



BURMA VJ

Burma VJ — Reporting from a Closed Country

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In 1988 Joshua witnessed as a little boy a violent crackdown of the Burmese military junta on demonstrators, during which more than three thousand people were killed. Since that time he has decided to fight for democracy. Armed with a small video camera and a mobile telephone he decided, together with thirty brave young Burmese from exile television station Democratic Voice of Burma, to document in detail the pro-democracy demonstrations in September 2007 and their brutal dispersal.

The dramatic events captured by the reporters' cameras made headlines around the world and for some time afforded the only opportunity for the world to learn of the actual situation in Burma. The gripping documentary offers a detailed and authentic record of the events when the Burmese overcame, after nineteen years, their deep-rooted fear of government repression and took to the streets of Rangoon with massive support from Buddhist monks.

Burma VJ has won a number of awards at international festivals, including the Václav Havel Special Award at the One World Human Rights Film Festival and the main prize at the documentary film festivals CPH: DOX in Copenhagen and IDFA in Amsterdam.

Official pages of the film Burma VJ: <http://burmavjcom.title.dk/>

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