



FACT SHEET

Freedom Campaign

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About ::: the Freedom Campaign

Honorary Chaired by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Freedom Campaign (a joint venture of the Human Rights Action Center and US Campaign for Burma) is a non-profit organization focused on the advocacy and empowerment of individuals whose lives are shining testaments of peace and human rights. In a world wrought with oppression, violence, and human rights atrocities, these purveyors of truth are not afraid of drawing attention to the issues, although it often means sacrificing their own freedoms. By building awareness of global peacemakers, and bringing to light the struggles that hinder their efforts, the Freedom Campaign assists in spreading their message globally, and inevitably overturning their censorship.

Currently, the Freedom Campaign is focused on drawing worldwide attention to Aung San Suu Kyi, the world's only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and the struggles of the people living in Burma. Through the campaign's music, film, and art projects Aung San Suu Kyi's messages of courage and human rights are given a voice...

About ::: Aung San Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi (pronounced Aung Sawm Sue Chee), is known to much of the world as 'Asia's Nelson Mandela.' Spending 11 of the last 17 years under house arrest, she currently leads a popular, non-violent, struggle for democracy, human rights, and freedom in Burma. In 1990, the year of Burma's last democratic election, Suu Kyi's party – The National League for Democracy – won an overwhelming 82% of the seats in Parliament; however, the military regime ruling Burma refused to honor the results of the election, instead opting to imprison hundreds of rightfully elected political leaders and rule the country with brutal force. One year later, and while still under house arrest, Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Today she remains the only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize recipient in the world.

The military regime ruling Burma continues to rape, imprison, torture, enslave, and murder its own people. Burma, a country rich with natural resources and beautiful pagodas, is home to more than 1,100 political prisoners and more child soldiers than any other country in the world. It has a proud and dignified history, yet today is in the midst of a humanitarian nightmare and the people live in fear.

In an increasingly jaded world of political apathy and power-hungry institutions, Aung San Suu Kyi is truly that rare heroine of legend – a symbol of hope – championing the rights of individuals in the face of human rights violations and dictatorial oppression. Suu Kyi continues to stand alone in defiance of an unjust and brutal military regime with grace and Gandhi-like resolve – she is a flower made of steel.

About ::: Current Projects

Through music, film, art, and various entertainment mediums, the Freedom Campaign is building human rights awareness one project at a time. To date, current projects include:

- **Documentary Film (Summer 2007)**, *Freedom from Fear*, narrated by Academy Award winning actress Anjelica Huston, the film explores the life of Aung San Suu Kyi and the struggles of the people in Burma. When complete, the film will be submitted to various film festivals in hopes of gaining more awareness. The film will also be screened secretly inside Burma and broadcast via satellite into the authoritarian ruled country.
- **Concert Series** to raise awareness of Aung San Suu Kyi and human rights violations in Burma. Entertainment will include well-known talent both nationally and internationally. Past music events have included R.E.M., the Black Eyed Peas, Damien Rice, and Wynton Marsalis.
- **Freedom Campaign Awards Dinner & Fundraising Gala** to honor human rights activists and advocates over the past 25 years that have made an invaluable impact on the world, and to raise awareness of current Freedom Campaign issues. Set for December 10th, Human Rights Day, and the 59th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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