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List of Churches Burned in Thantlang Town of Chin State, Burma

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Washington, DC — The Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) has received credible information that the Burmese military, or Tatmadaw, has burned 21 of the 22 churches in Thantlang town, Chin State. Only Olive Baptist Church has avoided destruction. The entire population of the town, approximately 10,000 people, has been displaced, with some fleeing to the Indo-Burma border area and others taking refuge in Mizoram State, India.

List of Churches Destroyed in Thantlang:

1. Thantlang Baptist Church 12. Presbyterian Church of Myanmar 2. Johnson Memorial Baptist Church 13. Church on the Rock 3. Thantlang Centenary Baptist Church 14. Seventh Day Adventist 4. Believer Church of Myanmar 15. Evangelical Free Methodist Church of 5. Assembly of God Myanmar 6. United Pentecostal Church 16. Church of Jesus Christ* 17. Church of Jesus Christ (local)* 7. Mara Evangelical Church 8. Roman Catholic Church 18. The Church* 9. Evangelical Holiness Church 19. Sabbath* 10. Gospel Baptist Church 20. Mara Baptist Church* 11. Methodist Church 21. Shalom Baptist Church *Churches using a rented building CAM source confidential for security reasons

CAM condemns the military's burning of Christian churches and all other forms of religious persecution perpetrated across Burma. CAM makes the following recommendations:

- 1. The Biden administration should determine the Burmese military's atrocities against Christians as war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- 2. The U.S. Congress should adopt a resolution condemning the Tatmadaw's atrocities against Christians across Burma and demanding they immediately cease the violence.

CAM's most recent report on religious persecution in Burma, Two Years After the 2021 Military Coup, can be found on the CAM website here.