



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

### Victims' Rights in Burma

#### Panel I



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**Tun Khin** is the current President of the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK which has been a leading voice for Rohingya people around the world. Tun Khin has briefed officials on the continuing human rights violations committed against Rohingya populations at the U.S. Congress and State Department, British Parliament, Swedish Parliament, European Union Parliament and Commission, the UN Indigenous Forum in NY and the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. He has written articles for the press and published opinion pieces in the Huffington Post, Democratic Voice of Burma and Mizzima Burmese Medias. Tun Khin received a leadership award from Refugees International in April 2015 for his work on the Rohingya issue.

## Panel II



**Skye Wheeler** works as an emergencies researcher for the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, where she monitors and documents women's rights abuses during human rights crises including situations of armed conflict, massive civilian displacement, and large-scale killings. Previously, Skye worked as a researcher for the Africa Division monitoring, investigating and documenting human rights in Sudan and South Sudan. Before joining Human Rights Watch in February 2013, she worked for OXFAM America and as a journalist for a range of outlets including Thomson Reuters.



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