

One of the most remarkable things that we have seen in recent years has been the growth of people power, the growth of a global civil society, the growth of citizens' desire and ability and willingness to hold Governments to account. We saw that very clearly in 2007 in the way in which lawyers in Pakistan or ordinary people in Burma or people in Africa have actually stepped up their demand. On the one hand, we have seen Governments denial and on the other hand, we have seen people demand for human rights and therefore the call for accountability and that call for accountability is going to get stronger and stronger and stronger and Governments ignore it at their peril.