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Burmese Fighter Jets Bombed Khuafo Village in Chin State, Burma and Killed 8 villagers including 4 children

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Washington, DC — Around 10:30 a.m. local Burma time on March 30, 2023, the Burmese military fighter jets dropped at least 12 bombs on the Khuafo village, Thantlang township in Chin State, Burma. Khuafo village is five miles from Thantlang town.

An eyewitness at the Khuafo village informed the Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) that the bomb killed 8 villagers, injured 11 individuals, and destroyed 16 houses. Multiple sources who were familiar with the situation on the ground also informed CAM that neither the Chin National Army nor the Chinland Defense Forces were present at the Khuafo village at the time of the Tamatmaw's airstrikes that killed the innocent civilians, including four- and six-year-old boys. The injured included a pastor and the strikes destroyed the Baptist Church and the Believers Church. CAM has not released the name list for protection of the relatives of the deceased and the injured.

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

- CAM strongly condemns the airstrikes against Khuafo village. The CAM's January 2023 Report and the air strikes on the civilians at Khuafo village have further proved that the State Administration Council's (SAC) actions constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity and therefore, the Min Aung Hlaing-led SAC must be brought to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.
- 2. CAM urges the Biden administration to impose sanctions against Major General Than Hteik, Commander of Myanmar's Northwestern Command based in Monywa, who oversees the Tatmadaw's atrocities against the Chins in Chin State.
- 3. Our prayers and thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the dead and the Khuafo villagers.