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Aerial bombing by Burma Army jets kills three villagers, injures seven in Kyaukme, northern Shan State

Three civilians were killed and seven injured, including two women and a five-year-old child, when two Burma Army jets indiscriminately bombed Pang Mark Mur village, Kyaukme township, northern Shan State, on December 26, 2106.

On that day, at 8 am, troops of Burma Army Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) 506 staying at Wan Yawng Pang Hla village started firing shells towards the Loi Yean mountain area where the Ta'ang National Liberation Army was staying, about one mile from the village of Pang Mark Mur. The shelling lasted until 6.30 pm.

There are about 100 houses in Pang Mark Mur, with a population of over 300 people. The villagers were afraid when fighting broke out, and several families had gone to shelter in the house of a 70-year-old villager called Lung Jeak Da. His house was larger than others, and villagers hoped they would be better protected there.

However, at about 4.05 pm, two Burma Army jets flew from Lashio, and began dropping bombs on the Loi Yean mountain area and also directly on the village of Pang Mark Mur.

A bomb landed directly on the house of Lung Jeak Da, killing three men instantly, including Lung Jeak Da, and injuring two women, one 5-year-old boy, and another man. A cow was also killed.

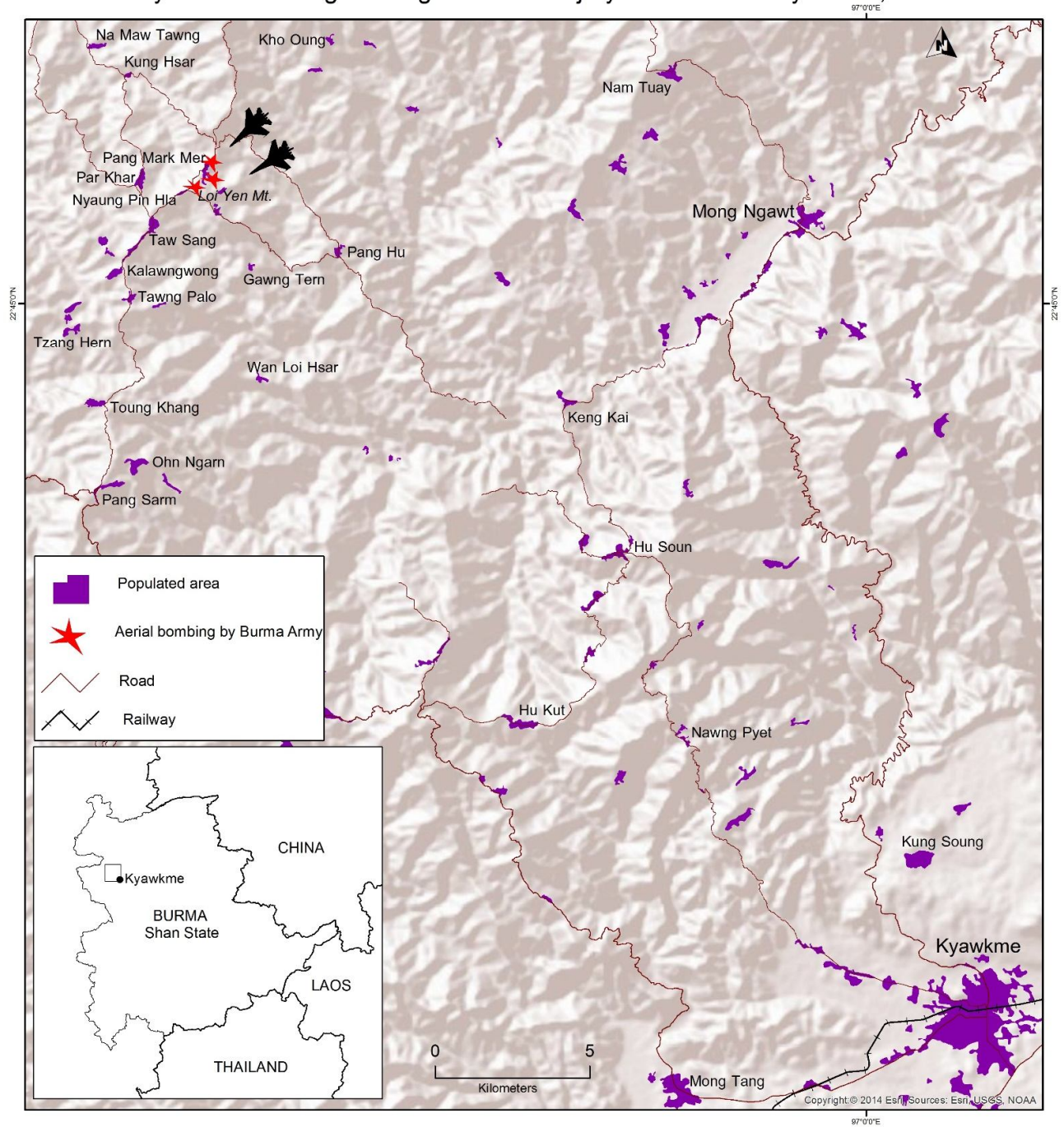
Three bombs landed around the village monastery, injuring four monks sheltering under the temple building. Apart from the monastery, altogether 16 houses in the village were damaged by the bombing.

Soon after the bombing, troops from LIB 506 entered Pang Mark Mur, and set up camp in the village. They ordered that the bodies of the three dead villagers be taken to be buried at Pang Larnng cemetery that night. Some troops went with five male villagers and one female villager to bury the bodies at 7.30 pm. The troops did not let the villagers hold a proper funeral ceremony and invite any monks. The bodies were simply wrapped in mats and buried.

One of the monks phoned to a local Shan charity to send a truck to take the injured villagers to hospital. The truck left the village at 7.30 pm and arrived at Lashio Hospital early the next morning. One of the injured women, 35-year-old Nang Khin Than Nu, lost her husband, Sai Ai Woon, and her father-in-law, Lung Jeak Da, in the bomb attack. She has six children and is eight months pregnant. Her legs were badly injured by the explosion, and on January 6, her right leg had to be amputated.

Over 200 villagers fled to Kyaukme town after the bombing, where they took shelter in Nam Jet Lin Monastery. By the end of the first week of January, most had returned to their village. However, the Burma Army LIB 506 troops remain camped in the village, and several hundred troops from LIB 501 and 502 have also moved into the area.

Burma Army aerial bombing causing death and injury of civilians in Kyaukme, Dec 26 2016



The villagers (all farmers) who were killed by the aerial bombing are listed below:

No.	Name	Age	Details of bomb injury
1.	Lung Jeak Da	70	Hit in the body and legs
2.	Sai Ai Woon (son of Lung Jeak Da)	30	Hit in the head and hands
3.	Sai Ai Yong	30	Hit in the stomach



Corpse of Lung Jeak Da, killed by Burma Army aerial bombing



Corpse of Sai Ai Woon, killed by Burma Army aerial bombing



Corpse of Sai Ai Yong, killed by Burma Army aerial bombing

The villagers who were injured by the bombing are listed below:

No.	Villager's Name	Sex	Age	Details of bomb injury
1.	Aye Leng	F	20	Shrapnel hit her forehead
2.	Nang Khin Than Nu (wife of Sai Ai Woon, who was killed by the bombing)	F	35	Shrapnel hit her legs; her right leg was amputated on January 6, 2017. She is 8 months' pregnant, and has 6 children aged 1 to 14, but is now widowed
3.	Sai Kawn Nguen (son of Aye Nu)	M	5	Shrapnel hit his right shoulder; is now recovering after being operated on
4.	Sai Ai Aung	M	37	Shrapnel hit his leg and right hand; now recovering
5.	Sao Jarng Pung Nya (monk)	M	26	Shrapnel hit his forehead and hand; stayed in hospital one night
6.	Sao Jarng Kameda (monk)	M	33	Shrapnel hit his back; stayed in hospital one night
7.	Sao Jarng Kaling Da (monk)	M	37	Shrapnel hit his left hand; left hospital on Jan 4, 2017



Nang Khin Than Nu, injured by Burma Army aerial bombing



5-year-old child injured by Burma Army aerial bombing

The list of buildings and property damaged by the bombing is below:

No.	Name of owner	Inhabitants	Damaged items	Value of damage
1	Monastery	3 monks, 16 novices	Meal hall, 2 water tanks, kitchen, wall	20 million kyat
2	Lung Jeak Da	5 pers	Roof, wall of house Household items 1 motorbike 1 cow died 1 cow's leg injured Paddy 250 "Ting" Machine costing	8,285,000 kyat
3	Sai Maung Aye	5 pers	Roof, wall of house	6 million kyat
4	Pa Aye Nay	3 pers	Roof, wall of house	5 million kyat
5	Pa Aye Mung	2 pers	Roof, wall of house, kitchen	5 million kyat
6	Pa Aye Ni	4 pers	Roof, wall of house	3 million kyat
7	Sai Ai Woon	8 pers	Roof, wall of house	3 million kyat
8	Sai Ai Ba	5 pers	Roof, wall of house	3 million kyat
9	Lung Aung Kyaw	8 pers	Roof, wall of house, kitchen	2 million kyat
10	Sai Maung Maung	4 pers	Roof, door, window of house	600,000 kyat
11	Pi Win	2 pers	Roof, wall of house	500,000 kyat
12	Lung Lung Bee	3 pers	Roof, wall of house	300,000 kyat
13	Sai Seng Kharn	7 pers	Roof, wall of house	300,000 kyat
14	Sai Sarng Bee	8 pers	Roof, wall of house	300,000 kyat
15	Sai Win Myint	4 pers	Roof, door, window of house	200,000 kyat
16	Lung Sein	7 pers	Roof, wall of house	200,000 kyat
17	Lung SanTo	1 pers	House window	100,000 kyat



Damage to Pang Mark Mur Temple from Burma Army aerial bombing



Cow of Lung Jeak Da, killed by Burma Army aerial bombing

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