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From the Publisher

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to inform you that I have taken over as the new Consul for Public Affairs as of August 22, 2006, replacing Mr. Ravi Candadai.

My last post was the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica where I served as Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs. Prior to that, I served in Portugal, Brazil, South Africa, Ivory Coast and Venezuela. This is my first posting in India.

I am particularly thrilled to be in India, especially in South India, at a time when Indo-U.S. relations have reached new heights of cooperation and friendship.

Like my predecessors, I look forward to meeting and working with you during my assignment as the Consul for Public Affairs for the next three years.

Finally, you will notice the new name of this newsletter. The name of the **American Information Resource Center (AIRC)** has been changed to **The American Library**. We believe that the word library is more descriptive and more familiar to our patrons. We would like all of you to think of The American Library as Your American Library.

With best wishes,

Frederick J. Kaplan
Consul for Public Affairs

Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record 2005 – 2006

Released by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor



Today, in growing numbers across the globe, men and women are pressing for their rights to be respected and their governments to be responsive, for their voices to be heard and their votes to count, for just laws and justice for all. Growing also is the recognition that democracy is the form of government that can, over time, best meet the demands of citizens for dignity, liberty, and equality.

As President Bush stated in his second inaugural address, "... it is the policy of the United States to seek

and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world."

In the Broader Middle East, the past year saw indigenous calls for democratic reform, the beginnings of political pluralism, unprecedented elections, and some new protections for women and minorities. The people of Iraq went to the polls three times and held to democracy's course despite high levels of violence. The men and women of Afghanistan cast their ballots countrywide in the first free legislative elections since 1969, even as the Government struggled to expand its authority over provincial centers.

The first post-conflict elections in Liberia resulted in Africa's first elected female head of state, marking a milestone in Liberia's transition from civil war to democracy. Latin American and Caribbean democracies continued to confront the challenges of strengthening weak institutions, fighting corruption, and redressing social inequality. Ukraine's new government, reflecting the democratic will of the people, made notable improvements in human rights performance. And Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim majority country, strengthened the architecture of its democratic system when, for the first time, citizens directly elected their leaders at the city, regency, and provincial levels.

Meanwhile, from Burma to Belarus, China to Cuba, North Korea to Syria, and Iran to Zimbabwe, courageous men and women suffered persecution for exercising their fundamental freedoms of expression, association, assembly, and movement, and against great odds continued to work for peaceful change.

This report describes the many ways American foreign policy helped citizens and governments around the globe turn their increasing demands for human rights and democracy into programs of action.

*Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State*

Dates to Remember

October 1-31	National Book Month
October 9	Columbus Day
November 1-30	National AIDS Awareness Month
November 1-30	National American Indian Heritage Month
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 1	United Nations: World AIDS Day
December 1-31	Universal Human Rights Month
December 10	United Nations: Human Rights Day

U.S. Human Rights and Democracy Strategy

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The United States applies a wide range of diplomatic tools in support of human rights and democracy across the globe. This report summarizes our strategy in every region, and describes what we did to support indigenous reform efforts in 95 countries over the past year.

As President Bush has said in January 2005: "Freedom, by its nature, must be chosen, and defended by citizens, and sustained by the rule of law and the protection of minorities. ... America will not impose our own style of government on the unwilling. Our goal instead is to help others find their own voice, attain their own freedom, and make their own way."

To further that goal, the United States responded to the growing global demand for greater personal and political freedom by supporting the efforts of those calling for reform. We stood in solidarity with the brave men and women around the world who were persecuted by repressive regimes for exercising their rights. By on-the-ground interaction with government officials, civil society organizations and individuals, and through multilateral engagement on the regional and global levels, we defended international human rights standards and advanced democratic principles.

So that fellow democracies can better deliver democracy's blessings to their people, we helped them strengthen their institutions of government and sink deeper roots for the rule of law. We encouraged the full participation of all citizens, including women and minorities, in the public life of their countries. To ensure that the will of the people would prevail, we promoted political pluralism and helped to level playing fields so that elections would meet international standards. We called to account democratically elected governments that did not govern democratically. And, as they came under siege in many countries around the world, we championed the vital contributions to democracy of independent media and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

In Fiscal Year 2005, the United States budgeted \$1.4 billion for human rights and democracy programming. We also fostered democratic reform efforts through well targeted development assistance, such as the innovative Millennium Challenge Account, which links a country's eligibility for poverty alleviation funding to good governance. At the same time, we continued to bring economic sanctions to bear on systematic human rights violators like the Burmese and Cuban regimes. In concert with the Group of 8 industrialized nations (G-

8) and regional governments and NGOs, the United States launched two new institutions to foster indigenous reform in the Broader Middle East and North Africa -- the Foundation for the Future, which supports civil society; and the Fund for the Future, which supports investment. Finally, the United States sought to make international institutions more effective defenders and supporters of human rights and democracy. To that end, in Fiscal Year 2005 we provided \$10 million to the United Nations Democracy Fund and pressed for the creation of a new, credible Human Rights Council at the United Nations that excludes the worst violators.

In all of these efforts on behalf of human rights and democracy, the United States welcomed the partnership of other governments and we sought the ideas and expertise of NGOs that do the hard work of defending human rights and building democracy citizen by citizen, institution by institution, and country by country each and every day.

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Web Links

Supporting Human Rights and Democracy
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United States Commission on International Religious Freedom
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University of Minnesota Human Rights Library
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Library Holidays

October 9	Columbus Day
October 20	Deepavali
October 24	Idu'l Fitr (Ramzan)
November 10	Veteran's Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

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Non-Book Material:

The American Library has received about 40 audiotapes and CDs on American Revolution and fiction read by famous personalities. Patrons are encouraged to use them at the library and also borrow them on a first-cum-first-served basis.

Electronic Journals



This journal examines how the United States has rebounded and how the international community has rebuilt and come together to condemn terrorism in the five years since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Highlights include articles about the rebuilding of the area around the World Trade Center, U.S. government efforts to facilitate travel to the United States, an interfaith roundtable, planned 9/11 memorials, and how survivors are rebuilding their lives.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/0806/iipe/iipe0806.htm>

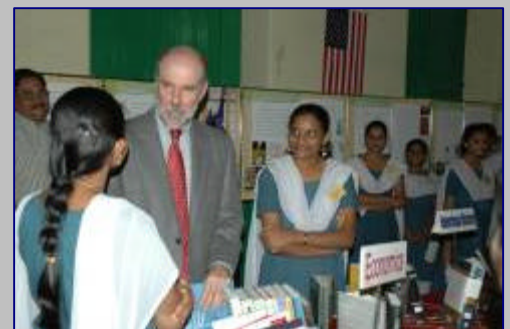
Introduced by Secretary Rice, this electronic journal features essays by each regional bureau Assistant Secretary outlining U.S. policy in that region. Each essay also explains the Assistant Secretary's personal vision for that region, and outlines how the Secretary's "transformational diplomacy" will help our international partners build and sustain democratic, well-governed states.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/0906/iipe/iipe0906.htm>



Students of Stella Maris College, Chennai during the Orientation Program

Events



PAO Fred Kaplan interacting with students during the Roadshow in Visakhapatnam