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## Press Release: CAM Official Report Release on April 13, 2023

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**Washington, DC** — On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the Chin Association of Maryland held an official launch event for its most recent report, *Two Years After the 2021 Military Coup: The Worsening Situation of Christians Across Burma*.

This report is CAM's third since the Feb. 1, 2021 military coup, highlighting key cases of religious persecution aimed at the Chin and other Christian minorities across Burma. CAM thanks the U.S. Institute of Peace for hosting and thanks the speakers, including Bishop David J. Malloy and Dr. C. Jeff Woods, for their remarks.

At the event, CAM Executive Director Zo Tum Hmung and Rev. Ah Le, General Secretary of the Kachin Baptist Churches, USA, presented key findings and cases of religious persecution from the report, which can be accessed below. Coverage related to the event can be viewed at the USIP [website](#), Voice of America's Burmese [service](#), and Democratic Voice of Burma TV [News](#).

CAM issued the following key recommendations to the Biden administration:

1. Actively impose targeted sanctions against the military officials who have committed atrocities against the people of Burma, including atrocities targeting religious minorities such as Christians in Chin, Kachin, Karen, and Karenni States as well as Sagaing and Mandalay Regions; and Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State
2. Designate atrocities against Christian minorities, especially the Chins, as war crimes and crimes against humanity, consistent with the designation of crimes targeting the Rohingya ethnic and religious minority

Below are CAM's recent presentations on this topic:

1. [CAM's United State Institute of Peace Presentation](#)
2. [Statement by Reverend Ah Le, General Secretary of the Kachin Baptist Churches, USA](#)