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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi



Free immediately Daw Aung San Suu Kyi & other 1400 Burmese political prisoners .

As of today Aung San Suu Kyi has been detained for a total of:

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Aung San Suu Kyi is now serving her third term of house arrest. She was arrested on 30 May, 2003 after the regime's militia attacked her convoy and killed up to 100 of her supporters.

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Tsunami Memorial Candlelight Vigil in California: To rekindle awareness of plight of affected nations

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Daya Gamage – US National Correspondent Asian Tribune

Washington, D.C. 23 December (Asiantribune.com):A Los Angeles California-based organization whose primary aim is to bridge communities through arts, sports and technology has undertaken a unique project to bring awareness of the plight of the victims of the tsunami-affected Asian nations in holding a memorial candlelight vigil on 26 December to maintain the communication bridge that was established two years ago between Western donors and the Asian nations.

The organization PAALAMA, meaning 'bridge' in the indigenous Sinhala language in one of the most affected tsunami nations Sri Lanka, endeavors to keep up to its name doing just that: to bring organizations spread in the United States, Sri Lankan and other, to the Santa Monica Pier in California on December 26 to rekindle the memory of thousands who departed due to 26 December 2004 deadly tsunami and bring awareness to everyone, participants and non-participants both, that the 'bridge' that was built in the aftermath of the disaster between Western developed nations and the poor or developing 10 tsunami-affected Asian nations to provide humanitarian assistance needs to be maintained.

The Tsunami Memorial Candlelight Vigil organized by PAALAMA will give a new meaning to philanthropy in reminding that one needs to cross that 'bridge' to reach the millions of still affected people in those 10 most affected Asian nations. The program will launch a message to the world that this day, and those who became victims should not be forgotten, says PAALAMA chief executive Rashantha de Silva to Asian Tribune.

He is confident that not only the organizations based in the United States, the event will be patronized by organizations in other parts of the world.

The gathering will take place, de Silva tells Asian Tribune, at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier at Santa Monica in California on 26 December 2006 to commemorate the second anniversary of the deadly tsunami.

On December 26, 2004, a magnitude 9.3 earthquake off the Indonesian island of Sumatra triggered an ocean-wide tsunami that killed approximately 220,000 people. The breakdown of the disaster is:

Indonesia: Dead 130,000 & Missing 37,000

Sri Lanka: Dead 35,322

India: Dead 12,405 & Missing 5,640

Thailand: Dead 8,212

Maldives: Dead 82 & Missing 26

Somalia: Dead 78 & Missing 211

Malaysia: Dead 69 & Missing 6

Burma: Dead 61

Tanzania: Dead 13

Rashantha de Silva says that their presence at this candlelight vigil will resonate the message to the affected under privileged nations.

Asian Tribune learns that the following organizations have already confirmed their attendance to PAALAMA organizers: Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief Foundation, Sri Lanka

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The Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles is expected to communicate with the general public about the tsunami relief efforts of Sri Lanka and the long term plan to revitalize the devastated coastal regions of the country.

Simultaneously, prayers will be offered by several Sri Lankan religious denominations in Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Muslim places of religious worship.

More information can be obtained from Rashantha de Silva at 213 747 1385

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