

To whom it may concern, respectfully;

My name is Fergus Harlow and I'm writing on behalf of myself and my colleague and co-author, Alan Clements, with whom I recently released a four-volume set of books, "*Burma's Voices of Freedom in Conversation with Alan Clements: An Ongoing Struggle for Democracy*." This four-volume set is the definitive account of Burma's political history, brought forth out of four decades of in-country research and including feature-length, tell-all interviews with the country's preeminent thought-leaders, activists and politicians.

Eight years in the making, *Burma's Voices of Freedom* was released on September 1st 2020, but both a book and feature documentary deal fell through due to the popular sentiment that Aung San Suu Kyi was complicit with the entrenched junta's campaign of genocide against the Rohingya. Despite this view, the events of the last few days, including Suu Kyi's detention in an undisclosed location for an unspecified length of time, point to anything but her collusion with the military. While her repeated calls for law and order, citizenship rights, community education and poverty alleviation have been met with accusations of "silence", her admonishment that the whole democratic transition be treated with "cautious optimism" only hints at the dark forces working behind the scenes to set her and her government up for failure and legitimize a return to military rule.

Our unprecedented collection of candid and compelling conversations with dozens of the most prominent figures in Burma's decades long "revolution of the spirit" provides an extraordinary, factual glimpse into one of the world's most courageous nonviolent struggles for democracy pitted against, as it were, one of the most brutal series of military dictatorships in modern times.

The books – 1,500 pages in length – combine decades of archival material and rare photographs, including a scholarly set of appendices, such as historical speeches and articles, in addition to the most detailed chronology and analysis of key political events ever compiled.

Together, these materials form the most up-to-date and definitive account of Burma's nationwide struggle for freedom that began in August 1988, and the subsequent tragic massacre of thousands of unarmed protesters by soldiers loyal to the dictator, and is presented – systematically volume by volume – in support of nonviolent resistance to injustice and oppression in both Burma and the wider world.

As we witness the unfolding of the worst-case scenario in Burma, we as observer's find ourselves at a moment as critical as the uprising of 1988, and we would welcome the opportunity to share what we have learned through our unprecedented research in any capacity whatsoever.

As a former Buddhist monk in Burma for nearly four years and later a journalist and activist working in areas of extreme conflict, *Burma's Voices of Freedom* picks up from

where Alan Clements left off in his earlier work, *The Voice of Hope: Conversations with Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi* (1996), a book that moved Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker to write, "Every leader in the world should read this book at least once," and for which Clements was banned from the country for 17 years.

Un-blacklisted by then-President Thein Sein in 2012, Clements began to return regularly to Burma and utilize a lifetime of close connections within the country to allow this epic, nonviolent transition to be presented by those who have lived that struggle, and in their own words.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr. Clements should you wish to receive digital copies of the books, interview us or seek further information.

A press release is available at this link, together with cover images.

With deepest gratitude for your time in reading this, we hope to hear from you soon.

Fergus Harlow and Alan Clements,

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