**Burma News: Who’s telling which stories?**

An analysis of the relationships between news sources and story key words, September 2003.

**Burma + sanctions; drugs; corruption; “human rights”; “Aung San Suu Kyi”**

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**Holding the official line.**

The Bush administration no longer needs to employ the language of human rights, if Aung San Suu Kyi is able to stand in for such terms. In their reporting the BBC News and the Voice of America recognize the Bush administration’s discursive shift.

**Certain broadcasters make news piles.**

They put disparate issue items in the same news space.

The “classic connection” between Burma and human rights is upheld by very few news sources these days.

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**Tabloid-style interests.**

These papers are still using the language of the Clinton era. They would like the language of human rights to remain at the top of the news.

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**Most significant lexical elements in the Aung San Suu Kyi stories, culled from Google News (US), September 6-30, 2003**