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Airstrikes Destroyed the Catholic Church in Chin State, Burma

Ellicott City, Maryland --- On April 8, 2025 (Myanmar Time), the Burmese military fighter jets dropped bombs on the town of Falam, Chin State in Burma. The airstrikes destroyed Christ the King Catholic Church in Falam town just a week before Easter. The Catholic Church was built on November 26, 2023. The Bishop of the Catholic Church asked, [“please continue to pray for peace in Myanmar.”](#)

Sources familiar on the ground informed Burma Research Institute (BRI) that there had been fighting between the Chin resistance group known as the Chin Brotherhood and the Burmese military for over five months. On April 7, the Chin alliance captured the [Infantry Battalion 268 based in the hilltop of Falam town.](#)

BRI issues the following statement:

1. Condemning the Burmese military’s airstrike destroying Christ the King Church in Falam, Chin State
2. Calling on the Trump administration to determine that the military junta’s continued and systematic atrocities against ethnic and religious minorities such as targeting Christians in Burma constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

On March 7, 2025, the churches and community organizations in the United States sent [a letter to Secretary Marco Rubio](#) urging him to determine that the Tatmadaw’s atrocities constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

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