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Tatmadaw Airstrike Kills 8 Children, 3 Other Civilians in Vuilu, Matupi Township

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Washington, DC --- On Wednesday, November 15, at 7 pm local time, Burmese military jets launched an airstrike on Vuilu village in Matupi township, southern Chin State. The strike killed at least 11 civilians, including 8 children.

A reliable source familiar with the situation informed the Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) that a Christian church and 2 school buildings were destroyed along with 18 civilian homes. The targeting of school buildings is one reason the death toll among children was so high. 4 others were seriously injured.

Vuilu village has not had any presence of armed combatants nor been the site of any fighting since the 2021 military coup. This attack fits a pattern of military airstrikes targeting Chin civilians and churches over the past year.

CAM issues the following statement:

- 1. Condemning the Burmese military's killing of Chin civilians and destruction of Christian churches.
- 2. Calling on the administration to determine that these continued military atrocities against Christians in Burma constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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The Chin Association of Maryland (CAM) is a non-profit organization based in Ellicott City, Maryland with an office in Washington, DC. CAM advocates for Chin and other refugees and internally displaced persons in Burma, religious freedom, and human rights. CAM also works to empower the local Chin community in Maryland to successfully integrate into American society.