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Church Compound in Hakha Attacked by Tatmadaw

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Washington, DC --- At approximately 4:20 pm local time on Monday, August 14, 2023, the Burmese military, or Tatmadaw, launched an attack on the historic Hakha Baptist Church compound in the town of Hakha, Chin State.

A CAM source on the ground reports that soldiers from the Burmese military's Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) 266 fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the compound. The compound contained thirteen residences for clergy; the home of the Senior Pastor was damaged. No injuries were reported. According to the source, the Tatmadaw soldiers falsely claimed that the Chinland Defense Force- Hakha was using the compound as a base.

The Hakha Baptist Church was built by Rev. Arthur Carson, the first American Baptist missionary to the Chin Hills, a century ago.

CAM issues the following statement:

1. Condemning the Tatmadaw for this attack on Chin Christian clergy and religious buildings.
2. 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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