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### STATEMENT

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### **On Christmas Day, the Burmese Military's Airstrikes Destroyed Seven Houses in Mindat Town, Chin State, Burma**

**Ellicott City, Maryland** --- On Christmas Day (December 25, 2025), the Burmese military's fighter jets bombed Mindat town, Chin State, Burma, at approximately 5:20 PM Myanmar Time, according to a [statement from the Chinland Defence Force – Mindat](#). The bombing destroyed seven houses.

Sources familiar with the situation on the ground informed the Burma Research Institute (BRI) that the seven houses were located in the Eastern Ward of Mindat town. The sources also told BRI that the military likely targeted those houses. The military believed many people were gathering together to celebrate Christmas.

BRI issues the following statement:

1. Condemning the Burmese military's airstrike destroying seven houses in Mindat on Christmas Day.
2. Calling on the Trump administration to determine that these military junta's continued and systematic atrocities against ethnic and minority religions targeting Christians in Burma constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

On Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, Burmese fighter jets bombed and destroyed Mindat Baptist Church in Mindat, Chin State. BRI issued a [statement](#) condemning the bombing and urging the Trump Administration to determine that the atrocities against Christians constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes.

A week before Easter Sunday, on April 8, 2025, airstrikes destroyed Christ the King Catholic Church in Falam town, Chin State. In a [statement](#) issued on April 18, 2025, BRI confirmed that church members had no place to celebrate Easter Sunday and some were hiding in the jungle near Falam town.

#### Additional Resources:

- Letter to Dr. Stephen Schneck, Chair of U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, March 31, 2025 – [LINK](#)
- State Department's Response to the Letter to Secretary Rubio, March 27, 2025 – [LINK](#)
- Letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio by Christian and community organizations in the U.S., March 7, 2025 – [LINK](#)

- Letter to President Biden, September 13, 2024 – [LINK](#)
- Zo Tum Hmung's Testimony: USCIRF Hearing: Two Years after the Coup: Religious Freedom in a Contested Burma, February 8, 2023 – [LINK](#)

**Below are photos of the destruction caused by the airstrikes in Mindat.**  
*Photos are from a verified source on the ground who remains anonymous for security reasons.*



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