

Battle between TNLA & Myanmar Tatmadaw (MT) Troops in TNLA Bde-1 Area

February 15, 2017

A head-on battle took place between the TNLA Bn-571 and MT Div-33 troops on February 14, from 1200 to 0400 hours at a place between PaDen and ManAung village in NamtKham township, Bde-1 Area, Ta'ang Region. One killed on the MT side and there was no casualty on the TNLA side. During the time of the battle, MT troops fired many rounds of heavy weapons towards ManAung and PaDen villages, from their SaKhanThit Hill of NamtKham town.

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Battle between TNLA and MT Troops Continued

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On February 14, from 1635 to 1650 hours, a head-on battle took place between the TNLA Bn-987 and MT Div-88 troops, at a site between Pan-Kweh and LanLong villages of KyaukMe township, Bde-2 Area, Ta'ang Region. The battle took place because of offensive by MT troops.

The MT has launched offensive by bringing in Magwe-based Div-88, in addition to the locally based MOC-1 troops.

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MT Div-88 Troops Ransacked Homes of KwinSaLan Village including Monastery

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The MT Div-88 troops arrived at KwinSaLan village of KyaukMe Township, Ta'ang Region at 0130 hours and immediately ransacked houses. The victims, who have lost properties are:

- (1) Ko Maung Sein, 2 house phones;
- (2) Mine Aung Myo, one phone and a necklace;
- (3) U Kaw Wida, cash and shop items (quantities not have been ascertained yet.);
- (4) U Aik Hswe, one house phone and a ring.

After ransacking the monastery, the troops took away a phone by force.

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RCSS Troops Executed A 62 Years Old Ta'ang Villager without Reason

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On February 7, the RCSS troops executed 62 years old Tar AikKyan of KheinLaw village of HuKwer Village Tract, KyaukMe Township, Ta'ang Region. On February 7, Tar AikKyan, as Full Moon of DaBoDweh month was drawing near, went out to gather wild flowers for offering to Buddha. As he did not return by nightfall, the whole village went out to look for him the next day, but failed to find him. As a village said that he heard the report of gun

fire about an hour after Tar AikKyan left, the nephew of Tar AikKyan went out on February 10 to make a search in the area from where the sound of the gun came and found at one place a spot that looked like a shallow grave and his uncle's machete was lying near it.

He came back to the village and told the villagers about it. The next day, elders of the village went to the RCSS camp, built on an appropriated ground and, on reporting the matter to the responsible RCSS person, denial was made that they killed the person. The elders told them that as the burial place was close to the RCSS camp, it could not have been the others. On February 12, the villagers went out to exhume the grave to see if the person was Tar AikKyan or not, but one RCSS officer did not allow them either to exhume or take a picture. He admitted that Tar AikKyan was killed by his men and gave 400,000 Kyat in cash and 3 *pyats* of rice and told them to return to the village.

Villagers of the Ta'ang villages, where RCSS troops have set up camps by transgression, namely KyainLaw, ParnHsan, HooKwer, PanLin, NaungHsin, LwehKon, PanKwanYwaThit, PanKwanYwaHaung, PanThaByay, PanPyat, NaungPyitYwaThit, NaungPyitYwaHaung, KayungKham, KyuShawYwaThit, KyuShawYwaHaung etc. villages are being intimidated by the RCSS troops constantly. The troops pick by force and eat the vegetables planted by the villagers.

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