



Incident Report

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Toungoo Incident Report: Car accident kills a man in Thandaunggyi Township, July 2017

This Incident Report describes a car accident that occurred at the crossroad between E--- village and Thandaunggyi Town, Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District. This incident killed one person and injured eight other people. The victims' families asked for at least 8,700,000 kyats (USD 6,464.6)1 for compensation from Lance Corporal Aung Min Naing.

Incident Report | Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District (July 2017)

The following Incident Report was written by (1) a community member in Toungoo District who has been trained by KHRG to monitor local human rights conditions. It is presented below translated exactly as originally written, save for minor edits for clarity and security.2 This report was received in July 2017 along with other information from Toungoo District, including one other incident report, nine interviews, one situation update, 186 photographs and 4 video clips.3

Part 1 – Incident Details

Table with 2 columns: Type of Incident, Date of Incident(s). Row 1: Fatal car accident. Row 2: July 7th 2017.

1 All conversion estimates for the kyat in this report are based on the June 7, 2018 official market rate of 1,346 kyats to US \$1.

2 KHRG trains community members in southeastern Burma/Myanmar to document individual incidents of abuse using a standardised reporting format; conduct interviews with other villagers; and write general updates on the situation in areas with which they are familiar. When writing incident reports, community members are encouraged to document incidents of abuse that they consider to be important, by verifying information from multiple sources, assessing for potential biases and comparing to local trends.

3 In order to increase the transparency of KHRG methodology and more directly communicate the experiences and perspectives of villagers in southeastern Burma/Myanmar, KHRG aims to make all field information received available on the KHRG website once it has been processed and translated, subject only to security considerations. For additional reports categorised by Type, Issue, Location and Year, please see the Related Readings component following each report on KHRG's website.

Incident Location (Village, Township, and District)	E--- village, Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District
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Victim Information				
Name	Saw F---	Saw G---	Naw H---	Naw I----
Age	32	70	36	N/A
Sex	M	M	F	F
Ethnicity	Karen	Karen	Karen	Karen
Family	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Occupation	Plantation	Plantation	Plantation	Plantation
Religion	Christian	Christian	Christian	Christian
Position	Villager	Villager	Villager	Villager
Village	E---	E---	E---	E---

Perpetrator Information				
Name(s)	Rank	Unit	Base	Commander's Name
Aung Min Naing	Lance Corporal	Bu Yin Naung military [Tatmadaw]	Bu Yin Naung military camp, Thandaunggyi Township	Major General Soe Tint Naing

Part 2 - Information Quality

1. Explain in detail how you collected this information.

I received a phone call from E--- villagers and I was told to come and document this incident in E--- village.

2. Explain how the source verified this information.

People who witnessed the accident first-hand and the victims themselves disclosed information about the incident to me, so the information is true.

Part 3 – Complete Description of the Incident

Describe the Incident(s) in complete detail.

A car accident occurred on the steep crossroad between E--- village and Thandaunggyi [Town] in Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District on July 7th 2017.

The car (car plate – YGN7G 2807) was driving fast and was unable to stop when it reached the E--- crossroad. The car hit a 36-year-old man named F--- who stood on the side of the road. He was killed by the impact. In addition, the vehicle crashed into pastor Saw J---'s car, which was parked on the side of the road. This crash also

damaged a residence/shop and a rest house built by E--- villagers.

This car accident instantly killed Saw F--- and injured eight passengers who were sitting in pastor J---'s car. They were about to travel to [Thandaunggyi] town. The injured victims included Naw H--- (36 years old) who sustained a fracture in the lower back, Saw G--- (70 years old) who sustained injuries to her nose and head, Saw K--- whose head was also injured. L---, Naw M---, Naw N--- and pastor Saw J--- were also in the car during the accident.

This car accident happened because the driver, whose name has not been officially confirmed, was careless. He drove away immediately after the accident occurred. Burma/Myanmar Township police officers came to the location where the accident took place and investigated what happened. Two cars and the injured victims were taken to the police station as evidence for this accident. However, the perpetrator has not been arrested yet.

The owner of the car [Lance Corporal Aung Win Naing] and his relatives did not show up to Saw F---'s funeral to take responsibility for the accident or to console [the victim's family]. On July 10th 2017, Major Myo Min Than, the car owner Lance Corporal Aung Myo Naing and a group of their soldiers came [to E--- village] wearing military uniforms and equipped with arms. They met with the E--- village administrator to negotiate with the victim's family. The victim's family were asked to drop the case.

However, F---'s family and villagers [including the injured victims] requested to receive at least 8,700,000 kyats [USD 6,464.6]⁴ as compensation for the death of the victim, the injured victims and the damage to vehicles and the shop. The car owner Lance Corporal and Major Aung Myo Min did not say exactly whether they will pay [the requested amount] or not, but they arranged to meet with the villagers again on July 20th 2017. They donated 100,000 kyats (USD 73.95)⁵ to Saw F---'s funeral. However, they did not show up to the funeral on July 20th 2017, which upset Saw F---'s family and other villagers. According to the villagers, the members of Tatmadaw do not value or respect them.

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This photo is a reproduction of a photo taken by a villager on July 27th 2017 in E--- village, Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District. It shows the dead body of Saw F--- who died after being hit by a car owned by Lance Corporal Aung Min Naing from Tatmadaw Bu Yin Naung army camp. *[Photo: KHRG]*



This photo was taken on July 28th 2017 in E--- village, Thandaunggyi Township, Toungoo District. The photo shows a meeting that was held to offer compensation to the victims of the car accident. The car owner, Lance Corporal Aung Min Naing, along with a Major and a Bu Yin Naung military training officer Major, came to E--- village to meet with the local community. More than 60 villagers attended the meeting. During the meeting, an officer of Bu Yin Naung military training camp, Major Myo Min Than, did not allow the villagers to take any photos. He threatened to take legal action against any villagers who took photos. The villagers could not take any photos as evidence of this negotiation process. Moreover, the villagers did not receive any compensation. This photo was secretly taken by a member of KHRG.

[Photo: KHRG]

Part 4 - Permission for Using the Details

Did the victim(s) provide permission to use this information? Explain how that permission was provided.

This information is true. The villagers gave permission to use this information because they want to claim justice.

Further background reading on the situation in Toungoo District can be found in the following KHRG reports:

- “Toungoo Incident Report: Killing Case in Thandaunggyi Township, January 2017”, (September 2017)
- “Toungoo Incident Report: Threats and arbitrary demands by Burma/Myanmar Police in Thandaunggyi Township”, (March 2015)
- “Toungoo Incident Report: Arbitrary arrest and detention, and violent abuse in Thandaunggyi Township, December 2005”, (August 2014)
- “Toungoo Incident Report: Stone mining in Thandaunggyi Township, June 2013”, (July 2014)
- “Toungoo Incident Report: Tatmadaw transport rations and ammunition in Thandaunggyi Township, December 2013”, (May 2014)

