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Airstrikes on Kanan in Burma Destroy Churches

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Washington, DC --- Around 10:30am on Sunday, January 7, the Burmese military, also known as the Tatmadaw, sent fighter jets to bomb Kanan village, Tamu township, Sagaing region in Burma. The fighter jets dropped two bombs and destroyed two churches: St. Peter Baptist Church and New Eden Baptist Church. One of the bombs also destroyed a school. 17 civilians were killed including 11 adults and 6 children as young as ages 5, 6, and 7.

Sources familiar with the situation on the ground informed CAM that at the time when the fighter jets dropped the two bombs there was no fighting between the Tatmadaw and the resistance groups.

CAM issues the following statements:

1. Condemning the Burmese military's attacks on Chin civilians and destruction of Christian churches in Kanan village.
2. Calling on the Biden administration to determine that these continued and systematic military atrocities against minority religion Christians in Burma constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.
3. Calling on the U.S. Congress to pass a resolution condemning the systematic persecution of minority religion Christians in Burma and to demand the Tatmadaw cease all violence immediately.

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