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Burmese Military's Airstrikes Destroyed Mindat Baptist Church in Chin State, Burma on Palm Sunday

Ellicott City, Maryland --- Around 4pm on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Myanmar Time), the Burmese military, also known as the Tatmadaw, sent fighter jets to bomb Mindat town, Chin State in Burma. The fighter jets dropped bombs and destroyed the [Mindat Baptist Church](#).

Sources familiar with the situation on the ground informed Burma Research Institute (BRI) that at the time when the fighter jets dropped the bomb there was no fighting between the Tatmadaw and the resistance groups.

BRI issues the following statement:

1. Condemn the Burmese military's airstrike destroying the Mindat Baptist Church.
2. Urge the Trump administration to determine that the military junta's continued and systematic atrocities against ethnic and religious minorities 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.

Photos: Mindat Baptist Church

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