

A Call to Action!
Long March and Hunger Strike for Freedom
for the Burmese People
and their Democratically Elected Leader, Aung San Suu Kyi
2005

THE **International Campaign for Freedom**
of
AUNG SAN SUU KYI and BURMA
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To our esteemed Friends all over the world who strongly support democracy and human rights for Burma:

We announce a Long March and Hunger Strike for Freedom for the Burmese people and their democratically elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. The main objective of these activities is to call upon the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and United Nations Security Council (UNSC), which will convene in September 2005, **to intervene in Burma for a peaceful resolution to the long-standing conflicts in the country.**

We need your help! Please join with us to pressure the UNSC and the UNGA to work for the removal of Burma's military regime and its replacement by democratic rule and the restoration of human rights.

The Long March and Hunger Strike, and the accompanying activities, will take place from July 19 (Martyrs' day) until October 4. The basic plan follows (subject to revision). **We would be especially grateful for logistical help in Washington and New York and along the road for the long march, media relations help** (getting information to local media, calling local newspapers, radio and television stations, and cable news shows), and of course the **camaraderie and companionship of anyone who would like to join us for all or part of the march and demonstrations—even for one hour if that's all the time you can spare.**

Part 1: Peaceful Demonstrations: July 19 to August 7, Washington, D.C.

Sitting demonstrations will be held at 5 locations for these 19 days to request the various entities to increase pressure on the regime to change and/or submit proposals to the UN Security Council about Burma's democracy issues.

- ◆ **July 19 (Tuesday): in front of the White House**
- ◆ **July 20 (Wednesday) : in front of the Capitol building** (to request U.S. legislators in the House of Representatives and the Senate to submit proposals to the U.N. Security Council about Burma's democracy issues).
- ◆ **July 21 (Thursday): Embassy of Great Britain.** Great Britain is one of the five permanent member countries of the UN Security Council (along with Russia, the United States, France, and China). We hope to bring to their attention the issue of Burma, in hopes that they will act in the UN Security Council.
- ◆ **July 22 (Friday): Embassy of Laos.** Laos is one of the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) countries (the others are Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) whose policies are favorable to the Burmese military junta and unfavorable to Burmese democracy (to request that they change their policies in regards to Burma, to which we believe they have been too lenient and cooperative.
- ◆ **July 23 (Saturday): A famous park to be determined,** where we will display photo and information boards and distribute informational flyers to the public
- ◆ **July 24 (Sunday): Day of rest**
- ◆ **July 25 (Monday): Embassy of Thailand** (see "Embassy of Laos," above)

- ◆ **July 26 (Tuesday): Embassy of Cambodia (Kampuchea)** (see “Embassy of Laos,” above)
- ◆ **July 27 (Wednesday): Embassy of Vietnam** (see “Embassy of Laos,” above)
- ◆ **July 28 (Thursday): Embassy of Singapore** (see “Embassy of Laos,” above)
- ◆ **July 29 (Friday): Embassy of Malaysia** (see “Embassy of Laos,” above)
- ◆ **July 30 (Saturday): A famous park or destination to be determined**, where we will display photo and information boards and distribute informational flyers to the public
- ◆ **July 31 (Sunday): Day of rest**
- ◆ **August 1 (Monday): Embassy of France** (see “Embassy of Great Britain,” above)
- ◆ **August 2 (Tuesday): Embassy of Russia** (see “Embassy of Great Britain,” above)
- ◆ **August 3 (Wednesday): Embassy of China** (see “Embassy of Great Britain,” above)
- ◆ **August 4 (Thursday): Embassy of India.** India is Burma’s neighbor, and has been implementing deals favorable to the Burmese junta. We want to make them aware how their policies are adversely affecting the Burmese people.
- ◆ **August 5 (Friday): Embassy of Japan.** Japan is an Asian powerhouse economy and very influential in the region. It, too, has been implementing deals favorable to the Burmese junta.
- ◆ **August 6 (Saturday): A famous park or destination to be determined.**
- ◆ **August 7 (Sunday): Day of rest**

We thank U Min Lwin family for their kind patronage in inviting to stay in their home during our 19-day movement in Washington, D.C.

Part 2: Long March from Washington, D.C. to New York, August 8 to September 8
It begins August 8 in commemoration of August 8, 1988 (8888), when the Burmese people arose peacefully to demand freedom but instead were killed by the thousands, or forced to flee their homes.

To commemorate the 17th anniversary of the 1988 people’s uprising in Burma, **our long march will begin with a ceremony on**

- ◆ **August 8 (Monday) at 8:08 a.m. in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi near the Embassy of India (2536 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008). The marchers will take off from there and travel about 300 miles to the park in front of the United Nations Headquarters building in New York City.**

The Marchers are (to date):

- ◆ **Tun Win Latt**, Haddon, New Jersey
- ◆ **Kyaw Zaw Lin**, Haddon, New Jersey
- ◆ **Han Lin**, Ithaca, New York
- ◆ **Maung Maung Tate**, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- ◆ **Tin Kyi**, Brooklyn, New York
- ◆ **Hnin Hnin Wai**, Brooklyn, New York

- ◆ Here is our tentative long march schedule:

Date	From where to where	Hwy/Route	Distance
◆ Aug. 8	2536 Mass. Ave. to University Park, DC	Rte.1	9 miles

♦ Aug. 9	University Park–Oak Crest, Maryland	Rte.1	10 miles
♦ Aug. 10	Oak Crest–Elkridge	Rte.1	10 miles
♦ Aug. 11	Elkridge–Baltimore (stopping at intersection of Orleans St. & Rte. 40)	Rtes.1 & 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 12 (Fri)	REST Day		
♦ Aug. 13	Baltimore–White Marsh	Rte. 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 14	White Marsh–Belcamp,	Rte. 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 15 (Mon)	Belcamp–Havre de Grace	Rte. 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 16	Havre de Grace–North East Charleston	Rte. 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 17 (Wed)	REST Day		
♦ Aug. 18 (Th)	East Charleston–Elkton	Rte. 40	8 miles
♦ Aug. 19	Elkton–Bear, Delaware	Rte. 40	10 miles
♦ Aug. 20	Bear–Wilmington	Rte. 40– Bus. Rte. 13	13 miles
♦ Aug. 21	Wilmington–Trainer, Pennsylvania	Rte. 13	10 miles
♦ Aug. 22 (Mon)	REST Day		
♦ Aug. 23	Trainer–Woodlyn	Rte. 13	10 miles
♦ Aug. 24	Woodlyn–Philadelphia (stopping near Philadelphia Zoo)		
♦ Aug. 25	Philadelphia–Palmyra, New Jersey (Rte. 13 turns into 13/1 to Robins St. to Rte. 73)	Rtes. 13 & 73	11 miles
♦ Aug./ 26	Palmyra–Spring Side	Rtes. 73–130	10 miles
♦ Aug. 27 (Sat)	REST Day		
♦ Aug. 28	Spring Side–Bordentown	Rte. 130	10 miles
♦ Aug. 29	Bordentown–Windsor	Rte. 130	10 miles
♦ Aug. 30	Windsor–Brunswick	Rte. 130	10 miles
♦ Aug. 31	Brunswick–New Brunswick	Rtes. 130–1	10 miles
♦ Sep. 1 (Th)	REST Day		
♦ Sep. 2	New Brunswick–Iselin (Rte. 1 turns into 1 & 9)	Rtes. 1–9	10 miles
♦ Sep. 3	Iselin–Elizabeth	Rtes. 1&9	10 miles
♦ Sep. 4	Elizabeth–Jersey City	1 & 9 Truck	10 miles
♦ Sep. 5	Jersey City–Leonia	1 & 9	10 miles
♦ Sep. 6 (Tu)	REST Day		
♦ Sep. 7	Leonia, NJ–United Nations Headquarters, NYC (Fort Lee Rd, Follow Signs to George Washington Bridge to Broadway. Left on 50th Street to UN Building		12 miles

*We thank the **International Peace Walkers** for their kind support of arranging the sleeping and rest areas throughout the long march and their strong moral and physical support to our democracy movement by joining our long march with us from August 15 to September 8, 2005.*

Part 3: Sitting Demonstrations (September 9–17) in front of UN Headquarters

The **sitting demonstration** will be held inside Daj Hammarskjold Park, United Nations, New York, from **September 9 to September 17, 2005**. **Ministerial meetings of the ASEAN countries** are being held on **September 10**, and the **United Nations meetings with the ASEAN ministers** will be held on **September 13**. We will target our activities for these meetings and other UN meetings.

Part. 4: 17-Day Hunger Strike (September 18–October 4) in front of United Nations Headquarters

Background information: On **September 18, 1988**, the military dictators of Burma abolished the constitution, established the new ruling junta and suppressed the ongoing public demonstrations.

To commemorate the 17th anniversary of the coup, the five activists who are taking the leading role in the long march will participate in a **17-day Hunger Strike, which will begin on September 18**. The strikers will camp for 18 hours per day (from 6:00 AM until 1:00 AM) inside Daj Hammarskjold Park. (According to park regulations, people are permitted to stay in the park only 18 hours at a time.) For the remaining hours (from 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM), the hunger strikers will be at a location five blocks from the park. *This is being arranged by the International Peace Walkers. We thank the International Peace Walkers for their kind patronage.*

The hunger strikers are (to date):

- ◆ **Tun Win Latt**, Haddon, New Jersey
- ◆ **Kyaw Zaw Lin**, Haddon, New Jersey
- ◆ **Han Lin**, Ithaca, New York
- ◆ **Maung Maung Tate**, Fort Wayne, Indiana

One of our activists, Kyaw Win, had a car accident and will be unable to participate.

How You Can Help

We ask for your participation in our efforts to restore freedom, democracy, and human rights to our homeland.

Coming from Burma and residing all over the world today, we all share equal responsibility to bring about a peaceful transition for Burma. We reaffirm our commitment to participate in nonviolent action worldwide to pressure the ASEAN and other countries whose policies are favorable to the junta to change their way of dealing with this antidemocratic regime. We believe that by persuading the five permanent member countries of the UN Security Council, and then the UN General Assembly, to refrain from having an economic or political relationship with the Burmese regime, the military thugs will be knocked out of their position of power and democracy and freedom can begin to be restored to the people of Burma.

So we humbly ask that you **join in our long march and hunger strike and other activities as you are able**. **A concerted, simultaneous international action is essential to demonstrate a worldwide desire for democracy in Burma.**

1) Please consider joining one of our subcommittees!

For all activities—demonstrations, long march, and hunger strike—we have set up the following committees:

- A. Media Team
- B. Fund-Raising Team
- C. Organizing Team
- D. Transportation and Field Operations Team
- E. Health Care Team

F. Mediator Team (Between UN authorities and Hunger Strikers)

So far, the members of the individual subcommittees are as follows:

Media Team

Yan Myo Aung, Rochester, NY
Min Sun Min, New York City
Maura Stephens, Ithaca, NY
Phyllis de Fano, Ithaca, NY

Fund-Raising Team

Dr. Aung Khin, Anaheim, CA
Aung Thu, Oklahoma, OK
Sein Tun, Sanfrancisco, CA
Than, Htay, Sanfrancisco, CA

Organizing Team

Kyaw Win
Tun Win Latt
Kyaw Zaw Lin
Sein Tun
Than Htay
Han Lin
Maung Maung Tate

We would very much welcome assistance on these and the other subcommittees.

2) Please consider contributing your time and energy to joining us on the road or at one of the demonstration sites, if even for a day—or an hour!

3) Please consider asking your municipality, county, state, or province to pass a resolution condemning the Burmese regime and supporting the freedom and democracy struggle of the Burmese people and Aung San Suu Kyi. Contact Han Lin or Maura Stephens (see bottom) for the wording the resolution passed by Ithaca, New York, USA on June 1.

4) Please consider contributing money to help support our long march and hunger strike, especially as our marchers are taking time off from their paying jobs to devote themselves to this work. Please make your check payable to the order of **Burmese-American Democratic Alliance** and in the memo field please write **Long March & Hunger Strike for Burmese Freedom.** Please mail it to

**BADA
39042 Donner Way
Fremont CA 94538 USA**

BADA is a registered San Francisco-based 501(c)(3) corporation and will send you a receipt for this charitable contribution for tax purposes.

5) Please write a letter to your senator or representative urging him or her to vote *against* any resolution favorable to Myanmar (the name the military regime has given to Burma) and *for* any resolution that censures the regime.

6) Please learn more about Burma and the human rights situation there. Do a web search. We will have a website during our activities as well and will send the URL when it is available.

Here is one resource to get you started:

The Burma Project, www.burmaproject.org , an initiative of the Open Society Institute that strives to increase awareness of conditions in Burma and to help the country make the transition from a closed to an open society; offers information on Burma and the human rights situation there.

Already we know of people participating in a long march and hunger strike in Norway, and one in Denmark at the same time as ours. We are grateful for this support and happy to share in the struggle with these dedicated activists.

Please respond with a pledge of support and solidarity with our cause.

Please contact one of our representatives:

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Thank you, and may you enjoy peace and freedom and the closeness of those dear to you.