

## Tragedy in Burma

Like the rest of the civilized world and decent human beings we watch with outrage the unfolding of the events in Burma.

It is inspiring to see the Buddhist monks, guided by their moral obligation to peace and goodness take on the streets to join the people in their quest for freedom and dignity.

It is horrible crime to see those people of faith beaten and cold bloodedly murdered. By Thursday, there was not a single monk left in the streets after rumors of storming into monastery by the military. This is a very alarming development. As a people of faith, we know that all religions do abhor oppression, and are incompatible with dictatorship.

We are calling upon all faith groups to express their outrage and to support the movement for freedom in Burma and in all areas of the world.

We call on our government to take effective diplomatic and economic measures to exert pressure on the brutal regime of Burma until change happens.

We should show the same resolve that we showed against other dictators in the world.