

## **Myanmar Tatmadaw (MT or Myanmar Army) Troops Shot and Killed Innocent Civilian**

March 11, 2017

Myanmar Tatmadaw (MT) troops caused death by shooting a Ta'ang villager, Mine A'lwit Dote (aged 24 years), son of U Aik Dote and Daw E of PanLawt village, HoNaung Village Tract, Kutkai Township. Then he was accused of being a TNLA spy. It was learnt that he died of the injury, on March 10 at 1600 hours, in LaSho military hospital. We would like to clarify that Mine A'lwit Dote was an innocent civilian, who was neither a TNLA spy nor an affiliate.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Office issued the false statement that the person was a spy of the TNLA terrorist organization. On the fateful day, Mine A'lwit Dote was leaving for his relatives living in Mandalay City.

Mine A'lwit Dote had the intention of going to his brother, who was serving as a novice monk in Bago Town, and he left the village with a friend. On arriving at HoKyant village near the Union Highway, he saw 3 military trucks in HoKyant village, and fearing that he would be seized for forced recruitment into the army, he ran away. He was on the run when he was fired on by the MT troops.

The MT troops shot at Mine A'lwit Dote and his friend. Mine A'lwit Dote was hit in the stomach. Though he was given treatment at the hospital, the gunshot wound and additional torture by the chasing MT troops made it too late for the doctors to save his life.

While under treatment in the hospital, the MT troops did not allow his family members to see him. Up to now, they still have not handed over to his family members the 200,000 Kyat cash and a Smart phone Mine A'lwit Dote was carrying.

We would like to alert the Myanmar government, village elders, CSOs and HR organizations to make effort for bringing out the truth, regarding the killing of Mine A'lwit Dote, an innocent civilian.

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## **Battle Caused by MT Offensive**

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On March 11, 2017, at 1125 hours, a head-on battle took place between the TNLA and MT Division 88 troops near ZaYan Myauk village in NamtSan township, Bde-2 Area, Ta'ang Region. The battle started when the MT troops, coming from ArRam village towards ZaYan Myauk, started to fire on the sentry post on the outer perimeter. It was learnt that in the battle, the MT troops suffered 2 dead and 2 wounded.

A unit of the Div-88 troops involved in this battle with the TNLA troops, while camping at the ArRam village monastery on March 9, indiscriminately fired guns, hitting a woman, aged 50 on the shoulder, causing serious injury. After violation of human right like that, they did not take any responsibility. They just left by the exchange of troops.

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### **Battle Continued to Happen in TNLA Brigade-5 Area**

March 10, 2017

On March 10, 2017, from 2400 to 2430 hours, a battle took place between the TNLA Bn-447 troops and MT troops, at a place between NarTee and Namt SaLat on KunLong Highway, Kutkai Township, Bde-5 Area, Ta'ang Region.

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### **TNLA Troops Captured MT Camp**

March 4, 2017

On March 4, at 0330 hours, the TNLA troops captured and cleared out the MT Div-33 troops' camp, at the Mine YuLay village of KutKai Township, Bde-1 Area, Ta'ang Region.

The MT Div-33 troops joined with the militia troops of Mine Yu Lay, who were under the control of PanSay militia, and committed the offences of selling narcotic drugs, beating up and checking on the travelers, arresting and beating up the local populations, who brought back rice, cooking oil and other food items, and limiting or confiscating the food items, several times.

The offences severely affected the Ta'ang people. The worst thing was the selling of narcotic drugs, making many persons to become addicts. The selling of drugs was extended up to the people in refugee camps, making the refugees to become victims of the scourge. Due to the increasing harm and ruin caused to the Ta'ang people, the TNLA troops had to seize and clear up the camp. In the process, 8 pieces of small arms, assorted ammunitions, military items bearing the insignias of Div-33, LIB-111 and webbing equipment were captured.

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