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The Burmese military's airstrikes on Malsawm village in Chin State, Burma Destroyed the Malsawm Baptist Church

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Washington, DC — Around 10:30 a.m. local Burma time on May 5, 2023, the Burmese military's airstrikes on Malsawm Village in Hakha township destroyed the Malawm Baptist Church. Malsawm village is about 35 miles from Hakha, the capital town of Chin State, Burma.

Sources confirmed with the Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) that there were no military conflicts at Malsawm village between the Chin forces and the Tatmadaw. All the villagers of Malsawm have been displaced.

The Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) issues the following statement:

CAM strongly condemns the airstrikes against Malsawm village. The CAM's January 2023 Report and the air strikes on the civilians at Malsawm village have further proved that the State Administration Council's (SAC) actions constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.

CAM urges the Biden administration to determine the atrocities against the Chins as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the dead and the Malsawm villagers.



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Malawm Baptist Church in Malsawm Village damaged by the Burmese military's airstrikes on May 5, 2023.