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## **Ramthlo and Sunthla Villages in Falam Bombed by Tatmadaw, Church Destroyed**

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**Washington, DC** --- At approximately 10 am local time on Saturday, August 12, 2023, Burmese military jets bombed Ramthlo Village in Falam township, Chin State. The airstrike destroyed three houses and the Ramthlo Baptist Church. Seven civilians were severely injured.

Another attack occurred when the Tatmadaw's Light Infantry Battalion 268, based in the town of Falam, fired artillery at Sunthla Village in Falam township. Three civilians were injured in the bombardment.

The populations of both villages have been displaced. A source familiar with the situation confirmed these details with the Chin Association of Maryland.

CAM issues the following statement:

1. Condemning the Tatmadaw for this attack on Chin Christian civilians.
2. Calling on the Biden administration and U.S. Congress to place sanctions on the sale of jet fuel to the Burmese military junta.
3. Calling on the administration to determine that these continued atrocities against Christians in Burma constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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