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The Burmese military burned homes and other buildings including the Gospel Baptist Church at Chuncung village in Chin State, Burma

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Washington, DC — Around 6 a.m. local Burma time on May 2, 2023, the Burmese military also known as the Tatmadaw, burned 14 homes and other buildings, including the Gospel Baptist Church and its staff quarters, at Chuncung village, Hakha township in Chin state, Burma. Chuncung village is about 15 miles from Hakha, the capital of Chin State in Burma.

The credible sources on the ground confirmed with the Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) that the Tatmadaw occupied the Lungphun Baptist Church at Chuncung village, located on the hilltop in the village, and the Tatmadaw has been using the church as its strategic military camp. The entire villages have been displaced.

The Chin Association of Maryland, Inc. (CAM) issues the following statement:

1. CAM strongly condemns the burning of buildings, including the Gospel Baptist Church, and the occupation of the Lungphun Baptist Church at Chuncung village. The CAM's January 2023 Report and the burning of residences at Chuncung village have further proved that the State Administration Council's (SAC) actions constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity.
2. CAM urges the Biden administration to determine the atrocities against the Chins as war crimes and crimes against humanity.
3. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Chuncung villagers.