Notable

The President of Taiwan and Taiwan Foundation for Democracy awards Fortify Rights the 2022 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award, recognizing “courageous individuals and groups who build democracy, stand up for justice, and defend human rights.”

Sir Richard Branson invites Fortify Rights’s Executive Team to his private island for five days to present information on Fortify Rights’s model and vision as part of an exclusive week with more than 20 of Mr. Branson’s guests, including leaders in business and entertainment, to discuss global challenges and solutions.

The International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences awards Fortify Rights an Anthem Award for “Best Local Community Engagement” in recognition of its efforts to train Rohingya refugee photographers in Bangladesh.

Fortify Rights’s 23-minute documentary film Exodus, about the forced displacement of Rohingya genocide survivors from Myanmar, receives an Impact Docs Award in the category of contemporary issues and awareness-raising.

The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative selects Fortify Rights’s Director Vanessa Chong and Advocacy Specialist Patrick Phongsathorn to serve as mentors, and the Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights Asia Pacific’s Rapid Response Grant-Making Network of Advisors invites Director Vanessa Chong to join as an advisor.

Reports

Ongoing War Crimes in Karenni (Kayah) State

“Nowhere is Safe”

Genocide by Attrition

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Fortifiers

- Fulltime team members: 26
- Male: 9
- Female: 16
- Other: 1
Human Rights Developments

The U.S. government issues a determination that Myanmar’s military committed genocide against the Rohingya. In his speech, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken cites Fortify Rights’s research as a factor influencing the determination.

The U.S. government announces the establishment of a resettlement program for Rohingya refugees in collaboration with Bangladesh and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Behind the scenes, Fortify Rights helped facilitate the first third-country resettlement since 2010 of an at-risk Rohingya human rights defender and his family, opening the door for further resettlements.

The Fort—a new event space in Bangkok for human rights defenders—hosts an event to launch the book “A Chance to Breathe” by Fortify Rights Rohingya media fellows Omal Khair, Dil Kayas, and Azimul Hasson. The 278-page book features rarely seen photography and poetry documenting life in Bangladesh’s refugee camps, and all proceeds go to the authors.

In response to a complaint submitted by Fortify Rights, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand opens an investigation into violations committed by Thai authorities against refugees from Myanmar, issuing specific instructions to various agencies.
Revenue and Support

- Contributions: $203,034
- Grants: $610,873
- Total: $813,907

Expenses

- Program services: $1,238,458
- Resource development: $77,713
- Management and general: $223,855
- Total: $1,540,026