protection of Rohingya and seeking peaceful co-existence among ethnic minorities in Burma. Dr. Uddin has been instrumental in bringing Rohingya human rights and political rights in the forefront of the international arena, leading to Resolutions in the United Nations and in OIC, and the policy matters in several countries. Dr. Uddin has testified at the hearing on Rohingya issues at the US Congress, Canadian Parliament, British Parliament, and the OIC Ministerial Contact Group.

Michael F. Martin, Ph.D., Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service

Dr. Michael F. Martin is a Specialist in Asian Affairs for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. From 1994 to 1998, he was the assistant chief economist for the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC). Prior to his time with HKTDC, Dr. Martin taught at Hong Kong Baptist University, Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan), Colby College and Tufts University. After leaving Hong Kong in 1998, Mike worked for six years for the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) in Washington, DC. Dr. Martin holds a B.A. in economics from the Michigan State University, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.