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Abstract

This report includes translated copies of 207 order documents issued by military and civilian officials of Burma's central government, as well as non-state armed groups now formally subordinate to the state army as 'Border Guard' battalions, to village heads in eastern Burma between March 2008 and July 2011. Of these documents, at least 176 were issued from January 2010 onwards. These documents serve as primary evidence of ongoing exploitative local governance in rural Burma. This report thus supports the continuing testimonies of villagers regarding the regular demands for labour, money, food and other supplies to which their communities are subject by local civilian and military authorities. The order documents collected here include demands for attendance at meetings; the provision of money and food; the production and delivery of thatch, bamboo and other materials; forced recruitment into armed ceasefire groups; forced labour as messengers and porters for the military; forced labour on bridge construction and repair; the provision of information on individuals, households and non-state armed groups; and the imposition of movement restrictions. In almost all cases, demands were uncompensated and backed by implicit or explicit threats of violence or other punishments for non-compliance. Almost all demands articulated in the orders presented in this report involved some element of forced labour in their implementation.

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Notes on the text

This report is comprised of 207 Burmese and S'Gkaw Karen language order documents issued by Burma government military and civilian officials, state-controlled 'Border Guard' battalions and non-state armed groups including the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) and Karen Peace Force (KPF) to villagers in eastern Burma between March 2008 and July 2011. The district names mentioned in the report are indicated on the accompanying maps. While districts are identified with Burmese language names, their boundaries follow Karen designations (shown in the Karen State Districts map below), but not those used by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (RUM) government. Under government designations (as shown in the Burma map below), sections of western Toungoo and Nyaunglebin Districts fall within eastern Pegu (Bago) Division, western Thaton and Dooplaya Districts form part of Mon State, and Tenasserim Division comprises a division wholly separate from Kayin State.

While KHRG conducts research in all of the above areas, 196 order documents for this report were collected from locally-defined Papun, Toungoo and Dooplaya districts; a further eleven order documents were collected from Pa'an, Nyaunglebin and Thaton districts. This disparity is due to constraints on KHRG's ability to collect written documents in certain locations; KHRG researchers and villagers supporting them conduct documentation activities under intense threats to their personal security.¹ This report, then, represents only a fraction of the total number of order documents issued by military and civilian authorities inside Burma. The 207 orders translated below should be taken as case studies, which support the conclusion that the RUM government continues to violate its obligation to end the use of forced labour, particularly by Tatmadaw and other military personnel over which it has authority. Nothing about the conditions in Papun, Toungoo and Dooplaya districts suggest military practices documented there are unique from other locations, and KHRG continues to document the use of forced labour across eastern Burma.²

In the text of the orders, 'Sd.' indicates the signature of the issuing officer. The village head to whom the order letter is sent is often referred to as 'Village Head', 'Chairperson', 'Secretary' or 'Na Ya Ka [Patron]'. The issuing officer in some cases uses colloquial familiar terms such as A'Ko [Brother] and A'Ba [Uncle] to refer variously to themselves, to the villager to whom the order is addressed or to invoke the authority of a third-party commanding officer. KHRG has in some cases retained these terms to most accurately reflect the form of the original order letter; the use of these phrases should not be interpreted as indicating familial ties between any of the actors.

Village and personal names have been censored using single and double letters beginning from A--- and continuing alphabetically to Z---, then beginning at Aa--- and continuing to Az--- and so on, according to the order in which they first appear in the report. These letters do not represent the first letters of the censored words. They also do not necessarily appear in the text chronologically; multiple orders issued by the same SPDC or DKBA authorities or received by the same village or village head retain the same alphanumeric character. Thus, for instance, J-- camp appears in a January 1st 2010 order (#6) on page 18 and then on multiple subsequent occasions throughout the RUM and DKBA order letters from Dooplaya District presented in Sections III and IV. Other identifying alphanumeric characters have been censored with dashes

¹ For a discussion of the threats faced by KHRG researchers, see *Self-protection under strain: Targeting of civilians and local responses in northern Karen State*, KHRG, August 2010: pp. 5-6.

² The collections of order documents shared with the ILO in 2010, for example, featured orders primarily from Papun, Toungoo and Nyaunglebin districts. In 2009, orders primarily originated in Papun, Pa'an and Thaton Districts and in 2008 they originated in Toungoo, Nyaunglebin, Papun and Thaton Districts. For public versions of these reports, see *SPDC and DKBA order documents: January 2009 to June 2010*, KHRG, September 2010; *SPDC and DKBA order documents: August 2008 to June 2009*, KHRG, August 2009; *SPDC and DKBA order documents: October 2007 to March 2008*, KHRG, August 2008.

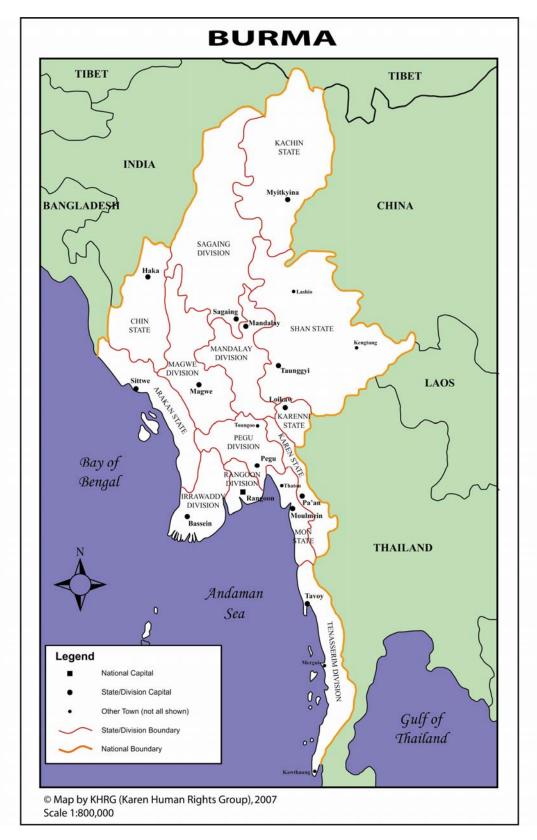
"--". In cases in which original order documents were not dated, KHRG attempted to determine a specific date or date range, based on the terms of the order, the date the order was collected by a KHRG field researcher and/or the dates of other information collected from the same location or by the same researcher. Twenty-two orders have been marked "Date: unspecified" and placed at the end of the submission of RUM order documents, because the estimated date range was too broad to place these orders chronologically within the other 150 orders. Where not apparent in original order letters, KHRG has similarly attempted to identify authors' probable locations based on other information collected from the same location or by the same researcher and, in some cases, by a distinctive signature identified on another order document. In translating these documents, KHRG has sought a literal over idiomatic rendition where possible. In some cases, KHRG has added words or phrases where necessary to clarify the original text. These are inserted within square brackets, such as in "[You] are informed." The authors of order documents often enclose numbers, times and sometimes words or phrases within parentheses as, for example, "Brigade #333 (DKBA)". All round parentheses reflect content of an original document and are not additions by KHRG.

DKBA orders often include the Burmese script transliteration of the group's English language acronym. This has been transliterated back into Roman script in this report as 'Dee Kay Bee Ay.' In other cases, DKBA order documents include the group's acronym in Roman characters as 'D.K.B.A.' Italicised notes at the bottom of individual orders are additional comments, which KHRG field researchers who collected the documents in Eastern Burma have provided to elaborate on the context; where KHRG researchers took statements from villagers or village heads from whom they collected original order letters, these have been included in the italicised comments below those orders. We have tried to accurately reflect the grammar and layout of the original documents wherever possible. Thus, missing words, poor grammar and inconsistent formatting have been retained in the orders for the sake of accuracy.



Map 1: Locally defined Karen State

Map 2: Burma



I. Introduction and executive summary

Forced labour continues to be the most common abuse reported by villagers living in rural areas of eastern Burma under effective administration of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (RUM) government and state armed forces, including former non-state armed groups that transformed into government-controlled Border Guard battalions in late 2010. As evidence of ongoing exploitative demands, this report comprises 207 translated order documents issued by RUM civilian officials and officers of the state army, the Tatmadaw, as well as the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) and Karen Peace Force (KPF) and, since September 2010, by Tatmadaw Border Guards. These orders were issued between March 2008 and July 2011 in Papun, Toungoo, Nyaunglebin, Thaton, Pa'an and Dooplaya districts of eastern Burma; at least 176 were issued from January 2010 onwards. Out of 207 total documents, 172 were issued by RUM civilian or Tatmadaw authorities. 16 were issued by DKBA authorities. 17 were issued by Tatmadaw Border Guard battalions and two were issued by KPF officers. As DKBA and KPF armed groups operated under 'the sovereignty, jurisdiction, protection, suzerainty, tutelage or authority³ of the then-State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) and as the two groups often participated in joint operations, demands on the civilian population issued by these groups, even prior to their formal integration into the command structure of the Tatmadaw in August and September 2010 as Border Guard battalions, should be understood as having been sanctioned by the then-SPDC.4

The Tatmadaw and its local allies have worked to establish firm control of the civilian population in eastern Burma through an expanded and sustained military presence in the region. At the same time, the central Tatmadaw command has provided insufficient funding and logistical support for troops operating in the field, while not punishing officials that violate human rights. As a consequence, local Tatmadaw units and subordinate armed groups often support themselves via forced extraction of labour, money, food and supplies from local villagers in order to sustain frontline troops and ongoing military operations.⁵ As the military presence in eastern Burma has continued to expand, the burden placed on communities to support local army units has likewise increased.

Given the pervasive and persistent character of exploitative demands levied on rural communities, such abuse contributes significantly to poverty, livelihoods vulnerability, food insecurity and displacement for large numbers of villagers across rural eastern Burma.⁶ To

³ Pursuant to its obligations under Art.26 of the ILO Forced Labour Convention, the Burma government is obligated to apply the ban on forced labour 'to the territories placed under its sovereignty, jurisdiction, protection, suzerainty, tutelage or authority'. See ILO Forced Labour Convention 1930, Art. 26.

⁴ While Tatmadaw and DKBA units have for years operated together, this operational hierarchy became formalised with the DKBA's transformation into a 'Border Guard Force' under control of the Tatmadaw and containing a fixed number quota of Tatmadaw officers. This transformation dates to at least May 2009, when commanding officers stated in high-level meeting of DKBA officers that the DKBA would transform itself into a 'Border Guard Force.' Leaked minutes from the May 2009 meeting are retained by KHRG on file. Ceremonies attended by Tatmadaw commanders officially announced the transformation of large portions of the DKBA into Border Guard Forces in September 2010. See, for example: "Border Guard Force formed at Atwinkwinkalay region, Myawady Township, Kayin State," *New Light of Myanmar*, September 2010.

⁵ The Tatmadaw's consistent reliance on forced extraction of resources, labour and material support from the civilian population has been referred to as the 'live off the land' or 'self-reliance' policy by KHRG as well as respected scholars of Burma's military history. Andrew Selth, for example, dates the policy to 1997, when Burma's War Office reportedly issued an order instructing the country's Regional Commanders that troops "*were to meet their basic logistical needs locally, rather than rely on the central supply system.*" See, Andrew Selth, *Burma's Armed Forces: Power Without Glory*, Norwalk: Eastbridge, 2002 p. 136. See also, Mary Callahan, "*Of kyay-zu and kyet-zu: the military in 2006*," pp. 36-53 in Monique Skidmore and Trevor Wilson (eds.), *Myanmar: The State, Community and the Environment*, Canberra: Asia Pacific Press, 2007 p. 46.

⁶ For more on the relationship between abuses such as forced labour and food insecurity, see *Food crisis: The cumulative impact of abuse in rural Burma*, KHRG, April 2009. For more on the relationship between abuses such

comply with demands, villagers must divert time, labour, money and other resources away from their own livelihoods – reducing their capacities to meet their own household or community needs. For this reason, demands for the provision of material support such as roof thatching or collecting forest products should be recognised as forced labour. In the case of roof thatching, for example, villagers may have to work two or three days to collect materials, fabricate the thatching, and then deliver it to military authorities. Such labour is involuntary, often uncompensated and reduces time villagers can spend pursuing crucial livelihoods activities.

Despite the harmful consequences for civilians in eastern Burma, the Tatmadaw and subordinate armed groups have continued the practice of supporting units via extraction of labour and resources from the local population. Extractive demands are frequently issued in the form of written order documents. Such documents are written by the officers themselves or otherwise dictated by an officer and written down or typed by a scribe, before being dispatched to particular villages by a messenger, who is frequently a local villager forced to serve in this capacity without compensation.

Over the last 19 years, order documents have been important evidence of the continued use of forced labour in Burma.⁷ In response, there has been an increasing reluctance by military authorities to identify the camp location and/or the battalion from which an order is issued. Tatmadaw officers have in some cases, identified the letter's origin in vague terms as *sa kan gone* or 'hilltop camp' (see Order #16); or refrained from identifying themselves by name, rank or unit, instead referring to themselves only as 'Camp Commander' (Order #36, #38) 'Gate Commander' (Order #51, 53) or simply '*You know*' (Order #204, 205).

In addition to obscuring the origin of order letters, there has been a corresponding reluctance on the part of officers to articulate specific demands in writing. Instead of receiving detailed demands in writing, village heads are frequently called to attend 'meetings' at which military or civilian authorities explain verbally what is required. Out of the 207 order documents included in this report, 116 (56%) contain requests for village heads to attend meetings; 95 (82%) of these contain a request only for a meeting without articulating any further demands in writing. Ninety-four out of 172 (55%) order documents sent by Tatmadaw and civilian government officials, 10 out of 16 (62%) order documents sent by the DKBA and 12 out of 17 (71%) order documents sent by Border Guard battalions contain, *inter alia*, a request for a meeting. Where possible order documents of this type are accompanied in this report by explanations written by KHRG field researchers of what occurred in the meetings, including in some cases direct testimony from a village leader who was ordered to attend the meeting in question (see Order #89, 91, 136).

Despite the prevalence of requests for meetings, explicit demands nonetheless continue to be issued in writing: out of 207 order letters included in the present report, 108 (52%) contain an explicit demand for labour, money, food or other supplies. Specifically, 89 of the 172 (52%) order letters sent by Tatmadaw or civilian government officials, eight out of the 16 (50%) order letters sent by DKBA officers, nine out of the 17 (52%) order letters sent by Tatmadaw Border Guard officers and two out of two (100%) letters sent by the KPF contain explicit demands for a service, materials or the payment of fees or taxes.

Order documents from all groups included here were either hand-written or typed, and often certified with an official stamp. The order documents issued by Tatmadaw or Burma government civilian authorities contained in this report include demands for attendance at

as forced labour and displacement, see *Abuse, Poverty and Migration: Investigating migrants' motivations to leave home in Burma*, KHRG, June 2009. See also, "Central Papun District: Village-level decision making and strategic displacement," KHRG, August 2010.

⁷ Noted in Richard Horsey, *Ending Forced Labour in Myanmar: Engaging a pariah regime*. New York: Routledge, 2011, pp.15 fn.39.

meetings; provision of money (Order #66); provision of food and other commodities, such as rice, chicken, pork and turmeric (Order #152, #51, #115, #22); production and delivery of thatch shingles, bamboo poles, wooden fence posts, and baskets (Orders #78, #79, #120, 48); forced labour as messengers (Order #67), porters (Order #62), on bridge construction or repair (Order #121, #123) and on agricultural projects (Order #95); provision of agricultural equipment (Order #11) and ad hoc repair services and materials (Orders #17, #171); and provision of village information (Order #60) including about villagers' land and belongings (Order #45). Compliance with these demands requires forced labour in the delivery of the stated items to specified army camps and bases, or simply travelling to these locations to meet with authorities and provide information. Further forced labour is also required in the collection of raw materials and fabrication of building materials like thatch, fence posts or bamboo poles. Other Tatmadaw or civilian orders presented below that may not directly entail forced labour include regulations restricting travel (Order #147) and fees for registering boats (Order #85). DKBA order documents included in this report articulate demands for attendance at meetings (Order #174): and provision of money (Order #189), food (Order #187), thatch (Order #178) porters (Order #180) and recruits to the DKBA (Order #183). Tatmadaw Border Guard order documents below include demands for meetings (Order #190, #200); and provision of money (Order #195), bamboo poles (Order #194), supplies and commodities (Order #204) and porters (Order #192). Both KPF order documents contained in this report include demands for money and food (Orders #206, 207). For a comprehensive list of the order documents contained in this report see the table included below on pages 11 through 15.

Written orders are often backed by implicit, and occasionally explicit, threats against noncompliance. Village heads have been warned strongly to avoid angering the author of the letter (Order #158, 168), and threatened that soldiers would "have to come to the village" (Order #192) or would recognise villagers as "enemies" and "punish [them] as a result" (Order #123) if they failed to comply with an order. Several orders included in this report state that the consequences for non-compliance would be the "responsibility" of the village leaders or the entire community (Order #96 and #119) or result in "serious punishment" (Order #201, 202). Village heads explained to KHRG that, when they attended meetings as specified in written orders contained in this report, they were threatened that their land would be confiscated if they failed to comply with orders to pay for travel permission documents (Order #148); that they would be killed if residents of their village assisted Tatamdaw Border Guard soldiers to desert from their units (see Order #188); or that soldiers would be sent to forcibly recruit villagers if villages failed to provide recruits as ordered (Order #175). One village head told KHRG that, as a result of non-compliance with an order to repair a bridge, residents of his village had to travel covertly and avoid using that bridge to access their agricultural land (Order #123); approximately six weeks later the village head was told by a Tatmadaw commander that villagers seen walking on the road would be shot on sight (Order #140).

In the face of such implicit and, at times, explicit threats, village heads who receive order documents stipulating particular demands, or who are called to meetings where verbal demands are issued, must arrange for the residents of their respective villages to comply. Alternatively, where possible, village heads may attempt to respond in a manner that allows them to reduce or otherwise completely avoid the stated requirements. For example, village heads told KHRG researchers that they did not comply (Order #35, 48, 137, 199), delayed complying (Order #91, 197, 198) or only partially complied (Order #178, 196) with orders; lied to avoid complying with a standing order (Order #101) or to explain previous non-compliance (Order #136); argued with Tatmadaw officers that an order was unfair (Order #80); negotiated to make a less-burdensome payment rather than provide materials or villagers (Order #89, #180); and decided ahead of time what strategy to adopt if soldiers came to their village as a result of non-compliance (Order #175).

While the orders included here illustrate the persistent forced extraction of labour and resources by military units in rural eastern Burma, they also reveal that local communities do not passively comply with every exploitative demand. In Order #48 and #158, for example, the issuing Tatmadaw or DKBA officers express varying levels of frustration that village leaders had failed to comply with previous orders. Similarly, despite a threat in writing that villagers would be treated as "*enemies*" if they failed to comply with an order (Order #123), two village heads in Papun District actively chose not to comply with the terms of the order and subsequently warned their villagers to avoid meeting Tatmadaw troops operating in their local area (Order #122 and 123).

Aside from such cases of non-compliance, villagers' testimonies, as quoted extensively in other KHRG reports, as well as order letters included in this report, indicate that where villagers do comply, such compliance is frequently only partial in character (Order #178, #196). While such efforts to avoid or limit exploitative abuse via delayed or partial compliance with demands may seem slight at first glance, it is important to recognise that villagers employ such tactics across rural eastern Burma – and presumably in much of rural Burma. Steps taken by communities to protect themselves from abusive demands by the Tatmadaw and other authorities appear to be the product of careful assessment of local power relationships and other factors supporting or constraining certain protection responses; as such circumstances may vary widely across rural Burma, responses to abuse vary from community to community according to the context within which they occur.⁸ This does not mean that villagers have been able to eliminate abuse and the considerable harm that it brings to the lives and livelihoods of themselves, their families and communities. Villagers remain in a disadvantaged position relative to military personnel and such relations of power continue to undermine their abilities to address local human rights issues. In this context, external support for local-level efforts to protect communities and livelihoods from abuse could strengthen villagers' capacities for self-protection from the intertwined human rights and humanitarian issues they face.

⁸ For a discussion of the ways in which local communities respond to abuse such as forced labour, see: "Supporting local responses to extractive abuse: Commentary on the ND-Burma report *Hidden Impact*," KHRG, September 2010.

Page # Source District **Date Issued Content / Order Requirement** # 1 Tatmadaw Dooplaya March 11, 2008 Attend a meeting; pay tax on mobile phones 16 2 Tatmadaw Papun May 3, 2009 Attend a meeting 16 3 May 9, 2009 Tatmadaw Papun Attend a meeting 16 Tatmadaw November 18, 2009 4 Papun Attend a meeting 17 5 Tatmadaw December 19, 2009 Provide bananas; set tha 17 Toungoo 18 6 Tatmadaw Dooplaya January 1, 2010 Attend a meeting 7 Tatmadaw Dooplaya January 1, 2010 Attend a meeting; provide village information 18 Tatmadaw January 5, 2010 19 8 Toungoo Provide bananas, unspecified food; set tha 19 9 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 5, 2010 Provide turmeric; set tha 19 10 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 9, 2010 Attend a meeting; set tha Tatmadaw January 9, 2010 Provide five tractors 19 11 Dooplaya Provide household list; bamboo poles; 12 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 10, 2010 20 betelnut; papaya 13 Tatmadaw January 10, 2010 Attend a meeting; provide tractors 20 Dooplaya Tatmadaw January 11, 2010 Provide bananas: set tha 21 14 Toungoo 15 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 11, 2010 Attend a meeting 21 16 January 11, 2010 21 Tatmadaw Provide set tha Toungoo January 12, 2010 Provide blacksmith to repair knife 21 Tatmadaw 17 Toungoo Tatmadaw January 13, 2010 Attend a meeting; threat 22 18 Toungoo Toungoo 19 Tatmadaw January 14, 2010 Attend a meeting 22 Provide 30 porters; attend a meeting; provide 20 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 14, 2010 22 household lists 22 21 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 15, 2010 Attend a meeting 22 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 16, 2010 Provide turmeric and red bananas 22 23 23 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 16, 2010 Attend a meeting Provide porters and money 23 24 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 16, 2010 Provide information about shops in village; 23 25 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 18, 2010 provide overnight guest lists; threat 26 January 18, 2010 24 Tatmadaw Attend a meeting Toungoo Provide betel leaves; acknowledgement of 27 24 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 20, 2010 previous order 28 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 22, 2010 24 Attend a meeting 29 January 22, 2010 Provide betelnut and herbs; fix machete 24 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 23, 2010 25 30 Tatmadaw Provide beans and milk Toungoo 25 31 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 24, 2010 Provide chicken and set tha Tatmadaw January 24, 2010 Provide chickens and set tha 25 32 Toungoo 26 33 Tatmadaw January 26, 2010 Provide red bananas Toungoo Provide thatch shingles and coconuts 26 34 Tatmadaw Toungoo January 28, 2010 Tatmadaw January 30, 2010 35 Dooplaya Attend a meeting 26 Tatmadaw February 2, 2010 Attend a meeting; provide chicken; threat 27 36 Toungoo 27 37 Tatmadaw Toungoo February 2, 2010 Attend a meeting; provide school list 28 38 Tatmadaw Toungoo February 5, 2010 Attend a meeting Attend a meeting; provide information about 39 Tatmadaw Dooplaya February 5, 2010 28 villagers reporting theft 28 40 Tatmadaw February 11, 2010 Toungoo Attend a meeting Attend a meeting; provide information about 41 Tatmadaw Dooplaya March 2, 2010 29 **KNLA** March 3, 2010 Attend a meeting 29 42 Tatmadaw Dooplaya March 4, 2010 29 43 Tatmadaw Dooplaya Attend a meeting 44 March 7, 2010 30 Tatmadaw Dooplaya Provide two tractors Attend a meeting; pay tax on logging 45 Tatmadaw March 8, 2010 30 Dooplaya equipment and paddy mills 46 Tatmadaw Toungoo March 12, 2010 Attend a meeting 31

II. List of order documents

47	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	March 12, 2010	Provide chickens	31
				Fabricate and deliver baskets; logging	
48	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	March 13, 2010	machine	
49	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 14, 2010	Attend a meeting	
50	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 17, 2010	Attend a meeting	32
51	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 20, 2010	Provide bananas and chicken; set tha	32
52	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 23, 2010	Provide bananas; set tha	33
53	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 25, 2010	Provide chickens and bananas; set tha	33
54	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 28, 2010	Provide betel leaves; acknowledgement of prior order	
55	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 30, 2010	Provide turmeric; set tha	34
56	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	March 30, 2010	Provide turmeric; set tha	34
57	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 2, 2010	Provide rice; acknowledgment of prior orders	34
58	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 4, 2010	Attend a meeting	35
59	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 5, 2010	Provide bananas and coconuts	35
60	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 5, 2010	Provide population lists and village information	35
61	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 7, 2010	Attend a meeting	36
62	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 9, 2010	Attend a meeting; provide two porters	36
63	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 9, 2010	Attend a meeting	36
64	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 13, 2010	Attend a meeting	37
65	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 15, 2010	Provide lemon leaves; mangos; papayas; fruit	37
66	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 15, 2010	Provide tax for sewing training	37
67	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 17, 2010	Provide two <i>set tha</i>	38
68	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 18, 2010	Attend a meeting	38
69	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 18, 2010	Provide turmeric; set tha	38
70	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 18, 2010	Provide betelnut and mangos	39
71	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 20, 2010	Attend a meeting	39
72	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 20, 2010	Attend a meeting	40
73	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 20, 2010	Attend a meeting	40
74	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 20, 2010	Attend a meeting	
75	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	April 21, 2010	Attend a meeting; provide rice	
76	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 24, 2010	Attend a meeting	
77	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	April 28, 2010	Attend a meeting	42
78	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 8, 2010	Provide 1,000 thatch shingles	42
79	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 9, 2010	Attend a meeting	43
80	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 10, 2010	Attend a meeting; provide information; pay tax	43
81	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 12, 2010		
82	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 12, 2010 May 15, 2010	Fabricate and deliver 100 thatch shingles	43 44
83	Tatmadaw	Pa'an	May 20, 2010	Protect environment and forest; plant trees or bamboo	44
84	Tatmadaw	Pa'an	May 28, 2010	Provide adult population list	45
85	Tatmadaw	Pa'an	May 28, 2010	Attend a meeting; pay fees for boat engine licenses	46
86	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	May 30, 2010	Attend mid-wife training	46
87	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	June 4, 2010	Send information	47
88	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	June 25, 2010	Attend a meeting; provide five pairs of oxen	47
89	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 3, 2010	Attend a meeting	48
90	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 4, 2010	Attend a meeting	49
91	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 5, 2010	Payment for sewing training	49
92	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 7, 2010	Provide rice for teachers	50
93	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 9, 2010	Attend a meeting	50
94	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 13, 2010	Attend a meeting	51
95	Tatmadaw	Dooplaya	July 29, 2010	Attend a meeting; organising argriculture	52
96	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	July 30, 2010	Attend a meeting	52
97	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	August 3, 2010	Attend a meeting	52
98	Tatmadaw	Toungoo	August 5, 2010	Provide 30 porters; provide list	53
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100 101	Tatmadaw	T		August 5, 2010 Provide 50 porters; provide list	
101		Toungoo	August 9, 2010 Provide list of porters; set tha		54
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179	DKBA	Papun	March 18, 2010	Attend a meeting		
180	DKBA	Papun	April 21, 2010	Provide porters		
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Order #1 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 11.3.2008

То

Chairperson

Village Peace and Development Council (VPDC) B--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

As mentioned in the information above, Frontline Infantry Battalion (IB) #-- soldiers based at A---Camp have taken responsibility for controlling the land [local area] since 7th March 2008. We would like to negotiate about that, and we inform the gentleman to come and meet us at 10:00 am at A--- Camp, without fail.

> *Sd.* A--- Camp Commander

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, B--- villagers who attended the meeting at A--- Camp were informed that a tax of 20,000 kyat would be imposed on all villagers who owned mobile phones.

Order #2 (Papun District)

Stamp:					
Village Peace and Development					
Council					
D village					
Papun Township					
Letter:					
Date:					

To: C--- village head

Date: 3.5.2009

U E----

Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock [I] want to meet with village heads. I am just informing you so you don't miss it and come without fail.

Sd. Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council D--- village Papun Township

Order #3 (Papun District)

Stamp: Village Peace and Development Council D--- village Papun Township Letter: ____ Date: ____

To: C--- village head

Date: 9.5.2009

U E----

Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock [I] want to meet with village heads. I am just informing you so you don't miss it and come without fail.

Sd. Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council D--- village Papun Township

Order #4 (Papun District)

Date: 18.11.2009

То

Chairperson Pah H---

Subject: Inviting you to come to the discussion

We invite village leaders and departments to come and discuss [issues] about the development of villages such as agriculture, education, health, etc. in Papun Township. Come without fail as arranged below.

Date:November 30th 2009Time:1:00 pmLocation:Township Peace and Development Council (TPDC) office, Fj--- Town

Sd. Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council *[illegible]* village, Papun Township

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, it was written by the G---village head and addressed to I---, the headman of F---village in Meh Nyu village tract of Buh Tho Township. I--- attended the meeting at the TPDC office in Papun Town on November 30th 2009.

Order #5 (Toungoo District)

Date 19.12.2010

Τo,

Secretary

I am writing a second letter and asking for [your] help to send six bunches of Arakanese [red] bananas for the [Buddha] worship. Send the bananas along with *set tha* [a messenger] tomorrow.

S*d.* Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #6 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Military Command TOC #--J--- Camp Letter: <u># 1000/13/U#1</u> Date: January 1st 2010

То

Date: 1.1.2010

Village head N--- village

Subject: Informing [you] to discuss about business

To discuss business, whenever you receive this order letter please come to see the TOC Commander.

Sd. TOC Commander (Representative)

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, as well as Order #7 below, were sent by Tatmadaw Infantry Battalion (IB) #-- Battalion Commander K--- and the L--- Camp commander. The N--- village head received this letter on January 2nd and attended a meeting with IB #-- at J--- Camp on January 3rd 2010.

Order #7 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 1.1.2010

То

Village head

Lu Gyi Min [gentleman] please come to the camp in person on 2.1.2010 at 8:00. Bring the things that we are informing [you] below:

- 1. Household numbers [list]
- 2. The numbers of villagers, including male and female
- 3. Children up to 12 years old.
- 4. Does [your village] have a school or not?
- 5. [If yes,] the number of students in the school.
- 6. [If yes,] the numbers of teachers and their names.

7. Do you have a temple or not?

- 8. [If yes,] the numbers of monks and the titles of their degrees?
- 9. Do you have a church or not?
- 10. [If yes,] the pastor's name.
- 11. The number of tractors.
- 12. The number of logging machines and paddy mill machines.
- 13. Roads available for travel or other means of communication
- 14. The numbers of farms and hill fields.

S*d.* L--- Camp

Date: 1.5.2010

Order #8 (Toungoo District)

To O--- [village] Chairperson, [I] am asking for help tomorrow. Give five bunches of bananas and 30 kyat *tha* [one kyat *tha* is a unit of measurement equivalent to 16.329 grams] to those who will come for *set tha* [messengers].

M--- Camp Commander

Order #9 (Toungoo District)

Date: 5.1.2010

Date: 9.1.2010

То

Secretary of M--- village

Dig a little bit of turmeric for A'Ba [Uncle]. [We] would like to request you to send it every morning by set tha [daily messenger].

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #10 (Toungoo District)

То

Secretary

Come quickly, it is important.

A'Ba [Uncle] ordered me to tell you that one *set tha* [messenger] and village heads from four villages have to attend the meeting which will be held at 10:00 am and [I ask that] you come without fail.

Come without fail.

Order of: *Sd.* M--- military camp

Order #11 (Dooplaya District)

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[I] am informing you with this letter that it is necessary for you to come to the camp on 11.1.2010.

> Sd. L--- Camp

Order #13 (Dooplaya District)

То

Village head

Order #12 (Toungoo District)

Date: 10.1.2010

Sd. **TOC Commander** (Representative)

То

То

Secretary (Ko Q---)

we don't know the number of tractors exactly."

Make and send me [a list of] each family's population [household members] in the village. [I] need three bamboo poles for carrying water and they must be 10 feet long. [I] want [you] to bring them along with papaya and betelnut fruits if it is alright.

With respect.

Sd. 100930 Sergeant R----

Date: 10.1.2010

Subject: To arrange [to send] the tractors

Although this order document did not specify on which date in January 2010 it was sent, the terms of the order suggest that it was sent before January 9th 2010. According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order document, on January 9th 2010, N--- villagers provided five tractors as ordered. A N--- villager told KHRG's researcher: "We went early in the morning, without fail, to the J--- Camp as ordered. When we got there [we used] the tractors to carry their military equipment and backpacks and send them to Lf--- village. We had to do all these things without pay. Many villages were included and they asked for three tractors from P--- village, but

To do business, the J--- Camp Military Operations Commander needs five tractors. Send the tractors on 9.1.2010 at 4:00 am without fail.

Date: January 2010 [unspecified]

Stamp: Southeast Military Command TOC #--J--- Camp Letter: # 1000/03/U#1 Date:

> Village head N--- village

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, on January 10th 2010, a Battalion Commander from Tatmadaw IB #-- based at L--- Camp who did not identify himself by name called a meeting on January 11th 2010 with the village heads from six villages: W---, T---, V---, U---, P--- and X--- village. At this meeting, the village heads were ordered to provide a total of 78 tractors. The KHRG researcher reported that the tractors were provided on January 15th 2010 and used for three days without payment, to porter military equipment from J--- Camp to S--- camp.

Order #14 (Toungoo District)	Date: 11.1.2010
То	Dale. 11.1.2010
Y Chairperson	
To worship [the Buddha] in our camp, [I] ask for help from Arakanese [red] bananas with the <i>set tha</i> [messenger] who will co	
Order #15 (Toungoo District)	
То	Date 11.1.2010
Na Ya Ka [Patron],	
Come to the camp right now. [It is] Important.	
	Sd.
	M Camp
Order #16 (Toungoo District)	
	Date: 11.1.2010
To Secretary	
Now, [we] ask for one <i>set tha</i> [messenger] to take the Operatio are in Z, at the time the letter reaches there. [I] wrote a letter for	
	Sd.
	Sa kan gone [hilltop camp]
Order #17 (Toungoo District)	D :
То	Date: 12.1.2010
Secretary	
[I am] sending you a knife. [I] need a blacksmith to fix the knife ha	ndle. [I] need you to help.
	Respectfully,
	<i>Sd.</i> Sergeant R

From M--- Camp Na Ya Ka [patron] and Secretary, a meeting will be held on 15.1.2010. Two people from each village have to attend the meeting. Secretaries and Ten-household leaders must attend. Sd. Camp Commander Order #20 (Toungoo District) Date: 14.1.2010 Sd. Order #21 (Toungoo District) Date: 15.1.2010 Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #22 (Toungoo District)

Date: 16.1.2010

Secretary of M--- village

Why did you not come when I called you? Come at once as soon as you get this letter.

To

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Chairpersons O--- and Y--- villages

Na Ya Ka [patron] and Chairperson

Come up quickly. Bo Gyi [Captain] is getting angry.

To carry rations, send 20 people from O--- and 10 people from Y--- [villages]. Altogether send 30 people. Come right now.

On 15.1.2010, Chairperson, Secretary and Ten-household leaders [have to] come to me and bring your citizen ID cards. [I] will give you money for the porters' fees [tax to transport goods on the road]. Come at 10:00 am. Bring the list of households [in the villages].

M--- Camp

Date: 14.1.2010

Sd.

Order #18 (Toungoo District)

Order #19 (Toungoo District)

Date: 13.1.2010

M--- Camp

Secretary of M--- village

Dig a fresh root of turmeric for *A'Ba* [your uncle] and help [me] get six bunches of Arakanese [red] bananas for the communal [Buddhist worship] event.

Sd. . M--- Camp Commander

Order #23 (Toungoo District)

Date: 16.1.2010

То

Secretary

Come up as soon as you receive this letter. *Bo Gyi* [the Captain] is waiting for you. Come up right now.

S*d.* M--- Camp

Order #24 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:
Township General
Administration Department
Letter No.:
Date [.]

Date: 16.1.2010 Letter No.: 2 / 1-7 / U 6 Township General Administration Department Than Daung Gyi Township – Aa--- Town

То

Chairperson Ac--- village Aa--- Township Branch

Subject: Come to the office [to discuss an] issue

In Aa--- Town, the Administrative Headquarters of frontline Military Operations Command (MOC) #--, [needs] help to carry the rations and provide money to Ab--- and [*illegible*] Camp. The chairperson and two village elders need to manage to send it without fail on 18.1.2010 (Monday) at midday, 11:00 am, to Aa--- Township General Administration Department Office.

Sd. Township Branch Governor

Copy:

Office accept

Order #25 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.1.2010

Na Ya Ka [Patron] and Secretary

The people who run the shops in M--- village have to fill in the table that I am currently giving you, and report the [overnight] guest list to the camp. If you do not report the guest list, villagers are not allowed to live in M--- village. Only [the villagers] who report the guest list are allowed to live [in M--- village]. If the army checks guest lists in the village and if you have not reported the guest list, members of the household, guests and the village head will be punished.

I have drawn [a guest list table] for you:

No.	Name	Age	Father's name	ID No.	Relatives	Address
1						
2						
3						

Sd. M--- Camp [I] am telling and ordering you to do this. Ordering [you] to send this information to the camp.

Order #26 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.1.2010

То

Secretary

Come up now. Bo Gyi [the Captain] is waiting.

Sd. M--- Camp

Order #27 (Toungoo District)

Date: 20.1.2010 Thursday

То

То

Ko Q----

A'Ko [Brother], I am sending you a pack of noodles and a pack of Ovaltine. Take care of your health. I was busy and I have many responsibilities to do so I did not realise that you already sent me the bananas yesterday and [that is why] I asked for them again. Understand me about this. I [know that you are] busy and I worry that you will get sick. I am sending you the packs [of noodles and Ovaltine] that I had set aside for *A'Ba* [the Commander]. I need a few betel leaves. Be healthy.

Best wishes,

Sd. 201355 Sergeant R---

Order #28 (Toungoo District)

Date: 22.1.2010

Y--- [village] Chairperson and Secretary,

Now, come until you reach [the camp] immediately at the time you get [this letter].

Sd. M--- Camp

Order #29 (Toungoo District)

Send betelnut fruits for me and *kway tauk ywet* ['testicle leaf', a bitter leaf used in curries] and send them along with the *set tha* [messenger] who will come tomorrow. Tell the *set tha* to send white betelnut fruit and *kway tauk ywet* and leave it at Daw Ad---'s shop. I want you to arrange it quickly and send the machete [back] that I sent with U Ae---. I will give you milk for the machete. I also will send beans tomorrow for Ko Q---'s [your] village.

With respect,

Sd. 221505 Sergeant R---

Order #30 (Toungoo District)

Date: 23.1.2010 Saturday

То

То

Ko Q---

Chairperson of Y--- village

Ko Q----

From Ko Q---, one bag of beans and from U Af--- one bag of beans and one tin of condensed milk. I will try as much as I can to repay your good deed.

Respectfully, S*d.* 23.1.1315 R---

Order #31 (Toungoo District)

Date. 24.1.2010

То

Chairperson, [I] want you to send a half *viss* of chicken with the set tha [messenger] who will come tomorrow. I am asking for help [from you] to raise [the chickens] in the camp.

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Stamp: [*illegible*] Military Operations Command No.: ____ Date: ____

Order #32 (Toungoo District)

Date: 24.1.2010

Secretary of M--- village

Secretary, [I ask you] for [your] help to send me a couple of chickens, male and female, to raise in the camp, with the set tha [messenger] who will come tomorrow.

> Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Stamp: #-- Military Operations Command Letter No.: ____ Date:

Order #33 (Toungoo District)

Date: 26.1.2010

То

[I want] six bunches of red bananas to donate to the Buddha. [I] am asking for [your] help. Please send them on 27.1.2010.

> Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #34 (Toungoo District)

Date: 28.1.2010

Each household in M--- village must collect three thatch shingles and send them to the camp.

Secretary, send them exactly [as ordered]. Send three coconuts.

Order #35 (Dooplaya District)

Subject: Meeting invitation

To discuss village security and the Development Council please attend the meeting with the TOC Commander at J--- Camp on 1.2.2010 at 8:00 am. We will have the meeting at the time we have set up, so attend the meeting without fail.

Secretary

То

Date: 30.1.2010

Stamp: Southeast Military Command TOC #--MOC #--Letter: #1000/03/ U#1 Date: January 30 2010

Distributed to Village head of N--- village

The KHRG researcher who collected this order letter reported that the villagers did not comply with the order to attend the meeting on February 1st.

Order #36 (Toungoo District)

Date: 2.2.2010

Sd.

TOC Commander

(Representative)

Y---Chairperson/ Secretary

Come [to the camp] and arrive on 3.2.2010. Action will be taken if [you] don't come. Bring a chicken with [you].

Sd. Camp commander

Order #37 (Toungoo District)

То

School Principal Ac--- Primary School

Go and tell two female teachers and the chairperson to contact the Township Education Coordinator as quickly as possible.

Saw Lg---

Subject: Come and deal with the salary issue

According to the information above, for the January 2010 salary come and take it on 2.2.2010.

On 15.2.2010, the Township Education Coordinator will come and check the school, so bring the list and table as needed.

Stamp: Basic Education High School Aa--- Town Letter: ____ Date: ____ *Sd.* Principal (Ga Wa) Basic Education High School Aa--- Town, Than Daung Gyi Township

Order #38 (Toungoo District)

Date: 5.2.2010

То

Chairperson and Secretary

Come to the army camp right now.

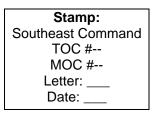
Sd. Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M--- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #39 (Dooplaya District)

Subject: Meeting invitation

We need to discuss the village security and development council so please attend the meeting with Tactical Operations Command #-- at J--- Camp (the Karen name is Ag---). We will have the meeting, so come to the meeting on February 6th 2010 at 8:00 am without fail.



Sd. . TOC Commander (Representative)

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, the TOC #-- Commander called the meeting because some local villagers had reported to local KNU/KNLA that Tatmadaw soldiers had stolen their chickens, ducks and machetes. At the meeting, the attendees were asked to inform the Tatmadaw if they heard any information about who had reported the incidents to the KNU/KNLA.

Order #40 (Toungoo District)

Date: 11.2.2010

То

Chairperson Saw Ah---

Come to the camp tomorrow at 10:30, without fail.

Sd. Camp Commander M--- Although this order letter did not identify the village to which it was sent, Order #58 below suggests that Saw Ah--- is the Chairperson of O--- village in Toungoo District.

Order #41 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 2.3.2010

То

Village head N--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

According to the information above, all gentlemen please attend the meeting on March 4th 2010, without fail.

Sd. Camp officer Aj--- Camp

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, it was issued by IB #--Battalion Commander Ai---. At the meeting on March 4th 2010, N--- villagers were ordered to inform the soldiers at Aj--- Camp if any KNLA soldiers entered N--- village.

Order #42 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: SOC #--Southeast Command Headquarters Letter: ____ Date: ____

Date: 3.3.2010 Letter No.: 1000 / 05 / U1 Frontline Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- village

То

Village head Al--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

On March 8th 2010 at 9:00 am, in the SOC Office, people who are concerned with the area development and township security, we would like to have a meeting, so concerned people from the villages and Village Peace and Development Council chairpersons, we inform you to come without fail.

Sd. SOC Commander (Representative)

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Order #43 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: SOC #--Southeast Command Headquarters Letter: ____ To Date: ____ Date: 4.3.2010 Letter Number: 1000 / 05 / U 1 Frontline Strategic Operations Command #--Ak---

Village chairperson Am--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

On March 8th 2010 at 9:00 am, in the SOC Office, people who are concerned with the area development and township security, we would like to have a meeting, so concerned people from the villages and Village Peace and Development Council chairpersons, we inform you to come without fail.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

Copy: Office accept Not accept

Order #44 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 7.3.2010

То

Village head

[I] wrote this letter from the [Aj---] camp.

Come to the camp at 6:00 am with two tractors.

Sd. Aj--- Camp

Date: 8.3.2010

The headman of N--- village told the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter that the order was issued by Tatmadaw IB #-- Battalion Commander Ai---; the villagers complied with the order and worked until 2:00 pm and were not paid for use of their tractors.

Order #45 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: #-- Infantry Battalion Column #1 Headquarters Letter: ____ Date: ____

То

N--- village head

Subject: To inform the village head, the logging machine owners and the paddy mill owners

On 10.3.2010, at 9:30, the village head, the logging machine owners and paddy mill owners have to attend a meeting in Aj--- Camp without fail.

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Sd. Column Commander (Representative) Aj--- Camp

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, subsequent to the meeting at Aj--- Camp on March 10th 2010, a tax of 100,000 kyat was levied on owners of logging machines and paddy mills in N--- village.

Order #46 (Toungoo District)

Date: 12.3.2010

Sd.

То

Chairperson, Advisor and Secretary

Come up right now.

Camp Commander Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Mvanmar order

Order #47 (Dooplaya District)

То

Village head

I ordered the chickens, why [have you] not sent them to [me]?

S*d.* Aj--- Camp

The headman of N--- village told the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter that soldiers from Tatmadaw IB #--, under the command of Battalion Commander Ai---, were operating out of Aj--- Camp when this order letter was issued.

Order #48 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 13.3.2010

Stamp: Column #2 LIB #--Letter: ____ Date: ____

To,

Chairperson B--- village Date: 12.3.2010

Subject: Informing [you] to finish making baskets quickly

According to the information in the subject line above, I have told you already to send them on the 16th but I again order you to force them [the villagers] to finish making baskets quickly as needed. In addition, the gentleman [village head] needs to look after logging machines as well.

Therefore, based on these two cases [issues] above, you need to report the information to me about how you solved them at the time you get this letter.

Sd. Column Commander LIB #--An--- village

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, this order was sent after B--had failed to comply with two previous orders issued by the Commander of Column #2 of Tatmadaw LIB #--, instructing B--- villagers to weave and deliver 50 baskets by March 10th 2010.

Order #49 (Toungoo District)

Date: 14.3.2010

То

Chairperson Na Ya Ka [Patron] Secretary

Come right now.

Although this order letter was unsigned, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #50 (Toungoo District)

То

Chairperson Na Ya Ka [Patron] Secretary

This evening come to the camp at 3:00 pm.

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #51 (Toungoo District)

Date: 20.3.2010

Date: 17.3.2010

То

The Y--- Chairperson

[I] need six fresh bunches of banana and a chicken. Send [them] with the set tha [messenger].

Sd. M--- Gate Commander

Order #52 (Toungoo District)

Date: 23.3.2010

То

Chairperson

In the morning, send six green [unripe] bunches of bananas by set tha [messenger].

Sd. Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M--- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #53 (Toungoo District)

Date: 25.3.2010

O--- [village] Chairperson

Send the chickens that I ordered from you with the set tha [messengers] who will come tomorrow. Then [I] want [you] to send six bunches of fresh bananas. For the chickens, [I] want [you] to send them as soon as possible.

Sd. M--- Gate Commander

Order #54 (Toungoo District)

Date: 28.3.2010 Sunday

To,

Ko Q----

I want 10 packs of betel leaves. I received the dry betelnut fruit, betel leaves, papaya, jackfruit, aubergines, lemons, sour leaves and papaya fruit that *A'Moe* [Auntie] came and delivered herself. I was happy and thank you so much. Tell [her] thank you from me. I wanted to send [something] for *A'Moe*. I do not have enough time to write a letter. I was very happy and thankful for what I got from *A'Moe*. I [only] get 20,000 kyat for my salary. I am temporarily broke [and cannot] buy betelnut, but tell *A'Moe* that [I] will arrange to get rice [for her]. I don't have any other things [to give to her]. I sent two packs of coffee for *A'Moe* effectively.

r

To,

That's all.

I wish all the villagers, including your and A'Moe's families, will have peace and be healthy.

Remembering the help you gave me before, I am thankful.

With respect,	<i>Sd.</i> 281300 Ao
Order #55 (Toungoo District)	
To Y Chairperson	Date: 30.3.2010
Dig for turmeric and send it by set tha [messenger].	
	<i>Sd.</i> M Camp Commander
Order #56 (Toungoo District)	Date: 30.3.2010
To O Chairperson	
Dig turmeric for <i>A'Ba</i> [Uncle] and sent it by set tha [messenger].	<i>Sd.</i> M Camp Commander
Order #57 (Toungoo District)	Date: 2.4.2010

Jate: 2.4.2010 Friday

To,

Moe Moe [Mother]

I haven't received the rice yet. There is a person here who can cook papaya, jackfruit and three other vegetables and fruits. My money will arrive soon. I will buy rice for you later when I can afford it. I received the letter and three packs of betelnut that were sent by Ko Q---. Let him know that [I] was happy that he sent me the betelnut when my betelnut was running out. I am writing and sending this letter to learn about the rice situation. Thanks to you and Ko Q--- and your families and the village.

Respectfully,

Order #58 (Toungoo District)

То

Chairperson (O--- village)

Today, come to the military camp this evening.

Sd. Camp Commander

Date: 4.4.2010

Chairperson: Saw Ah---O--- village

Order #59 (Toungoo District)

Date: 5.4.2010

То

Secretary

[I] want six bunches of fresh bananas. They are needed today and [I] also want two dry coconuts.

Sd.

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M--- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #60 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson/ Secretaryvillage

Date: 5.4.2010

Subject: Collection of population list and information

1. The villages in the campaign area of #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) have to give back the population lists and village information. The [lists] were distributed [to you] on 8th February 2010.

2. However, the last day for a copy of the list to be submitted to #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) is on 8th April 2010.

Stamp: #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) Chief of Headquarters Letter:_____ Date:____ Sd. Military Security Officer #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) Although this order letter did not identify the village to which it was sent, or the camp from which LIB #-- sent the letter, it was submitted by a KHRG researcher along with 11 other orders from Kawkareik Township, Dooplaya District, of which six were addressed to J--- village; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #61 (Dooplaya District)

Date: unspecified Letter No.: 1000/ La Ka Ya 05 / U1 Strategic Operations Command #--Ak---

Stamp: SOC #--Southeast Command Headquarters Letter No.: ____ Date:

То

Village head Al--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

On April 7th 2010, at 9:00am the Rural Development Authority concerned and the Security Development Council will participate in this issue in Ak--- village area with SOC #-- and related villages. We invite all the Village Peace and Development Council Chairmen to attend the meeting.

Sd. SOC Commander (Representative)

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While this order letter was not dated, the terms of the order indicate that it was sent before April 7^{th} 2010.

Order #62 (Toungoo District)

Date: 9.4.2010

То

То

Chairperson

Come to the camp and bring two people to carry things to Ap---.

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #63 (Toungoo District)

Date: 9.4.2010

Chairperson O--- village Both secretary and chairperson have to come to the camp in the evening.

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #64 (Toungoo District)

Stamp: Township General Administration Department Letter: ____ Date: ____

> Date: 13.4.2010 Township General Administration Department Than Daung Gyi Township – Aa--- Town

То

Chairperson/ Secretary/ [village] elders Ac--- village

Subject: Come and meet in the office [about the] issue

Section/ village tract [leaders] must come to the Aa--- Township Branch [office] for a discussion. The chairperson/ secretary and three of the elders must come and meet at the TPDC office on 15.4.2010.

Sd. Township Branch Manager (Assistant)

Date: 15.4.2010

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Office accept

Order #65 (Toungoo District)

То

Older brother

If possible, we would like you to help [send] us papaya and lemon leaves and mangos and majan fruit. [I] appreciate [people who keep] promises and honesty and you are a person who keeps promises. I knew you when I was in Aq--- before I came to the jungle and I have respect for you as you have the same Karen blood [as me] and I am happy to meet Karen people again. Now, I am so glad as before [when I was in Aq---]. I admire [Karen] older brothers' promises. I thank [you] for your help, I feel very happy. [I wish] all the villagers to be healthy and lucky.

Remembering you with all respect,

Sd. Ao---Temporary camp

Order #66 (Dooplaya District)

Development Council (TPDC) Letter: ____ Date: Au--- Township - Taxation [money] Numbers: 8,000 kyat Eight thousand kyat Letters: Subject: Cost of sewing training – to give money on April 23rd 2010 Debtor Receiver Signature: Sd. Signature: U As---U At---Name: Name: Position: Secretarv Position: Secretary Headquarters: Ar--- village Headquarters: **TPDC Office** April 15th 2010 April 15th 2010 Date: Date:

Order #67 (Toungoo District)

То

M--- Chairperson

Stamp: Township Peace and

Tomorrow at 9:00 am, send two set tha [messengers] to Ap--- camp. [I am] informing [you]. Send [them] as ordered.

Sd.

Order #68 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.4.2010

Date: 17.4.2010

То

Secretary

Come up for a moment.

Sd. Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M--- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #69 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.4.2010

Chairperson (O---)

Please dig turmeric roots and send them with the set tha [messengers] tomorrow morning.

Sd. Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M---- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #70 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.4.2010

To,

То

A'Ko [Brother]

[For you] to have a chance to read the newspaper while you drink coffee, I am sending a pack of coffee and a newspaper. If possible, I want three packs of betelnut and 10 mangos. [I] don't have anything else [to ask]. Thanks for helping [me] before. I appreciated it. Be healthy and peaceful.

With respect,

Sd. Ao---Temporary camp

Date: 20.4.2010

Order #71 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson/ Member Av--- village

Subject: Invitation to discussion

#-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB), Chairpersons, Village heads and elders from the villages in the Battalion's [military] campaign area [have] to meet and have a discussion with the Operations Commander so three people from each village have to come to #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) [headquarters] on 21.4.2010 at mid-day, at 1 pm.

Stamp: #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) Chief of Headquarters Letter:_____ Date:____

Sd. Military Security Officer #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB)

Order #72 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson/ Member Aw--- village

Subject: Invitation to discussion

#-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB), Chairpersons, Village heads and elders from the villages in the Battalion's [military] campaign area [have] to meet and have a discussion with the Operations Commander so three people from each village have to come to #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) [headquarters] on 21.4.2010 at mid-day, at 1 pm.

Stamp: #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) Chief of Headquarters Letter:_____ Date:____

Sd. Military Security Officer #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB)

Order #73 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson/ member Ax--- village

Subject: Invitation to discussion

#-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB), Chairpersons, Village heads and elders from the villages in the Battalion's [military] campaign area [have] to meet and have a discussion with the Operations Commander so three people from each village have to come to #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) [headquarters] on 21.4.2010 at mid-day, at 1 pm.

Stamp: #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) Chief of Headquarters Letter:_____ Date:_____

Sd. Military Security Officer

Order #74 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson/ Member J--- village

Subject: Invitation to discussion

#-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB), Chairpersons, Village heads and elders from the villages in the Battalion's [military] campaign area [have] to meet and have a discussion with the

Date: 20.4.2010

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Operations Commander so three people from each village have to come to #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) [headquarters] on 21.4.2010 at mid-day, at 1 pm.

Stamp:
Light Infantry Battalion
(LIB)
Chief of Headquarters
Letter:
Date:

Sd. Military Security Officer #-- Light Infantry Battalion (LIB)

Order #75 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 21.4.2010

То

Village head Ay--- village

Subject: Calling a meeting to discuss about the [Tatmadaw] camp's local security.

For the local security of Frontline Company #1 of LIB #--, come to Az--- village on April 23rd 2010, as we informed [you].

Sd. Company Commander

The village head who shared this order letter with a KHRG researcher reported that, when he attended the meeting at Az--- camp on April 23rd 2010, LIB #-- Company Commander Lh--- ordered his village to provide three big tins of rice per household to LIB #--, without fail. The village head said that the Tatmadaw did not pay for the rice; the Ay--- villagers had to deliver the rice to the LIB #-- camp one and a half hours on foot from their village, and for which some households had to send two members.

Order #76 (Toungoo District)

Stamp: Frontline Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) #--Column #1 Letter: Date: ___

Date: 24.4.2010

То

Chairperson Ab--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

We would like to have a discussion with the villages which are in the area, so Ab--- village Chairperson / Secretary or one or two elders from the village [have] to attend the meeting on 26.4.2010 at 8:00 am at Ab--- Army Camp, and are invited to come.

Sd. 24.4.2010 Army Camp Commander Ab--- Army Camp

Order #77 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:
Frontline Light Infantry Battalion
(LIB) #
Column #2
Letter:
Date:

Date: 28.4.2010

То

Chairperson Ab--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

In Aa--- Township, the Ab--- village chairperson, or if there is no secretary, people who have the duty to come to meetings, are invited to come to Aa--- Army Camp on 29.4.2010 at 13:00.

Sd. Army Camp Commander Ab--- Camp

Order #78 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 8.5.2010

To,

Chairperson B--- village tract

Subject: Asking [your] help

1. According to the information in the subject above, Frontline Infantry Battalion #-- is taking responsibility for military operations and control of the local area and development for the area of chairpersons' village.

2. During the rainy season to serve their responsibility at A--- Camp, the army's rice store and [barracks] floors need to be fixed and thatch is needed for them.

3. Therefore, [we] need 1,000 shingles of thatch. Send them to the A--- Camp on the 10th [of May 2010] and this is the help we would like to request from you.

Sd. Column Commander Officer Ba---(Representative)

Order #79 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Letter No: _____ Date: _____ SOC #-- Strategic Operations Command

Date: 9.5.2010 Letter No: 1000/05 /U#1 Frontline Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- village

То

Village Head Village Peace and Development Council X--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

According to the information above [in the subject line], Strategic Operations Command #-- on active frontline duty is inviting all of the Village Peace and Development Council chairpersons to attend the meeting on May 12th 2010 [Myanmar Calendar 1372 *Kunit, Kason Lasod* 12 *Yede*] at Ak--- army camp at 9:00 [to discuss] community development, security issues and regional security issues.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

Order #80 (Dooplaya District)

IB #-- Battalion Company #1, A--- Camp Letter 1 / 106 / U (4) Date: 10.5.2010

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

As mentioned above, we would like to invite the Chairperson and Secretary themselves to attend the meeting without fail at A--- Camp on May 14th 2010 at 9:00 am.

Sd. Camp Commander

The head of B--- village told the KHRG researcher who collected this order that, at the meeting on May 14th, the IB #-- Camp Commander asked him to provide information about the number of phones and log separating machines in his village. After providing the requested information, the village head said the camp commander instructed him that the village would be taxed for those materials. The head of B--- told KHRG's researcher that he told the IB #-- commander that the village had already been taxed by the previous column of Tatmadaw soldiers that had stayed in the village, and argued that they should not be required to pay again.

Order #81 (Dooplaya District)

То

To.

Village head

Subject: Informing you

According to the information in the letter sent by [Infantry Battalion] #-- Army Camp Commander Bb--- on 11.5.2010, we again inform your village to help and send 50 bamboo poles to them.

Sd. Village [tract] head Bc--- village tract

Order #82 (Dooplaya District)

15.5.2010

VPDC Chairperson Ay--- village

Stamp: Township Peace and

Development Council

Be---

Letter No:....

Date:

Subject: To rebuild the army camp, send the input or one letter with information.

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this letter, Ay--- village had previously been ordered by the supervisory department of Tatmadaw MOC #-- to fabricate and deliver 100 thatch shingles.

Order #83 (Pa'an District)

Date: 20.5.2010 Letter No: 5/41-46/U6 Township Peace and Development Council Bd--- City – Kayin State

To,

Chairperson Bg--- Section and Village Tract Peace and Development Council Be--- Township

Subject: Releasing the order concerning protection of the forest and the environment.

For the villagers to have awareness and provide protection to the environment in Be---Township, [we] inform you [about] the order released by the Be--- Township Peace and Development Council for the protection of the forest and the environment.

Attached: Order (1)

Sd. Chairperson [Bf---] Copy Office accept Permit to transport

The KHRG researcher who collected this order letter reported that deforestation in Bg--- village tract was not attributable to the activities of villagers, but a result of Tatmadaw, Border Guard and DKBA logging activities, which also cause damage to local villagers' farms and fences. The researcher added that he believed Tatmadaw soldiers patrolling in the area had noticed the damage caused by logging operations to villagers' farmland and other property, and had arranged for this order to be issued as a way of indirectly informing local Border Guard soldiers of the problem. As part of this order, villagers were also instructed to grow trees or bamboo in their own gardens, according to KHRG's researcher.

Order #84 (Pa'an District)

Stamp: Sub-Township General Administrative Department Bh--- Town Letter No:____ Date: Sub-Township General Administrative Department Bh--- Town, Kayin state Letter No: /1/2-8/U9

Date: 28.5.2010

To,

Chairperson and writer Bg--- section / village tract

Subject: The issue is that every village, section and village tract will make a population list of the people who are 18 and above to send to the [office].

Reference: District general administrative department, Pa'an city (21-6-2010) with letter No /3/8-1/U1.

1. The Union of Myanmar [Election] Commission will hold an election in 2010 with justice and freedom for any parties participating. We already submitted the population list of people who are 18 and above. According to the requirements of this job, we are now sending this letter with the list to every section and village tract.

(1)	7 – 10 – 2010	the population list of people who are 18 and above.
(2)	14 – 10 – 2010	
(3)	21 – 10 – 2010	
(4)	28 – 11 – 2010	
(5)	5 – 12 – 2010	
(6)	12 – 12 – 2010	

2. [The department] informs every section and village to send the list to the office without fail on 7-6-2010.

Sub-Township Governor (Bi--- /Bpa /----)

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Order #85 (Pa'an District)

Stamp: Sub-Township General Administration Department Bh--- Town Letter No: _____ Date: Sub-Township Governors Department Bh--- Town, Kayin state Letter No: 1/3-7/----Date: 28.5.2010

То

Chairperson Bg--- section / village tract / Bh--- Town branch

Subject: Military to make licenses for boats to travel on the river

1. In Bh--- Sub-Township people who have boats with [engines of] less than 20 horses [horsepower] have to come and make a license at the military camp on 15th June 2010 at 10:00 am. [You] have to come on time without fail.

2. [People] who come to be registered but who do not come on time have to be punished as we usually do.

The things that [you] have to bring are:

- A. License ID (3 Passport photos)
- B. The owner's biography (Name, Father's Name, Age, ID card No., Address)

Sub-Township Governor, Bj--- /B /4999

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То

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order document from a villager in Bg--village tract, at the beginning of each rainy season Sub-Township Governor Bj--- collects an annual tax of 15,000 kyat on each boat engine in Bg--- village tract; local BGF authorities also collect an annual tax of 30,000 kyat per engine. The researcher estimated that there approximately 30 boats to which this tax is applicable in Bg--- village tract, and added that boat engine owners who do not possess ID cards must submit recommendation letters from their village head in order to apply for a license. According to the researcher, villagers who do not apply for a boat engine license risk being fined double the cost of registration if they are caught.

Order #86 (Dooplaya District)

Village head N---

Subject: To attend the local mid-wife training

According to the information above [as in the subject line], in the gentlemen's villages all the mid-wives [must] please attend the training at Nurse Daw Bk---'s house on May 30th 2010.

[They] have to attend this training at night and come without fail. The training period is for three days from May 31st 2010 to June 2nd 2010.

Sd. Daw Naw Bk---Mid-wife J--- [Ag---] village

Although this order letter was not dated, its contents indicate that it was issued before May 30th 2010.

Order #87 (Toungoo District)

Date: 4.6.2010

То

Chairperson Ac--- village

Dear Chairperson,

When you receive this letter, send the information immediately to Aa--- Camp.

Sd.

U BI---#--- Tactical Operations Command Administration

Order #88 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #--Letter No: ____ Date:

Date: 25.6.2010 Letter No: 1000/05/U1 Frontline Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- village

То

Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council X--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

According to the information above [subject], the #-- Military Operations Group office in Ak--- will hold a meeting on 26.6.2010 at 08:30 in the morning (Myanmar calendar 1372, the first full moon in the month of Wan Soe) to discuss community development and other regional issues. So [I] invite Village Peace and Development Councils' Chairpersons to attend the meeting.

Sd. Military Operations Commander Copy

Accept by office Permission to travel.

Order #89 (Dooplaya District)

То

Ar--- (Chairperson)

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

At the Battalion office of IB #-- we will hold a meeting on 3.7.2010 at 13:00 in the afternoon. After receiving this letter come quickly without fail to the Battalion office. We respectfully invite you.

Stamp:	
IB #	
Battalion Office	
Letter:	
Date:	

Battalion office Sd. Battalion Commander's Office *Sd.*

Note: Bring with [you] what Bo Gyi has already ordered you to bring. [This note was written on the reverse of the letter]

According to the KHRG field researcher who collected this order letter, the Ar--- village head attended the meeting at the IB #-- Battalion Office in Bu--- on July 3rd 2010, along with village heads of Br---, Bs---, Bv--- and Bw---, Bt---, Bn--- and Bq--- villages. At the meeting, the IB #-- Battalion Commander ordered each village to provide five pairs of oxen for one day to plough farmland adjacent to the Bu--- Tatmadaw camp. The KHRG researcher reported that some village heads chose to pay money rather than provide oxen, due to the distance of their villages from Bu--- Camp. One village head who attended the meeting and did not want to provide his name told the KHRG researcher: "Villages that had to go very far gave money instead of the pairs of oxen. They gave 5,000 kyat, which included the cost of feeding the animals. We weren't free to go [back to Bu--- Camp] so we gave money like this."

Regarding the Tatmadaw farmland, one of the Br--- villagers who did not want to publish his name told the KHRG researcher who collected this order: "Those farms belonged to Br--- villagers and were Bo--- [Bp--- in Burmese] villagers' farms before IB #-- came and set up their camp. They came and set up their camp in our farms, and they kept the farms as the soldiers' land and used it to support the Battalion. Starting from then, the villages that are near there always have to work for them as forced labor."

The KHRG researcher further explained that when IB #-- began administering the area during a Tatmadaw offensive in Dooplaya District in 1997, the soldiers had parceled out and sold land around their camp that was not being farmed at the time; much of the land was subsequently converted into rubber plantations. Local villagers who lost their farms told KHRG's researcher that they had reported to local SPDC District authorities that their land had been taken, but that no arrangement was made for them.

Order #90 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: MOC #--Southeast Military Command Headquarters Letter: ____ Date:

> Date: 4.7.2010 Letter: 1000 /15 /U1

То

Chairperson Bx--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

According to the above issue, Military Operations Command #-- in Ak--- will hold a meeting on July 8th 2010 at 9:00 am, [Myanmar Calendar *That K'Ray 1372, on the second of Wa Soe 13*] to discuss community development and security issues for the region. [We] invite village heads and Village Peace and Development Council chairpersons to be able to attend the meeting.

Sd. Military Operations Commander (Representative)

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Order #91 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Township Peace and Development Council Letter: ____ Date:

Date: 5.7.2010, Letter: 5 /2-10 /U#9 (0190) Township Peace and Development Council Kya In Seik Kyi Township – Bz--- Town

То

Village head [From] Township Peace and Development Council in Bz--- town

Subject:To support the basic sewing training # (--)Reference to:Township Peace and Development Council office on July 5th 2010

The women's domestic career training #-- in Ca--- School was offered by the Kya In Seik Kyi Township Peace and Development Council in By--- village tract. There were eight villagers that attended the training but no one supported the teachers [with payment]. Even though we made the agreement [in a previous] letter, still no one supported [paid]. On July 6th 2010 at 3:00, we again request the *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] in this village section to support [pay for the training].

Sd. Chairman

Secretary Cb---(Representative)

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A KHRG field researcher collected this order letter from the Cc--- village head on July 7th 2010. According to the village head, a payment of 8,000 kyat was requested to cover the cost of the sewing classes. The Cc--- village head made the following statement:

"Every month, we have to go to meetings at the Township Office, and talk about only development. For us, we go and listen. They don't take [listen to] what we [want to] report, but what they want, we report it and they take it. They're talking about development but for everything, our villagers have to give [pay] the cost so we're tired of it, but we can't do anything. The money that they asked from us, we took from the villagers and we already gave it to them. We have to pay for many things each year, such as 'playing money' or 'culture money'."

Order #92 (Dooplaya District)

То

The village head N--- Village

Date: 7.7.2010

Subject: About rations for teachers [who come] from distant places

To support the teachers at J--- [Ag---] high school branch [who come from] distant places with the monthly rice ration as we have made an agreement and discussed already.

Therefore when you receive this announcement letter, please send the rice.

(a) Amount of rice	= 1 basket
(b) Date [you] have to send	= 30.7.2010
(c) Place [you] have to send	= U Cd's House

With all respect,

Education Department

Note: There are 14 teachers.

Order #93 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Kawkareik Township Commission Member Branch Kayin State Letter:_____ Date:

Date: 9.7.2010 Letter number- 1 / 2-13 / U 7 Township Commission Member Branch Kawkareik Township – Karen State

То

Chairperson J--- All (VPDC) Kawkareik Township

Subject: Invitation to the meeting ceremony

We would like to meet and discuss with Union Election Commission Members so come to the meeting ceremony without fail (without fail) that you are invited to.

Programme

Date: 13.7.2010 (Tuesday) Time: 08:00 am Place: Kawkareik Township, Township hall

People who must come:

-(VPDC) Chairperson	(1) person
-Area/village Commission Chairperson	(1) person
-(VPDC) staff (area/ village Commission Secretary)	(1) person
-Person in charge of polling station (area/ village Commission)	(1) person
-Vice-person in charge of polling station (area/ village commission)	(1) person

Sd. Chairperson (Delegate) (Ce---, Secretary)

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- Chairperson, District Commission Member Cg--- Town
- Accept by office/ permission to travel

Order #94 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:	
Southeast Command	
Headquarters	
Letter No:	
Date:	
Strategic Operations	
Command #	

Date: 13.7.2010 Letter No: 1000/ 15 /U#1 Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- village

То

Village head X--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

According to related information above, [I] request all of the Village Peace and Development Council to attend the meeting to participate with the rural development authority concerned with local area security development and the Village Peace Development Council. Attend the meeting in Ak--- camp at 9:00 on July 16th 2010, [Myanmar calendar *1372 du de yaw a son la san* [5] yed nay].

SOC Commander (Representative)

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Order #95 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 29.7.2010

All Agriculture Association Committee members – Cg--- Town All Township-level leaders from central offices – Cg--- Town Chairperson All Section/Village tract Peace and Development Council – Kawkareik Township

Subject: 2010-2011 – Growing rice in the rainy season and taking responsibility in order to be able to grow more crops according to the plan

1. To be able to grow rice and other crops in the rainy season according to the plan in 2010-2011, the Township Agriculture Negotiation group have to lead and organise, and central office leaders and staff have to go do fieldwork in the villages for themselves. People responsible for local agriculture / land records and VPDC have to lead negotiations to be able to carry out the jobs and to be able to finish growing crops during the first week of April as required for the appropriate acres in 2010-2011. The additional responsibilities are given to all village tracts.

2. We again would like to inform you that central leaders who were given responsibility, staff and village tract groups that have to manage fieldwork have to report on the development of the job every week on every Wednesday from every part of the [designated acreage] places to the TPDC (Township Peace and Development Council).

Sd. Chairperson Cf--- / Pa / ----

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Chairperson, District Peace & Development Council – Kawkareik Town District Negotiation Officer group- Kawkareik Town Myaw Sa/Leh Kar Sar Tweh

Order #96 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:	
TOC #	
MOC #	
Letter:	
Date:	

То

Date: 30.7.2010

Chairperson and Secretary

Ch--- village, all village heads on [August] 2nd at 9:00 am, come to Aa--- Operations Command without fail. If you are absent, that is your responsibility.

Sd.

Order #97 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:	
TOC #	
MOC #	
Letter:	
Date:	

То

Chairperson Ci--- village Aa--- sub-Township

Subject: Meeting invitation

Chairpersons in all the village tracts in the Aa--- sub-Township VPDC in Than Daung Gyi Township are invited to Frontline Military Operation Command [MOC] #-- Headquarters on 3 or 4.8.2010 at 09:00 am. There will be a meeting ceremony at the Township Peace and Development Council [TPDC] office so come without fail (without fail) as invited.

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Note: As soon as the letter arrives, that is the reminder for Lu Gyi Min [gentlemen] to come.

Although this order letter was not dated, its contents indicate that it was sent before August 3rd 2010.

Order #98 (Toungoo District)

Date: 5.8.2010

Ab--- Chairperson and members

- 1. To carry the rations to Cj--- [Tatmadaw camp], 30 people from Ab--- village have to start to go on August 6 at 12:00 and sleep at Ck--- village for one night and have to arrive at Cj--- on August 7 at 07:30.
- 2. After carrying, send the table [list] of the numbers of men / women to Aa---.

Stamp:	
TOC #	Sd.
MOC #	Camp Manager
Letter:	Aa Camp
Date:	

Order #99 (Toungoo District)

Date: 5.8.2010

Ch--- Chairperson and members

- 1. To carry the rations to Cj--- [Tatmadaw camp], 50 people from Ch--- village have to start to go on August 6 at 12:00 and sleep at Ck--- village one night and have to arrive at Cj--- on August 7 at 07:30.
- 2. After carrying, send the table [list] of the numbers of men / women to Aa--- [Camp].

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TOC #	Sd.
MOC #	Camp Manager
Letter:	Aa Camp
Date:	

Order #100 (Toungoo District)

Date: 9.8.2010

То

Ac--- Chairperson

As soon as you receive this letter, send the name list of the people who will carry rations to Aa---- Army Camp as soon as possible. The chairperson doesn't need to come. Set tha [messengers] can send the name list to Aa--- Camp.

Sd.

Order #101 (Papun District)

То

Chairperson,

On 11.8.2010, at 10 in the morning, there will be a meeting so come to Cn--- Camp.

Respectfully, AQ

The KHRG researcher who collected this order letter reported that the Tatmadaw-appointed headman of Cl--- village, U Co---, made the following statement when he shared this order letter:

"I received an order letter [stating] that on August 11th 2010, at ten in the morning, I had to go to a meeting at Cn--- Camp, and I went immediately as ordered. I went on time and when I attended the meeting MOC #-- [Tactical] Operation #-- Commander U Cm--- ordered all the village heads to collect lists of the width and length of every farm and orchard, and the acreage. After the meeting I went back to my village and we, all the village heads in our tract, talked with each other [and decided] that we'd lie to the Officer who ordered [information about] farms, orchards, and acreage that our Karen soldiers wouldn't allow us to send [the information], so we wouldn't send it. After our discussion about our tract, we went and talked to Officer U Cm--- and he didn't reply to us at all [and] until now we didn't send them the lists of width and acreage of hill fields, farms and orchards."

According to the KHRG researcher, copies of the order letter received by the Cl--- village head was also received by the heads of Cp--- and Cq--- villages; one of these copies was also collected by the researcher, and is included as Order #102 below.

Order #102 (Papun District)

То

Chairperson,

On 11.8.2010, at 10 am, there will be a meeting so come to Cn--- Camp.

Respectfully, AQ

Order #103 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson X--- village

Subject: Invitation to meeting

On 12th August 2010 [we] will hold the meeting at 1:00 in the afternoon at Cr--- army camp. I am informing [you] to come on 12.8.2010, and you must arrive at 1:00.

Stamp:	
Frontline LIB #	
Letter:	
Date:	
Column #2	

Sd. Column Commander (Representative)

Order #104 (Toungoo District)

Date: 13.8.2010

То

Chairperson Ch--- village [tract]

[I] am writing a letter to the Lu Gyi Min [gentleman].

As above, Military Operation Command #-- Military Headquarters wants to see the *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] so when you receive this letter, [village leaders from] Ch--- village tract such as Ab---, Ci--- and Cs-- [villages] come [to represent] each village as a chairperson.

Although this order letter was not signed, it was included in a set of 19 order letters collected by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District. The other 18 orders were either signed or appeared to have been issued by civilian or military authorities in or near Aa--- Town; therefore it is likely this letter is of similar provenance.

Order #105 (Toungoo District)

Date: 16.8.2010

То

Chairperson All Ci--- villages Aa--- Township Branch

Subject: Invitation to meeting and discussion

As the information above, Military Operation (MOC) #-- administrative headquarters want to meet and have a discussion with *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] from all the villages in the Aa--- Township Branch, so on 18.8.2010 in the morning at 10:00 am [come] to the Governor-General Office (TPDC) office. Invite more to come.

Sd. TOC #--

Order #106 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:
Township General
Administration Department
Letter:
Date:

Date: 16.8.2010 Letter: 2 / 1-7 / U 6 Township General Administration Department Thandaung Gyi Township – Aa--- Town

То

Chairperson/ VPDC Member Ci--- Village Peace and Development Council Aa--- Town Branch

Subject: Come to meet [about] the issue

The Tactical Operations Commander wants to meet and discuss with the *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] at the Aa--- Town Frontline Military Operations Command #-- Administrative Headquarters, so as soon as you receive this letter come without fail as quickly as possible.

Sd. Township Branch Governor (Representative)

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То

Office accept

Order #107 (Toungoo District)

Date: 16.8.2010

Chairpersons All villages in Ch--- village [tract] Aa--- Township Branch Subject: Invitation to meeting and discussion

As the information above, the Aa--- Township Administrative Department Branch, under Military Operations [Command] #--, would like to have a discussion with all village chairpersons and *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] so on 18.8.2010 at 10:00 am, come without fail to the Governor's TPDC office. You are invited.

Sd. TOC #--

Order #108 (Toungoo District)

Stamp: Township General Administration Department Letter: ____ Date: ____

> Date: 16.8.2010 Letter: 2 / 1-7 /U6 Township General Administration Department Than Daung Gyi Township – Aa--- Town

То

To Chairperson/ VPDC Member Ch--- Village Peace and Development Council Aa--- Town Branch

Subject: Come to meet [about] the issue

The Tactical Operations Commander wants to meet and discuss with the *Lu Gyi Min* [gentlemen] at the Aa--- Town Frontline Military Operations Command #-- Administrative Headquarters, so as soon as you receive this letter come without fail as quickly as possible.

Sd. Township Branch Governor (Representative)

Copy: - Office accept

Order #109 (Toungoo District)

Date: 19.8.2010

То

Ac--- Chairperson

Now, as soon as you receive this letter, [come] to Aa--- Army Camp. Chairperson/ secretary/ one of elders bring [their] ID card to Aa--- Army Camp to meet.

Aa--- Army Commander Sd.

Order #110 (Toungoo District)

Stamp: Tactical Operations Command #--Military Operations Command #--Letter: ____ Date: ___

То

Date: 19.8.2010

Chairperson (or) members Ac--- village

Subject: Meeting issue

As the above information, Aa--- Township Branch, Ac--- village (VPDC) Chairperson [must] come and meet with Military Operations Commander, so as soon as [you] receive this letter, do come.

Although this order letter was not signed, it was included in a set of 19 order letters collected by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District. The other 18 orders were either signed or appeared to have been issued by civilian or military authorities in Aa--- Town; therefore it is likely this letter is of similar provenance.

Order #111 (Papun District)

20.8.2010

Stamp:
Peace and Development
Council
Cn village tract

То

Chairperson, Cq---,

Subject: *A'Ba* [Uncle] Strategic Operations Commander is ordering [you] to send a list of farms, plantations orchards and lands.

According to the above issue, in your areas, list the farm owners, plantation owners and the exact width of their farms or plantations and send them as quickly as possible. That is the order of the SOC [Strategic Operations Command].

Note: Send them without fail. That is an order.

Sd. Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council Cn--- village tract (Ka Ma Maung Township branch) Papun Township

Order #112 (Dooplaya District)

То

Village head Ay--- village

To know the village situation and the camp situation on the dates we mention below, send one *set tha* [messenger] every day to inform us and [let us] know about the situation.

- 1. September 22nd 2010
- 2. September $26^{\text{th}} 2010$
- 3. September 31st 2010
- 4. October 5th 2010
- 5. October 10th 2101
- 6. October 15th 2010
- 7. October 9th 2010
- 8. October 25th 2010

Note: 1. Send set tha on those dates without fail.

2. If you want the girl named Ma Cu--- to attend the health care training, concerned persons should send the *set tha* to inform [us]. Send the letter [to me] by *set tha*.

Sd. Company Commander Az--- army camp

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, Ay--- villagers did not comply with the above order to provide information to IB #-- Commander Ct---, based at Az--- camp, and Ma Cu--- could not attend the health care training that was offered. The KHRG researcher reported that, as punishment for their failure to send letters and provide information to Az--- camp, the Ay--- villagers were ordered to send vegetables to Az--- camp every week.

Order #113 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 26.8.2010

То

Chairperson

As a friend, I am writing this letter to you. There is no special issue. We are informing you that if our Cv--- Camp materials or rations come to Ak--- Chairperson's [your] village, don't keep it [there] very long; send it [to us] as quickly as possible. The important thing is that you have to send the rations as quickly as possible when they arrive in Chairperson's [your] village. Respectfully, we write this letter.

With friendly [regards], Cv--- Camp

Sd. Camp Manager

Order #114 (Papun District)

Date: 29.8.2010

То

Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council Cz--- and Cy--- villages

Chairpersons of two villages, we [are] asking for help. Bring 200 thatch shingles on 1st September 2010 to the army camp. The same day at 11:00 we will have a meeting with all of the chairpersons.

Sd. 1730 Camp commander Cx--- village

The SPDC headman of Cz--- village gave this order letter to a KHRG researcher on September 3^{rd} 2010, and made the following statement:

"As I am an SPDC village head, I have responsibility. On August 29th 2010, I received the SPDC order letter and it said Cz--- village and Cy--- villages had to make 200 thatch shingles for them. They needed to be sent on September 1st 2010 to Cw--- army camp, and directly [after delivering the thatch] we'd have to attend the meeting. As the order shows, the two villages had to combine together. They ordered thatch from villagers, so villages had to go and carry 200 thatch shingles to Cw--- army camp. The thatch that they ordered was their demand: they didn't give us any price [payment] for this thatch. Also, in the meeting, they said that whenever they need bamboo or thatch, they'll order them from us and we have to fulfil [the order] for them every time they order. If we don't do it even once, they'll give us punishment and we'll have to accept it."

Order #115 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 4.9.2010

То

Village head U Db---

A'kyaw [I] wrote you this letter to thank you for your performance. The child was very good, let them do as they want. Now I have run out of money; I sent 2,000 kyat and thank you. If you have pork in your village, I want you to send me three *viss* [4.8 kg. / 10.56 lb.] to Az--- / Da--- by set tha [daily messenger]. The other 1,000 kyat, I will send back with the set tha. Tell U Dc---, when his son-in-law comes back, please ask him to come to see me for a little while. If you have manure beside your village please send me two *viss* by *set tha*. If it is not convenient, please write a letter to let me know, but thank you for coming. If you have any different news, just let us know.

Sd. Company Commander Az--- Camp

U Db--- is the headman of Ay--- village, Dooplaya District; he told the KHRG researcher with whom he shared this order letter that it was issued by Tatmadaw IB #--, and that his village did not comply with the demands to provide pork and manure to the Tatmadaw.

Order #116 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 7.9.2010

Stamp: Myanmar Country Police Force Southern Bp--- Police Camp Kawkareik Township

То

Village head Bc--- village

Subject: informing you to come and meet me without fail

[We] need to discuss the information regarding working with you on 9th September 2010, at 9:00 am at the police camp. [We] inform you to come without fail.

Sd. Camp Commander Bp--- Southern Police Office Kawkareik Township

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, the order was issued by South Bp--- Police Camp Commander, Dd--- and the September 9th meeting was attended by local village tract leader U De---.

Order #117 (Toungoo District)

Date: 18.9.2010

То

Chairperson, Na Ya Ka [Patron] and Secretary

[I] need five green [unripe] coconuts. Send them to [us].

Sd. Camp Commander

[Also] send me the lists of cows, oxen, mares and male horses.

Order #118 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 22.9.2010 Letter number 1 / 2-13/U 7 Township Commission Member Branch Cg--- Town, Karen State

То

Stamp: Kawkareik Township

Commission Group

Karen State

Letter:____

Date:

Chairperson Village Peace and Development Council J---

Subject: To attend training about ballot issue

To be able to hold the election in Kawkareik Township on 7.11.2010 we have to discuss with people who are in charge of the polling station [so that they] know and take their responsibility [for the election] to go smoothly as in the programme below. Come without fail (without fail). That is our invitation.

Training date: 29-9-2010 (Wednesday) Training time: 10:00 am Training place: Df--- High School

People who have to come:

1. (VPDC) chairperson and members, all area/ village commission members, in charge of polling station, vice in charge of polling station and all polling station members [taking care of] security.

Note: The person in charge of the polling station [must bring an] instruction book and notebook.

Sd. Chairperson Township Commission Member Branch Cg--- Town

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- Chairperson, Township Peace and Development Council Cg--- Town
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Order #119 (Dooplaya District)

То

Chairperson J--- village

Subject: Invitation to discussion

According to the above information, we would like to have a discussion with the village chairpersons. Bring village information [with you] to LIB #-- on 25.9.2010 at 12:00 pm. Come without fail. If you fail [to come], that is your responsibility.

Stamp: Light Infantry Battalion #--Chief of Headquarters

Date: 22.9.2010 Place: Df---

Sd. Military Security Officer Light Infantry Battalion #--

Order #120 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 25.10.2010

Stamp:
Letter:
Date:
LIB #
Battalion Office

То

Chairperson Dg--- village

I write this letter to you respectfully. We need fence posts for repairing A--- camp. I am asking for help from you to help [supply to] me fifty fence posts. Each post [must be] ten cubits long. Those fence posts must be in the camp on 2nd September 2010.

Respectfully,

Sd. Officer Dh---Camp Commander A--- Camp

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, the Dg--- villagers prepared the fifty fence posts and sent them to A--- camp on November 2nd 2010 using three carts belonging to U Dk---, U Dj--- and U Di---. The researcher added that the owners were not paid for the use of their carts during the three-hour journey.

Order #121 (Dooplaya District)

State Peace and Development Council DI--- Town

Date: 2.11.2010 Myanmar calendar 10th of *Thadingyut* 1347

The order of tasking [sharing] responsibilities for the organisations

Subject: Taking [sharing] responsibilities between work committee groups

Objective: Dm--- village Peace and Development Council Letter No. 14-18-2010

In Dm--- village tract, 2010-2011, the funding and borderline development committees have to implement the following bridges:

Dn--- Bridge between mile posts marked 24/1 and 24/2 and the measurements of the bridge are 2x10x12 [feet];

Do--- Bridge between mile posts marked 24/3 and 24/4 and the measurements of the bridge are 10x10x12 [feet];

Dp--- Bridge between 25/2 and 25/3 and the measurements of the bridge are 20x10x12 [feet];

Dq--- Bridge between 25/5 and 25/6 and the measurements of the bridge are 5x10x7

Dr--- Bridge between 25/7 and 26/0 and the measurements of the bridge are 6x10x7

To finish up building all five total bridges, the responsibilities are given to the committee group as follows:

U Ds---, a monk from eastern monastery, advisor

U Dt---, a monk from western monastery, advisor Officer Du---, [Tatmadaw] Border Guard, advisor U Dv---, Chairperson, Dm---, VPDC Chairperson. U Dw---, elder, Dm--- village, Deputy Chairperson. U Dx---, Dm--- village, VPDC member. U Dy---, Dm--- village, VPDC member. U Dz---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ea---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Eb---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ec---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ed---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ee---, elder, Dm--- village, member. Ef---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Eg---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Eh---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ei---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U Ej---, Nga Yay staff [someone who organises people to work], member. U Ek---, elder, Dm--- village, member. U El---, elder, Dm--- village, member, Bo Em---, [Tatmadaw] Border Guard, member. U En---, elder, Dm--- village, secretary. U Eo---, elder, Dm--- village, assistant secretary.

Job responsibilities

1. Every Friday, job committees need to report materials those they need to the office in order to start doing the work.

2. Job committees have to organise to get specific bridges' records, to get materials at the work place on time, to finish up building bridges as time limited and to report what you have done the job. We would like to inform you that you have to report them every end of the month to the office.

Sd. Chairperson

Letter# 300/3-36/Township Peace & Development Council Date: 2.11.2010

Distribution: Committees Offices

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District Peace and Development Council, Ep--- Town, Ep--- Town Area Development and Administration Office.

According to the local source that shared this order with a KHRG researcher, the 23-member committee listed in the letter was instructed to begin work on the five bridges on December 1st 2010, and to finish by February 28th 2011. The source added that a Tatmadaw Major from Ep---, U Er---, who was also DI--- Township Chairperson, had said that 53 million kyat would be provided to cover construction costs, but that only cement and nails were provided. The remaining rocks, bricks and sand for the bridge construction were provided by civilians: the source that shared this letter with KHRG estimated the cost of these materials at 50 million kyat. On December 5th 2010, the source that shared this letter reported that Township Development Council members U Es--- and Eq---, engineering officer U Et---, and unidentified individuals briefly visited and observed one of the construction sites.

Order #122 (Papun District)

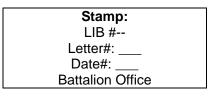
Date: 2.11.2010

То

Village head Cl--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

[We are] informing the village head to come to a meeting on November 5th 2010 to discuss the camp development.



The village head who received this order letter told the KHRG researcher who collected the letter:

"When I attended the meeting in Ev---, the [Tatmadaw] Military Intelligence commander Saw Eu--- said: 'Because the KNLA soldiers destroyed the bridge and the road, I can't transport the food [rations]. So the villagers have to come and repair [the bridge] for us.' They asked for eight villagers. After the meeting, I came back home and called the villagers to a meeting. I told the villagers not to go to repair the bridge for the SPDC. [I said]: 'When you hear the SPDC is coming, try to run away, and I'll solve the problem from behind.' So, the villagers didn't go and also we didn't face a problem."

Order #123 (Papun District)

Date: 14.11.2010

То

Village head Cl---

Subject: To repair the bridge in addition to informing you again

We already informed you, [regarding] the relevant villages, to repair the bridges quickly but until now no one has come, so that is why we are additionally informing you again.

On November 15th 2010, the villagers have to come without fail. If the villagers default we will recognise you as enemies and will punish you as a result.

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Letter#:
Date#:
Battalion Office

Battalion Commander Ev--- Army camp The village head who received this order letter told the KHRG researcher who collected the letter:

"On November 14th 2010, I received an order letter from the SPDC [Tatmadaw]. They asked the village to repair the bridge for them. In LIB #--, the commander's name is Ew---. He wrote in the letter that, on November 15th 2010, we had to be available to go and repair the bridge, without fail; and if the villagers didn't come on the ordered date, they'd recognise us as their enemies. But the villagers did not go as ordered, and now the SPDC Army [Tatmadaw] are transporting food [rations]. The villagers didn't go and repair it for them; they [Tatmadaw soldiers] repaired the bridge by themselves. Because the villagers didn't repair the bridge, I warned the villagers not to use the bridge, and now we always have to be careful. Now when the villagers go to work they have to be careful, and at night-time they don't dare to sleep at home and have to sleep at the jungle."

Order #124 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 15.11.2010 Letter# 1000/15/U#1 Frontline Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- [village]

То

Village head X--- village

Subject: Invitation to attend a meeting

According to the related information above in the subject [line], the SOC #-- in Ak--- is inviting the VPDC Chairmen to attend a meeting to participate with rural development authorities concerned with security for the local area. We will have the meeting with all the villages related to the Village Peace and Development Council [VPDC] Chairmen, on November 16th 2010, [Myanmar calendar 1372 *ta'zawn mone la zan* (10) *yed nay*].

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

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Order #125 (Toungoo District)

Date: 16.11.2010

То

Village head Y--- [village] O---

The village heads of the two villages, Y--- and O---, have to send eight villagers on November 17th 2010, at 08:00 to come to Htee Bu camp.

[Send] four villagers from Y--- village [Send] four villagers from O--- village Total: Eight villagers

Sd. November 16th 2010 M--- Camp

Order #126 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 23.11.2010

То

Chair Person Ey--- village

Subject: Asking for bamboo poles

As the reason above, I would [like to] request [from] you that I want 200 bamboo poles, and send them to A--- Camp on the 1st of December 2010.

Respectfully,

Sd. Officer Ex---

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, it was issued by Officer Ex--of Column #2 of LIB #--. The villagers used four ox-carts to deliver 200 poles ten cubits in length to A--- camp, a two hour journey, on December 2nd 2010; the KHRG researcher reported that the owners were not paid for use of their carts.

Order #127 (Papun District)

Date: 23.11.2010 09:30

То

Chairperson Eastern Fb--- village

A meeting will be held tomorrow on 24.11.2010 at Fd--- army camp at 11:00 am. You are invited to come without fail.

Sd. Fd--- Camp Commander BG [Bo Gyi] Ez---

Camp Commander Ez---LIB #-- under Bo Mu Fa---

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, the Chairpersons of both the western and the eastern sections of Fb--- village (Fc--- in Karen) were instructed to attend the meeting, but only one complied. Fe---, one of the chairpersons, said that at the meeting LIB #-- officer Ez--- ordered the fabrication and delivery of 150 bamboo poles, to be used to make repairs to the Tatmadaw camp at Fd---.

Order #128 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Letter No: _____ Date: _____ Strategic Operations Command #--

Date: 27.11.2010 Letter No: 100 /20/U1 Strategic Operations Command #-- Group Ak--- village

То

Chairperson Ak--- village

Subject: Meeting Invitation

- On December 1st 2010 at 10:00 the Strategic Operations #-- Commander from Ak--camp will hold a meeting with villages' heads [in the area] under Strategic Operations #--Command.
- 2. According to the above information, we inform the village's Chairpersons or Secretary to come to the meeting.

Sd. 27/11 Military Operations Commander (Representative)

Copy -Accepted by office

Order #129 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 27.11.2010 Letter No: 100/20/U1 Strategic Operations Command #--Ak--- village

Stamp:
Southeast Command
Headquarters
Letter No:
Date:
Strategic Operations
Command #

То

Chairperson Ey--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

- 1. On 1.12.2010 at 10:00 am, in Ak--- Camp, there will be a meeting with the village heads under Strategic Operation Command #--.
- 2. According to the above information, we inform the village chairpersons or secretaries to come to the meeting. When you come, please bring 100 bamboo poles with you.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander

Copy: - Office accept / not accept

Order #130 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:	
Southeast Command	
Headquarters	
Letter No:	
Date:	
Strategic Operations	
Command #	

Date: 27.11.2010 Letter No: 100 / 20 / U1 Strategic Operations Command #-- Group Ak--- village

То

Chairperson Ff--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

- 1. On 1.12.2010 at 10:00 am, in Ak--- Camp, there will be a meeting with the village heads under the Strategic Operation Command #--.
- 2. As the above information, we inform the village's Chairpersons or Secretary to come to the meeting.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

Copy:

- Office accept / not accept

Order #131 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Letter No: _____ Date: _____ Strategic Operations Command #--

Date: 27.11.2010 Letter No.: 100 / 20 / U 1 Strategic Operations Command #--Ak---

То

Chairperson X--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

1. On 1.12.2010 at 10:00 am in Ak--- Camp there will be a meeting with the village heads under Strategic Operation Command #--.

2. According to the information above, we are informing the villages' Chairpersons or Secretaries to come to the meeting. When you come please bring 100 bamboo poles with you.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

Copy:

- Office accept / not accept

Order #132 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 29.11.2010

То

Village head

Subject: Invitation

As [you were] informed in the Camp Commander Fg---'s letter on 18th November 2010, you have to attend the meeting at the Southern Bp--- military camp, so we are ordering you again.

Sd. Village head Bc--- village tract

Order #133 (Papun District)

То

Western Fb--- village head

Come to the meeting at Fd--- monastery on Thursday December 2nd 2010 without fail. Come along with the Eastern Fb--- village head.

Camp commander Fd--- army camp

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, this letter was sent as a follow-up to a previous letter issued by LIB #-- Column Commander Ez---, ordering the Chairpersons of both the western and eastern sections of Fb--- village (Fc--- in Karen) to attend a meeting at Fd--- Monastery on November 24th 2010, with which one of the village heads failed to comply (see Order #127 above). Fe---, one of the village headmen, reported that the camp commander repeated the demand for the preparation and delivery of 150 bamboo poles that had been made at the November 24th meeting.

Order #134 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Letter#:____ Date:____ Strategic Operations Command #--

Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #--Letter: ____ Date: ____ Date: 8.12.2010

Letter No. 100/20/U 1 Ak--- village

То

Chairperson Ak--- villages

Subject: Send 100 bamboo poles [from each village]

- 1. To repair Ak--- camp, 1,300 bamboo poles are needed.
- 2. To negotiate and ask [for the poles] from villages under Ak--- camp, each village [must] deliver 150 bamboo poles.

Note: Send the 150 [sic] bamboo poles without fail on 11.12.2011.

Sd. Strategic Operations Commander (Representative)

Copy Accepted by office/.....

Order #135 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:
Southeast Command
Headquarters
Letter No:
Date:
Strategic Operations
Command #

Date: 8.12.2010 Letter No: 100/20/ U 1 Strategic Operations Command #-- Group Ak--- village

То

Chairperson Ey--- village

Subject: To send 150 bamboo poles

We need 1,300 bamboo poles to repair the army camp in eastern Ak--- village. Because of this issue, we want each village under the [control of the] Ak--- army camp to help by providing 150 bamboos to us.

Note: The deadline to send 150 bamboo poles is December 11th 2010.

Sd. . Strategic Operations Commander

Сору

То

Official copy/Interdepartmental circular letter

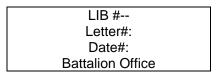
Order #136 (Papun District)

Date: 12.12.2010

Village head Fh--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

According to the information above, in order to develop the area [under the control of the] camp, we have to discuss an issue so [we are] informing you to come on December 15th 2010 at 10:00am.



The Fh--- village head who received this order letter told the KHRG researcher who collected the letter:

"On December 12th 2010, I received an order letter from the SPDC Army [Tatmadaw]. The letter was about attending a meeting at Ev--- army camp, and when the day came, on December 15th, we had to attend the meeting and I went to the meeting. When I arrived there, the SPDC Military Intelligence commander named Saw Eu--- asked me, 'I asked you to come and repair the bridge. Why haven't you come?' As I take responsibility as the village head, I have to solve these problems by myself. [So] I lied to the SPDC commander that the KNU soldiers [KNLA] wouldn't let the villagers go. When I informed him like that, he didn't say anything and he let me go home. I didn't face any problem and I came back to my village smoothly."

Order #137 (Papun District)

То

Village head Cl---

Date: 12.12.2010

Subject: Meeting invitation

To discuss the above information in order to develop the places [under the control of] Ev--- camp. [We are] informing you to come on December 15th 2010, at 10:00.

Stamp:	
LIB #	
Letter#:	
Date#:	
Battalion Office	

The head of CI--- village told the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter that he did not comply with the order to attend the meeting on December 15th.

Order #138 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 14.12.2010

Stamp: Myanmar Country Police Force Bp--- Southern Police Office Kawkareik Township

То

Village head Bc--- village

Subject: Informing you to come and meet me for a while

We need to discuss the information regarding working with you at 9:00 am on 16th December 2010. [We] inform you that you should come without fail.

Sd. Camp Commander Southern Bp--- Police Camp Kawkareik Township

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, the order was written by South Bp--- police camp Commander Dd---; the December 16th meeting was attended by U De---, the local village tract leader, instead of the Bc--- village head.

Order #139 (Thaton District)

То

Fi--- Village Chairperson

On 17.12.2010, Friday morning at 8 o'clock in Fd--- monastery [we will] discuss about making [building] the road. Come without fail.

Camp Commander Fd--- Camp

Although this order letter was undated, its contents suggest that it was sent in the days preceding December 17th 2010. According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order from the head of Fi--- village on December 22nd 2010, the order was written by the Fd--- Camp Commander Fa---, who is an officer in LIB #-- of Tatmadaw MOC #--. According to the Fi--- village head, his village was ordered to begin work on December 25th 2010 and complete the work within five days.

Order #140 (Papun District)

То

Village head Cl--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

Date: 2.1.2011

According to the information above regarding camp security, we need to discuss and [are] informing you to come for a meeting at 10:00 am on January 3rd 2011.

Sd. Ev--- Camp

The village head who received this order letter told the KHRG field researcher who collected this order:

"When I got this letter I felt afraid because the villagers didn't go and repair the bridge as they had asked. I worried to attend the meeting this time but I decided to go even if they killed me. When I attended the meeting Commander Ew--- said, 'From now on, your villagers [whether] male or female aren't allowed to travel on the vehicle road or walk on the road. If we see them, we'll shoot every one of them with our guns.' When I came back I told the villagers not to use the vehicle road. The villagers don't dare to cross the road, and they can't go to plant their vegetables [such as] long beans, and their bean [crops] are destroyed."

Order #141 (Papun District)

Date: 2.1.2010

То

Village head Fh--- Village

Subject: Meeting invitation

According to the information above regarding discussing camp security, we inform you to come on January 3rd 2010 at 10:00 am.

S*d.* Ev--- camp

The village head who received this order letter told the KHRG field researcher who collected this order:

"On January 2nd 2011, the SPDC [Tatmadaw] order letter came to me to attend a meeting in Ev--- camp, and it said I had to attend the meeting on January 3rd 2011. When the time came I went to the meeting. In the meeting, the Battalion Commander Ew--- said 'This is the time we're transporting food [rations] on the vehicle road. I order the villagers not to use the vehicle road to travel. If I see any of the villagers travelling or walking beside the road, I'll recognise them as our enemies and punish them as I want.' After the SPDC Battalion Commander Ew--- established this order, the villagers have faced different kinds of problems. They're not allowed to go to their farms, [so] no one looks after the things at their farms, so everything at the farms are [at risk of being] destroyed."

Order #142 (Dooplaya District)

То

Stamp:
Southeast Command
Headquarters
Strategic Operations
Command #
Letter:
Date:

Chairperson Ak--- village

Date: 4.1.2011

Subject: Invitation for the meeting

- 1. The Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #-- [at Ak--camp] invites [you] to attend the meeting without fail on 9.1.2011 to discuss villages' development, road and communication, health and education issues.
- 2. When [you] come to the meeting, bring along with [you] 150 bamboo poles at the same time, [I am] asking for [your] help.

Sd. Strategic Operations Commander (Representative)

Order #143 (Dooplaya District)



То

Chairperson Ey--- village

Subject: Meeting invitation

Date: 4.1.2011

- 1. The Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #-- at Ak--army camp, on 2011 January 9, we would like to have meeting [with you] to discuss community development, roads and communication, healthcare and education issues, so we invite you to come without fail.
- 2. If you attend the meeting, we ask [for your] help to bring with [you] 150 bamboo poles.

Sd. Strategic Operations Commander (Representative)

Order #144 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #--Letter No: ____ Date:

То

Chairperson Ff---

Subject: Invitation for the meeting.

Date: 4.1.2011

- 1. The Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #-- at Ak--- camp will hold a meeting on January 9, 2011 to discuss community development, roads and communication, health, and education issues. We invite you to come without fail.
- 2. I ask for your help to bring along with [you] 25 [wooden] posts and 100 shingles of thatches for the roof [of the camp] when you come to the meeting.

Sd. Strategic Operations Commander (Representative)

Order #145 (Dooplaya District)

То

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Strategic Operations Command #--Letter:____ Date: ____

> Chairperson Ak--- village

Subject: Asking for [your] help to send things

Date: 8.1.2011

[I] am asking for help from *Lu Gyi Min* [village head and village elders] village to deliver 25 wooden posts and 100 thatch shingles for the Strategic Operations Group at Ak---.

Sd. Strategic Operation Commander (Representative)

Order #146 (Dooplaya District)

То

Village head

Date: 8.1.2010

Ey--- village

Stamp: Southeast Command Headquarters Letter#:_____ Date:

Strategic Operations Command #--

Subject: Request for help to send things

The *Lu Gyi Min* [gentleman] we request you to send 25 [wooden] fence posts and 100 thatch shingles for Ak--- camp in one week. Requested by SOC #--.

Sd. Strategic Operations Commander (Representative)

Order #147 (Papun District)

Confidential

Stamp: #-- Light Infantry Battalion Battalion Office

> Date: 18.2.2011 Letter No: 341/ 014/ U 1 Light Infantry Battalion #--Fj--- Town

То

Township Peace and Development Council Fj--- Town

Subject: Announcement of a small gun check [firing test].

- LIB #-- will have a small gun check [firing test] and on 19th February 2011, at 06:00 am, LIB #-will start the small check [firing test].
- 2. Because of this we inform all villagers, buffalos and cows not to travel during the time when [soldiers] are testing [their] guns.

Battalion Commander (Representative)

Copy: Strategic Operations Command group (based in) Papun #-- Light Infantry Battalion #-- Soldiers' Material Platoon Chairperson (Fk---/ FI---/ Fm---) villages Official document letter

Confidential

Order #148 (Nyaunglebin District)

Stamp:	
Village Peace and	
Development Council	
Letter No:	
Date:	
Kyauk Kyi Township	
Fn village tract	

Date: 18.2.2011

The recommendation

Name.	Age.	Father's name.	Address.
U Fo	65	U Fp	Fu
Daw Fq	65	Fr	Fu
Ko Fs	35	U Fo	Fv
Ft	32	U Fo	Fu

To allow [the above villagers] in Fw--- to harvest the beans, this is a true recommendation letter [granting travel permission] from 18.2.2011 to 18.3.2011.

Sd. Village Peace and Development Council Fn--- village tract, Kyauk Kyi Township

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this document, the document is a one-month travel permission document for a household in Fn--- village tract. The villager who shared this document with KHRG's researcher explained that local Tatmadaw authorities require every household in the area to pay 3,500 kyat per month for permission to travel to and from their agricultural projects. The villager said that the villagers feel they must pay, because the Tatmadaw have threatened to confiscate the farms of any household that does not obtain travel permission documents.

Order #149 (Papun District)

Stamp: Sub-Township General Administration Department Fx--- Sub-Township

Date: 27.3.2011 Letter number: 5/ 5-5/ U 6 Sub-Township General Administration Department Fx--- Town

То

Village head Fy---

Subject: Come to meeting

Concerning the Village Administration issues, according to the programme below, we inform you to come without fail to a meeting.

Date: 29.3.2011, Tuesday Time: 10:00 am Place: Sub Township General Administration Department Fx--- Town

> Sub-Township Administrator U Fz--- (P/----)

Copy: Document letter/ Myaw

Order #150 (Dooplaya District)

Date: 8.7.2011

То

U Sa---

I am Captain Ga---. I invite Uncle [you] and [your] family to come back to J--- village. The village has become peaceful now. [Consider] for [your] children's education. Captain Gb--- is not getting angry. Now, our *t'bpyi* [follower] already arrived back to his family. Nothing is happening. Our Commander [said] to come back and play checkers.

Ga---J--- camp

[Other side of the paper]

То

U Sa--- and his wife, sons and daughters

Dear U Sa----

I invite you to come back.

U Sa--- and your family, come back and stay in J--- village. The soldiers in the village will not give you trouble. The main important people [who were arrested] are *A'Poe* and *A'Pwa* [grandfather and grandmother] U Gc--- and Daw Gd--- and the army didn't give them trouble and treated them well and released them. *Htan thee kyay khaik kyi nay khaik lauk tha*. The responsibility is on U Sa---. There is no danger and no problem. According to the law, we are the people who have responsibility to protect civilian and villagers. Our responsibility is to keep peace and tranquillity in the village and the prevalence of law and order. The further education of [your] sons and daughter is important. So, for me, I invite you come back and stay in J--- village as soon as possible.

With friendly regards,

Sd. Police Camp Commander J--- Police Camp

For context to these order letters, see: "Dooplaya Interview: U Sa---, July 2011," KHRG, July 2011. The bulletin contains the transcript of an interview with U Sa---, who described how his family and other residents of Pa--- village faced threats and abuses from Tatmadaw soldiers after local DKBA forces captured a Tatmadaw soldier at his home on June 15th 2011. U Sa---

Date: 8.7.2011

described the following abuses: threats to burn or shell civilian areas: shelling of civilian areas: indiscriminate use of small arms in civilian areas; the taking of civilians as hostages; threats to kill civilians; and the imposition of movement restrictions, including threats to shoot villagers violating restrictions on sight. U Sa--- explained that he and his family fled Pa--- on June 16th to

Order #151 (Toungoo District)

Orders #151-157 and 161-166 from M--- Tatmadaw camp in Toungoo District were not dated, but were submitted to KHRG with 67 other forced labour order letters from M--- and other areas of Toungoo District dated between December 2009 and September 2010, and they are therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #152 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

M--- village 68 bowls [of rice]. Each bowl must contain eight milk tins [of rice].

Gf--- village 15 bowls [of rice].

Na Ya Ka [Patron] and Secretary

Come up for a moment after you have finished eating rice.

Y--- village 19 bowls [of rice].

O--- [village] 35 bowls [of rice].

Ge--- village 9 bowls [of rice].

While this order letter was undated and did not identify the Tatmadaw camp from which it was sent, it was received by KHRG with 67 other forced labour order documents sent from M--- and other areas of Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #153 (Toungoo District)

То

To

Secretary

Come up quickly after you receive this letter.

Sd. M--- Camp

Order #154 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

То

Chairperson

Date: unspecified

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Date: unspecified

avoid these threats; as of July 3rd, they did not yet feel safe to return to their home. The above letters indicate that U Sa--- and his family continued to remain in hiding until at least July 8th.

I ordered you [to send] fresh bananas and chickens. When will we have them? Tell me. We need them quickly.

Sd. M--- Camp Commander

Order #155 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

Secretary U Gg---

То

То

You have to come up now. Bo Gyi [Captain] is waiting.

M--- Camp

Order #156 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

Secretary

For turmeric plants, dig roots including six inches of turmeric, and give it to those who will come as set tha [messengers].

M--- Camp

Order #157 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

Y--- [village] Chairperson U Gh---

Send the information to the camp. A'Ba Gyi [Older Uncle] Operations Commander ordered you.

Sd. Camp Commander

Although this order letter did not identify the Tatmadaw camp from which it was sent, 11 other orders issued to Y--- village and collected in this submission were sent from M--- Camp; it is therefore likely this letter is of similar provenance.

Order #158 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

То

Secretary

What is happening with you? Right now, come at once. Don't make me angry. Important.

That's all.

	Order #159 (Toungoo District)	Date: unspecified
Y village Chairperson	Send six green [unripe] bunches of bananas.	
		<i>Sd.</i> M Camp
Y Chairperson	Order #160 (Toungoo District)	Date: unspecified
Come at on	ce as soon as [you] get this letter. We have a meeting. Come without fail.	<i>Sd.</i> M Camp

Order #161 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

То

Chairperson – Secretary

I need five bottles of [palm] toddy sap. I will send 2,000 kyat. Send it to [me] without fail.

Sd.

Although this order letter was undated and did not indicate from which Tatmadaw camp it was issued, it was received along with 67 other Tatmadaw or other Republic of the Union of Myanmar order documents gathered by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010. Furthermore, it bore the same distinctive signature identified as that of the M--- Camp Commander in Orders #10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26, 28 and 34 above. It is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #162 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

То

Secretary

With the set tha [daily messenger] who will come now, please [we want] to hire a cane ball and net for two days.

Sd. Camp Commander at M--- Camp

Order #163 (Toungoo District)

Y----

Chairperson

Send the chicken that [I] have asked for.

Sd. M--- Checkpoint Commander

Date: unspecified

Order #164 (Toungoo District)

Chairperson Every day when the set tha [messenger] comes, send cow manure along with him.

M--- Camp

Order #165 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

Date: unspecified

Na Ya Ka [Patron], U Gg---

Send me the household chart after you have made it.

Sd. High ground [elevated] camp

Order #166 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

Secretary, *Na Ya Ka* [Patron] Come up quickly.

While this order letter was undated and did not identify the Tatmadaw camp from which it was sent, it was received by KHRG with 67 other forced labour order documents sent from M--- and other areas of Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #167 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

To Y--- Chairperson Secretary

Come up quickly now.

Although this order letter did not identify the Tatmadaw camp from which it was sent, 11 other orders issued to Y--- village and collected in this submission were sent from M--- Camp; it is therefore likely this letter is of similar provenance.

То

Order #168 (Toungoo District)

Date: unspecified

To Chairperson

Come and send [it] now. Don't make [me] angry. Do you hear [me]?

Sd.

While this order letter was undated and did not identify the Tatmadaw camp from which it was sent, it was received by KHRG with 67 other forced labour order documents sent from M---- and other areas of Toungoo District between December 2009 and September 2010; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #169 (Dooplaya District)

Date: unspecified

То

Village head Gj---

For the village head we sent this letter through the Gk--- village head. Attend the meeting, the operation commander wants to make a friend and discuss about the village's needs. If the village has a problem, tell us because we just want to help.

If it is convenient I want you to send me 100 bamboos poles but if it isn't convenient you can tell us about the problems. If it is convenient, send the bamboos to Ak---village.

Friendly [regards],

Sd. OC Gi---#-- SOC Ak--- village

While this order was not dated, it was received with four other order letters sent from Ak--- camp between March and August 2010, therefore it is likely that this letter is of similar provenance.

Order #170 (Toungoo District)

Stamp:
Frontline MOC #
Headquarters
Letter:
Date:

То

Ac--- Chairperson

As the materials below, to porter them to Ck---, Gl---.

GI---, Cj---, Ck---, altogether 13 loads.

Although this order letter was not dated, it was included in a set of 19 order letters collected by a KHRG researcher in Toungoo District; the other 18 orders were issued between January and August 2010, therefore it is likely this letter is of similar provenance.

Order #171 (Dooplaya District)

Chairperson U Gm---

The rubber tubes in the electric generator in the monastery are broken: One tube [size] No. B (66) and two tubes No.B (88). [I] ask for help [from someone] in the village to donate these generator tubes.

Checkpoint in charge

Although this order letter was not dated, it was received along with four other order letters from Tatmadaw officers in Ak--- village, Dooplaya District, dated between November 2010 and January 2011; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Stamp:
LIB #
Letter:
Date:
Military Security Section

То

Village head Cy--- village

Subject: In addition to sending the bamboo poles and rice

- 1. As we have discussed about sending the bamboo poles and rice in bulk to Cx--- camp,
- 2. If it fails [to arrive], the village head has to take responsibility and we have to inform you again of this condition.

Sd. Column Commander (Representative) LIB #--

Although this order letter was not dated, it was received along with seven other order documents from Papun District, dated between March 2010 and January 2011; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

IV. DKBA order documents

Order #173 (Dooplaya District)

(16th May 2008) 1370 May (12) Friday <u>Money receipts from village tracts and general villages for the opening of Karen</u> <u>Traditional Language training</u>

#	Village	Amount of money	Note
1	Gn village tract	100,000 kyat	
2	Go village tract	150,000 kyat	
3	Gp village tract	150,000 kyat	
4	Gq village tract	150,000 kyat	
5	Gr village tract	250,000 kyat	
6	Gs village tract	150,000 kyat	
7	Gt village tract	50,000 kyat	
8	Gu village	50,000 kyat	
9	J village	30,000 kyat	
10	Gv village	52,300 kyat	
11	Gw village	30,000 kyat	
12	Gx village	30,000 kyat	
13	Gy village	30,000 kyat	
14	Gz village	30,000 kyat	
15	Ha village	30,000 kyat	
16	Ax village	25,000 kyat	
17	Hb village	40,000 kyat	
18	Hc village	40,000 kyat	
19	Hd village	30,000 kyat	
20	He village	30,000 kyat	
21	Hf village	90,000 kyat	
22	Ey village	231,300 kyat	
23	Hg village tract	150,000 kyat	
24	Hh big village	100,000 kyat	
25	Hi	50,000 kyat	

[Total] Village tract and villages given money = 2,068,600 kyat

This document was received along with eleven other forced labour orders issued by both RUM Army and DKBA officers from Dooplaya District. Although it was not signed or stamped by either group, or explained by researcher order notes, it has been included with forced labour orders attributed to the DKBA on the basis that the DKBA would be the group more likely to organise Karen traditional language training. Order #182 below, for example, includes an order for local villagers in a DKBA administered area to attend similar training.

Stamp:
Democratic Karen Buddhist
Army
D.K.B.A.

Order #174 (Thaton District)

Democratic Karen Buddhist Army District Campaign Committee for Brigade #--D.K.B.A.

Date: 29.9.2008

То

Village Chairperson, Bilin Township

Subject: Invitation to come to the meeting

According to the above information, in the DKBA District area [under] Brigade #--, which is in Bilin Township, all villages and villagers' candidates, who are village heads, in [the year] 1370 [Myanmar calendar] at the beginning of October on the 8th in the morning at 8:00 at Brigade #-- District Headquarters office, we are inviting [you] to come to the meeting without fail.

Note: Come without fail.

Sd. Secretary (Major) Campaign Committee - District Brigade #-- - DKBA B/---- - Saw Hj---

Copy: Brigade office manager- Brigade #-- (DKBA) Officer use

This order letter was collected by a KHRG researcher from the headman of Hk--- village in HI--village tract, Bilin Township, Thaton District. The village head stated that he went to the meeting at the DKBA Brigade #-- camp at Hm---, as ordered; at the meeting, local DKBA leader Padoh Hj--- arranged to worship on behalf of the village leaders at famous pagodas near Khaw Taw Town (Myaing Gyi Ngu in Burmese), and later distributed a monk photo to each person who attended the meeting.

Order #175 (Thaton District)

Stamp: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army D.K.B.A

То

Date: 8.5.2009

Village Chairperson, Bilin Township

Subject: Meeting invitation

Refer to: Order of the Brigade Commander

According to the above information regarding DKBA District Brigade #--, all the village heads and Secretaries that are in Bilin Township are invited on May 18th 2009, to come to a meeting at Brigade #-- Headquarters Office. Come to the meeting without fail.

Distribution: Brigade Commander of Brigade #-- -DKBA

Chairperson of the Campaign Committee for the District - DKBA

Copy:

- 1. Brigade #-- Headquarters Office DKBA
- 2. Township Chairperson Bilin Township DKBA
- 3. Officer use

Sd. Secretary (Major) Campaign Committee – District DKBA Brigade #--

This order letter was collected by a KHRG researcher from the headman of Hk--- village in Hl--village tract, Bilin Township, Thaton District. The village head reported that he attended the meeting at the DKBA Brigade #-- camp at Hm--- on May 18th 2009 as ordered. At the meeting, the Hk--- village head was ordered to provide two recruits to the DKBA from the households in his village; he said he was told by DKBA Brigade #-- commander Padoh Hj--- that the DKBA would come to the village and arrest villagers to be recruits, if the village did not arrange it for themselves. The headman stated that, because there were just 23 households in Hk---, it would have been difficult for them to provide two recruits; according to the village head, the residents of Hk--- discussed the problem and decided that they would not provide recruits to the DKBA, and would go into hiding in the jungle if DKBA soldiers arrived to the village to capture recruits.

Order #176 (Papun District)

Date: 12.12.2009

Stamp:	
Democratic Karen	
Buddhist Army	
D.K.B.A	

F--- village head,

Subject: Informing you that, as soon as you receive this letter, come and meet with me in Hn---village tomorrow, on December 13th 2009.

Bring with you three *viss* of good tobacco. After you receive this letter, come for sure, without fail.

From

Saw Ho---*Gk'Hsaw Wah* Battalion camp D.K.B.A

Order #177 (Papun District)

Stamp:
Democratic Karen
Buddhist Army
D.K.B.A.

Democratic Karen Buddhist Army *Gk'Hsaw Wah* Battalion #--

Date 21.12.2009

То

D---- Chairperson

I am informing you that on December 30th 2009, it is time for *wan hsaung* [public service personnel] to do their duty, so collect [some villagers] and help us again. December 25th 2009 is the last day [to provide *wan hsaung*]. At that time, I inform you to come and bring them to U Hp--

Sd. 21.12.2009 Staff officer in charge *Gk'Saw Wah* Battalion Frontline Office Fj--- Town D.K.B.A

Order #178 (Thaton District)

Stamp: Karen Buddhist Army D.K.B.A

Date: 1.1.2010

То

Chairperson Hk--- [village]

When you receive this letter, we inform you to send us 1,000 thatch shingles or money [equivalent to] the cost of the thatch shingles. It must arrive by the 15th of January [2010].

Saw Hs---[ineligible]

This order letter was collected by a KHRG researcher from the headman of Hk--- village in Hl--village tract, Bilin Township, Thaton District. The village head reported that the villagers did not make and deliver the thatch and opted to make a payment instead. According to the headman the cost of 1,000 thatch shingles would have been approximately 30,000 kyat, however the residents of Hk--- collected only half that amount, 15,000 kyat, and sent it to the house of DKBA officer Saw Hr--- in Hq--- village.

Order #179 (Papun District)

Stamp: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army D.K.B.A. Headquarters Central Office

Progressive Buddhist Karen National Army

Date: March 18th 2010

То

Village head Cl--- village Subject: Invitation to attend the meeting

According to the information [in the subject line] above, the monk who leads the Myaing Gyi Ngu DKBA troops will attend a meeting held to give an account to the civilians, and the *Lu Gyi Min mya* [gentlemen] have to attend this meeting without fail.

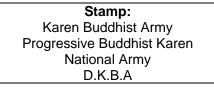
Place: Ht---Date: March 23rd 2010 Time: At 9:00 am

> *Sd.* Lieutenant Colonel Battalion Commander Ht--- army camp

The CI--- village head who shared this order letter with a KHRG researcher made the following statement:

"I take [responsibility as] the SPDC Army [Tatmadaw] village head, and on March 18th 2010, I received one order letter and the order date was March 23rd 2010 at 9:00 am [when] I had to attend a meeting at Ht--- camp. At the meeting, the commander Hu--- mentioned that the Myaing Gyi Ngu monk offered that during ta koo la bwei [the full moon period in April], if the boys in the village wanted to become monks or the girls in the village wanted to become nuns, they could put on the yellow materials [religious clothing]. The villagers didn't go to be monks, but it didn't cause a problem for us that we didn't become monks."

Order #180 (Papun District)



Date: 21st April 2010

То

Informing the Hv--- village head to know:

The issue is that on the 21st of April 2011, it is your turn to collect porters and help us. The due date to send the porters to U Hp--- is the 25th of April 2011. Informing you to send them without fail.

Sd. Gk'Saw Wah Battalion Frontline office Fj--- Town DKBA

This order was shared with a KHRG researcher by the head of Hv--- village, who explained that his village did not actually send villagers as porters, but each household had to pay a fee of 500 kyat each month to DKBA soldiers under the command of Captain Hw---.

Order #181 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:
Democratic Karen Buddhist Army
D.K.B.A

Date: 24th April 2010

То

Village head N--- village Kya In Township

Subject: Annual rice

According to the information above [in the subject line] the order from above is to hurry up [and bring us] the annual rice. [We] want to have a meeting and discuss [with you] about it as well, so please come to the meeting on April 26th 2010 at 10:00 am. Come to the meeting without fail.

The meeting place: Ag--- village [J--- in Burmese] Commander Hx---'s house

With the best participation,

Sd. Hy---Date: April 24th 2010

When the headman of N--- village shared this order letter with a KHRG researcher, he made the following statement:

"On April 24th 2010, DKBA Central Security Battalion #--- Company Commander Hx--- ordered [us] with this letter, but we haven't performed it yet. We'll surely have to perform it soon."

Order #182 (Pa'an District)

Stamp: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army D.K.B.A

Progressive Buddhist Karen National Army District Campaign Committee D. K. B. A

Date: 24.4.2010

Subject: Invitation to attend a meeting

Concerning this issue, for the summer course teaching the Karen language, we will have a meeting to discuss with the gentlemen [village heads] so [we are] inviting you. Do not miss it, and come without fail.

Meeting place: la--- District Campaign Committee office Date: 28th April 2010 Time: 10:00 am

23/4 Chairperson Ia--- District Campaign Committee D.K.B.A.

The KHRG researcher who collected this order letter reported that it had been issued by Deputy Cantonment Area Commander Bo Hz---, to be distributed through each village tract in the area. According to the researcher, villages within each tract had to select people to participate in the course, which involved the study of Lee Gkweh Gkaw, a script used for writing the Pwo Karen language promoted by some DKBA leaders since 2007.

Order #183 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Brigade #---, Strategic Operations Command #--, Battalion #--D.K.B.A Letter: ____ Date: ___

Date: 26.5.2010

То

Chairperson J--- village tract

Subject: Send new soldier for one year and six months

As the information above, new soldiers that have been asked from Ag--- [J---] villages or in areas that have to give soldiers have to send them without fail, and the chairpersons have to manage and send [the recruits] themselves on 1-6-2010, to the Brigade #-- Battalion #-- office.

Note: Do not fail.

Sd. Lieutenant Saw Ib---Battalion Intelligence [Brigade] #--, SOC #--, Battalion #--

Order #184 (Papun District)

Date: June 8, 2010

То

Id---Village Head

I'm writing to inform you, please arise and cook three *viss* of durian spread for me, and send it to If--- Hill.

From

Sergeant le--lf--- Hill According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order document, Sergeant le--- currently serves in Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #-- under Battalion Commander Ic---. This order letter has been included with orders attributed to the DKBA because in June 2010, when this order was issued, no DKBA units had yet transformed into Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalions.

Order #185 (Papun District)

Date: July 28, 2010

То

Id--- Village Head

Subject: I inform you to come and meet me when you receive my letter this afternoon. Bring along with [you] one goat for the column to eat. Come and call on the soldier named Ig---. Receive [this letter] and follow it directly.

Sd. Column Commander le---Ih--- Column

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order document, Sergeant le--- currently serves in Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #-- under Battalion Commander Ic---. This order letter has been included with orders attributed to the DKBA because in June 2010, when this order was issued, no DKBA units had yet transformed into Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalions.

Order #186 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army Brigade #-- Battalion #--D.K.B.A

Date 17th August 2010

То

Subject: Invitation to discussion

According to the above information, for the villages in the area [under the control of] Battalion #--, we have an important issue to discuss so according to the arrangement above, [send] people to come without fail. That is our respectful invitation.

Discussion Programme

Date: 19th August 2010 Place: Battalion #-- Office (DKBA section), Df--- village Time: In the morning at 10:00 am Note: Come without fail

> *Sd.* li--Advisor Brigade #--, Battalion #-- office D.K.B.A, Df---

Copy:

- 1. Lt. Colonel Saw Ij--- (to inform)
- 2. Letter attached
- 3. Sa Ya Ma Ik---
- 4. II----
- 5. Im---
- 6. In----
- 7. Naw lo---
- 8. lp---
- 9. Naw Ir---
- 10. Naw Ig---
- 11. ls---
- 12. lt---
- 13. lu---
- 14. lv---
- 1. lw----
- 2. Ix----
- 3. U ly---
- 4. Iz---
- 5. Ja---
- 6. Jb----
- 7. Jc---
- 8. Jd---
- 9. Je---
- 10. Jf---
- 11. Jg---

Farming group:

- 1. U Jh---
- 2. U Ji---
- 3. Jj---
- 4. U Jk---
- 5. Jl---
- 6. Jm---
- 7. U Jn---
- 8. U Jo---
- 9. U Jp---
- 10. Jq---11. Jr---
- 12. U Js---
- 13. U Jt--- (Saya Jt---)

Order #187 (Papun District)

То

Village head

Subject: Come for a meeting about an issue

Date 13th September 2010

According to the issue shown above, tomorrow on September 14th 2010 in the morning at 7:00, the village head and one person from each household has to come. Come to the meeting at If--- village monastery.

Remark: Bring along with [you] one tin of rice.

Battalion Deputy Commander *Gk'Hsaw Wah* Battalion

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, this order was issued to all of the village heads in Ju--- and Jv--- village tracts.

Order #188 (Papun District)

Stamp: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army D.K.B.A

То

Jy--- [village] head

With respect,

Subject: [I am] informing you in a few words so you understand my letter.

On 17th September 2010 at 9 o'clock in the morning come to meet me without fail.

Receive this letter and follow [the order].

That is all.

Sd. From Jz---Jx--- Monastery.

The headman of Jy--- village shared this order letter with a KHRG researcher on September 20th 2010, at which time he made the following statement:

"I live in Jy--- village and I have responsibility as the SPDC [Tatmadaw] village head. On September 16th 2010 I received a DKBA order letter saying that on September 17th 2010 I had to attend a meeting at Jx--- Monastery without fail, so I had to go. When I attended the DKBA meeting, DKBA officer Jw--- said: 'Don't show my soldiers the way to escape [desert] to the Karen soldiers [KNLA]. If I find out you've shown them the way [to escape], I'll kill the village head who was their sender [guide], who found the way for them.' For me, in Jy--- village, there's no DKBA activity so I don't have to face anything with this [order], but in the areas where there's DKBA activity, there are many village heads who have to face this order."

V. Tatmadaw Border Guard order documents

Order #189 (Pa'an District)

Village Peace and Development Council Bh--- Town branch Bg--- village tract Letter:____ Date:____

Date: 17th December 2010

То

Ka--- Village Tract heads

With full respect to you all, if you get my letter, to help the Battalion Commander to celebrate the New Year, the Ka--- village tract heads have to help and provide 500,000 kyat from each village in the village tract. On the day that finishes the month [the end of month] you must come and give the money to the Bg--- village tract head.

[After you] receive [this letter], follow [the order] directly.

Kc--- (Kd---) Kb--- village DKBA, BGF 17th December 2010

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, it was sent by local VPDC member Kd--- on behalf of local Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion Commander Hu--- to the head of Ka--- village tract. The researcher noted that an identical letter was also sent to the head of Bg--- village tract; an original of that letter was not collected by the researcher, however, for a related letter issued by the head of Bg--- tract see Order #190. The researcher explained that each year former DKBA and current Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion Commander Hu--- requests each village tract to provide 500,000 kyat to pay for New Year's celebrations. The researcher also noted that in the part of Pa'an District in which he lives, certain Border Guard officers will ask VPDC or village tract leaders to write forced labour or taxation orders on their behalf.

Order #190 (Pa'an District)

Date: 17.12.2010

То

All the village heads of Kf---, Kg---, Kh---, Ki---, Kj--- and Ke--- villages.

After you receive my letter, come meet me at my place tomorrow morning on 18th December 2010 at eight o'clock in the Bg--- village tract head's house. Come without fail and don't delay.

May you follow this order directly.

Village tract head Bg--- village tract

Chairperson Villages Peace and Development Council Bg--- village, Bh--- Township branch.

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, it was sent by the head of Bg--- village tract after he received a letter from local VPDC member Kd--- on behalf of local Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion Commander Hu---, requesting each village tract to provide an annual payment of 500,000 kyat to support New Year's celebrations. An original of the letter to Bg--- village tract was not obtained, however, according to the KHRG researcher Order #189 addressed to Ka--- village tract, is almost identical to the letter received by the Bg--- tract leader. The researcher also noted that in the part of Pa'an District in which he lives, certain Border Guard officers will ask VPDC or village tract leaders to write forced labour or taxation orders on their behalf.

Order #191 (Papun District)

Villages that have to take responsibility for one year

1.	Thin Nat Lar, Lay Aih Su, Zar Kwak Lo Kway, Kho Lu Pyo, Maw Koo Lah villa		person
2.	Ta Kaw Koh, Kywat Kway, Wa Tho Koh villages	(1)	person
3.	Yay Pu, Nay Kat, Mee Zaing Khaw Pyah villages	(1)	person
4.	Lay Poe Ta, Kway D'La, Kyoh Day villages	(1)	person
5.	Baw Kyoh Leh, Shwe Yay, Bo Ma Hen villages	(1)	person
6.	Htee Theh Lay, Htee Law Thee Htah villages	(1)	person
7.	K'Ter Tee, Noe Paw Tee, Nat Kyauk, K'Pin Kee, Noe Lah, Sin Syaw, Pway Ta	aw Y	′o
	villages	(1)	person
8.	Baw Kyoh Htah, No Ken Ta, Kaing Taw villages	(1)	person

0 All Shwa Pa Lah Kuat villagos	
9. All Shwe Pa Lah Kyat villages	(1) person
10. Har Gyi, Kyaw Yay, Har Gyi Lah Ma, Hae Gyi Mya Ya Taw, Moe Loe Pa, Wa Lah villages	a Tho Ka
Lan villages	(1) person
11. Pa Loh Gyi, Pa Loh Lay, Taw Thu Su, Shan Yway Thih villages	(1) person
12. Wa Mu Law, Ny Tin Law, Daw Moi, Law Ken Kaw, Wa Ta Lu Koh, Ta Peh P	
	(1) person
13. Bu Wah Kwee, Baw Ken Ta, Kwee Nak, Lay Poe Kaw villages	(1) person
44 Lites Caulism Due Day My, Mak Nuew Draw Ta Kusa Kusa Law Khauk	
14. Htee Gay Law, Pwa Day Mu, Meh Nyaw, Bpaw Ta Kwee, Kwee Law Khauk	(1) person
15. Baw Thoh Htah, Noh Ghaw, Wa Thoh K'Lah, Htee Pah Doh Kee villages	
	(1) person
16. Kut Pin Wa, Bon Lai, Bon Kay, Ba Law Bpaw, Htaw Meh Htah villages	(1) person
KHRG researcher collected this order letter from the headman of Id village	ge in Papun

A KHRG researcher collected this order letter from the headman of Id---- Village in Papun District. According to the researcher, this list was issued by Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--, under Battalion Commander Ic---, and indicates the villages responsible for providing 16 porters to Battalion #--. The researcher explained, however, that the villages listed were actually expected to contribute to a 'porter fee' of 650,000 kyat per porter, in lieu of providing residents as porters. Cumulatively, then, the villages listed in this document were expected to pay 10,400,000 kyat in lieu of 16 porters. Although this order was undated, it was received by KHRG in May 2011 along with four other order letters collected from the head of Id--- village dated between June 2010 and January 2011; it is therefore likely of similar provenance.

Order #192 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Letter No.: ____ Date: <u>Jan</u>uary 1st 2011

То

ld---Village Head

I'm writing to inform you [of the information] below. We decided already that the villagers who go out for daily travel, whether in the morning or whenever they need to go, need to have a permission letter. One more thing is that three of your villagers who were porters here escaped, and have to come and stay here. Each one has to come and stay for 10 days, because the upper leaders asked us to make an understanding [with them]. They have to come one by one for ten days [each]. Let me know if they will come or not. If they do not come, I will ask soldiers to go and if soldiers have to go there, [there will be] *a kaw leh oht* ['foot cost', meaning the soldiers will have to walk to the village]. If possible, come and meet with me and bring Kk-- one of the three escaped villagers] with you first. Follow the messenger who sent this letter.

That is all.

From,

S*d.* Border Guard #--

Order #193 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Letter No.: ____ Date: 11.1.2011

То

Jv--- village head

When you see this letter, on January 12th 2011 at 9:00 am, come and see me at Km---- and follow it [this order].

From KI---Border Guard Battalion #--, Company #2

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter from the head of Jv--- village, Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #-- officer KI--- was based at If--- when this order was issued; at the meeting on January 12th, the head of Jv--- village and leaders of other villages in the area were informed that they would have to pay porter fees, and provide information about the number of households in their villages.

Order #194 (Papun District)

Date: 12.1.2011

То

Jv--- village head

Informing you that now is the date for you to start paying 200,000 kyat. Now I am sending someone from Kp--- as a carrier [messenger] to go and take the money. You may give it to him. Receive [this letter] and follow it directly.

That is all.

Officer Kn---

Order #195 (Papun District)

Date 7.2.2011

То

Jv--- village head

I am informing you that when you receive this letter, prepare to cut 200 good bamboo poles for me, and keep them beside the river at Ko---'s house. Please plan as well as possible. The latest [date to send them] is the end of this Burmese month.

That is all.

Officer Kn---

Order #196 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office Letter No: ____ Date: <u>25.2.2011</u>

То

Village head Kq--- village

Date: 25.2.2011

Subject: Respectfully, on 28th February 2011 at 9:00 am, come and see me at Hq---.

Sd. Battalion Sergeant Major #2 Border Guard Battalion #--Cn---

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter from the head of Kq--- village, at the February 28th meeting Kq--- village was ordered to fabricate and deliver 1,000 thatch shingles to Hq---. The village head reported that his village fabricated the thatch, but did not deliver it to Hq--- and avoided making a payment to Battalion #-- in lieu of providing the thatch.

Order #197 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office Letter No: _____ Date: _____

То

Village head Kr--- village

Date: 25.2.2011

Subject: Respectfully, on 28th February 2011 at 9:00 am, come and see me at Hq---.

Sd. Battalion Sergeant Major #2 Border Guard Battalion #--Cn--- According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter from the head of Kr--- village, at the February 28th meeting Kr--- Village was ordered by Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--Company Major Ks--- to provide thatch for the families of Border Guard soldiers; Kr--- was instructed to fabricate and deliver 500 thatch shingles to Hq---. The KHRG researcher reported that the villagers delayed complying with the order and were not later asked again to provide the thatch.

Order #198 (Papun District)

Stamp:
Border Guard #
Battalion Office
Letter No:
Date:

То

Village head Cx--- village

Date: 25.2.2011

Subject: Respectfully, on 28th February 2011 at 9:00 am, come and see me at Hq---.

Sd. Battalion Sergeant Major #2 Border Guard Battalion #--Cn---

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter from the head of Cx--- village, at the February 28th meeting Cx--- village was ordered by Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--Company Major Ks--- to provide thatch for the families of Border Guard soldiers; Cx--- was instructed to fabricate and deliver 1,000 thatch shingles to Hq---. The KHRG researcher reported that the villagers delayed complying with the order and were not later asked again to provide the thatch.

Order #199 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office

Date: 8th March 2011

То

Kt--- village head

Subject:

If you get my letter send me 130 *wa gkluh* [large bamboo poles] to Cn--- Office on 10th March 2011, and do it immediately.

From

Saw le---Battalion Sergeant Major #2 Battalion #-- According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, the residents of Kt--- did not comply with this order, because Tatmadaw Border Guard #-- would not pay them for the bamboo.

Order #200 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office

Date: 9th March 2011

То

Ku--- village head

Subject: When you get my letter tomorrow at 12:00 pm, come and see me in Id---, and follow [this order] clearly.

That is all.

Sd. Battalion Warrant Officer Border Guard Battalion #--

The head of Ku--- village told the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter that the order was issued by Platoon Commander Kv--- (Kw--- in Burmese). At the March 9th meeting in Id----, Ku--- village was ordered to provide porters for Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--. The village head told KHRG's researcher that members of his community were afraid to serve as porters, and opted to pay 80,000 kyat per month in lieu of providing porters, despite the fact that this amount of money was difficult to find in his village.

Order #201 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office

> Border Guard #--D K B A (Border Guard)

Date: 12.3.2011

То

Village head Kx--- village

Subject: Invitation to emergency meeting

Reference: Border Guard Battalion #--, the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---.

As the information above, according to the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---, on 15.3.2011, Tuesday, all village heads must come to the Kz--- Camp without fail.

Note: On 14.3.2011, before the meeting, come and sleep in Kz--- Camp. If the village head is absent, [you] will receive serious punishment.

Sd. Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major)

Border Guard Battalion #--

Copy:

- Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--
- Deputy Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--
- Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major), Border Guard #--
- Official document letter

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, village heads who attended the meeting on March 15th were ordered to provide porters to Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--. The researcher reported that the order was issued by Battalion #-- Sergeant Major La---.

Order #202 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office

> Border Guard #--D K B A (Border Guard)

Date: 12.3.2011

То

Village head Ku--- village

Subject: Invitation to emergency meeting

Reference: Border Guard Battalion #--, the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---.

As the information above, according to the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---, on 15.3.2011, Tuesday, all village heads must come to the Kz--- Camp without fail.

Note: On 14.3.2011, before the meeting, come and sleep in Kz--- Camp. If the village head is absent, [you] will receive serious punishment.

Sd. Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major) Border Guard Battalion #--

Copy:

- Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--

- Deputy Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--

- Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major), Border Guard #--

- Official document letter

Villages that have to take responsibility for one year:

1. Thin Nat Lar, Lay Aih Su, Zar Kwak Lo Kway, Kho Lu Pyo, Maw Koo Lah villages

(1) person

2.	Ta Kaw Koh, Kywat Kway, Wa Tho Koh villages	(1) person
3.	Yay Pu, Nay Kat, Mee Zaing Khaw Pyah villages	(1) person
4.	Lay Poe Ta, Kway D' La, Kyoh Day villages	(1) person

5.	Baw Kyoh Leh, Shwe Yay, Bo Ma Hen villages	(1) person
6.	Htee Theh Lay, Htee Law Thee Htah villages	(1) person
7.	K'Ter Tee, Noe Paw Tee, Nat Kyauk, K'Pin Kee, Noe Lah, Sin Syaw, Pway villages	Taw Yo (1) person
8.	Baw Kyoh Htah, No Ken Ta, Kaing Taw villages	(1) person
9.	All of the villages in Shwe Pa Lah Kyat	(1) person
10.	Har Gyi, Kyaw Yay, Har Gyi Lah Ma, Hae Gyi Mya Ya Taw, Moe Loe Pa, W villages	/a Tho Ka Lah (1) person
11.	Pa Loh Gyi, Pa Loh Lay, Htaw Thu Su, Shan Yway Thih villages	(1) person
12.	Wa Mu Law, Ny Tin Law, Daw Moi, Law Ken Kaw, Wa Taw Lu Koh, Ta Peh	Pah villages (1) person
13.	Bu Wah Kwee, Baw Ken Ta, Kwee Nak, Lay Poe Kaw villages	(1) person
14.	Htee Gay Law, Pwa Day Mu, Meh Nyaw, Bpaw Ta Kwee, Kwee Law Khauk	villages (1) person
15.	Baw Thoh Htah, Noh Gaw, Wa Thoh K'Lah, Htee Pa Doh Kee villages	(1) person
16.	Kut Pin Wa, Bon Lai, Bon Kay, Ba Law Bpaw, Htaw Mae Htah villages	(1) person

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, village heads who attended the meeting on March 15th were ordered to provide porters to Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--. The researcher reported that the order was issued by Battalion #-- Sergeant Major La---. Note that the list included in this order closely resembles the list in Order #191 above, which attached researcher notes suggested was in fact used to demand cash payments in lieu of the provision of porters from the communities included on the list.

Order #203 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office

> Border Guard #--D K B A (Border Guard)

Date: 12.3.2011

То

Village head Lb--- village

Subject: Invitation to emergency meeting

Reference: Border Guard Battalion #--, the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---.

As the information above, according to the oral order of Advisor Lt. Colonel Ky---, on 15.3.2011, Tuesday, all village heads must come to the Kz--- Camp without fail.

Note: On 14.3.2011, before the meeting, come and sleep in Kz--- Camp. If the village head is absent, [you] will receive serious punishment.

Sd. Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major) Border Guard Battalion #--

Copy:

- Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--

- Deputy Battalion Commander, Border Guard #--
- Battalion Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major), Border Guard #--

- Official document letter

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, village heads who attended the meeting on March 15th were ordered to provide porters to Tatmadaw Border Guard Battalion #--. The researcher reported that the order was issued by Battalion #-- Sergeant Major La---.

Order #204 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office Letter No: <u>4</u> Date:

Date: 12th March 2011

То

Jv--- and Kx--- village heads

Village heads – The subject is that I [am] informing you if you get this letter, tomorrow at 10:00 am come and see me in Id---- village. If you come, bring tobacco, one *viss* of betelnut and one [*viss* of] glue and do it immediately.

Inform the Kx--- village head to come with you.

Sd.

That is all.

"You know" [This letter] comes from the Platoon Commander of Platoon #--, Company #3 Border Guard Battalion #--

> Stamp: Platoon Commander Platoon #--, Company #3 Border Guard Battalion #--

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, it was written by Platoon Commander Kv--- (Kw--- in Burmese). The researcher reported that the village heads complied with the orders issued in the letter.

Order #205 (Papun District)

Stamp: Border Guard #--Battalion Office Letter number: <u>(2)</u> Date: <u>18.3.2011</u>

То

Kx--- village head

Respectfully, the information that we are writing for you is shown below.

Tomorrow at 10:00 am come and see me in Ab---, because the Battalion Commander wants to see you, so do it.

Sd.

That is all.

"You know" [This letter] comes from the Platoon Commander of Platoon #1, Company #3 Border Guard Battalion #--

> **Stamp:** Platoon Commander Platoon #--, Company #3 Border Guard Battalion #--

According to the KHRG researcher who collected this order letter, it was written by Platoon Commander Kv--- (Kw--- in Burmese). The researcher reported that the head of Kx--- village received this letter late and could not attend the meeting on March 19^{th} in Ab--- as ordered.

VI. Karen Peace Force (KPF) order documents

Order #206 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:	
Karen Peace Force (KPF)	
Letter:	
Date:	

Date: February 7th 2010

Hon Tha Yaw [Haungthayaw] Special region

То

N--- village Village head or Secretary

Subject: About the farms, fields and the hill fields

According to the information about [the subject above], in the village head's village all the farmers have to pay tax for their farms, fields and lands to the KPF in Lc--- [army camp office]. [They] have to give this tax without fail.

Notice: [They] have to pay this tax on February 10th 2010

If you get [an output of] 100 baskets of rice, you have pay a tax of two baskets [of rice].

Stamp: Commander Saw Ld---Company #--Battalion #--

KPF Ceasefire Battalion Hon Tha Yaw [Haungthayaw] Special region/ Karen state

The head of N--- village who shared this order letter with a KHRG researcher reported that his village delayed complying with this order until February 20th 2010.

Order #207 (Dooplaya District)

Stamp:
Karen Peace Force (KPF)
Letter:
Date:

Date: February 16th 2010

Hon Tha Yaw [Haungthayaw] Special region

То

N--- village Village head or the Secretary Subject: Make licences for muskets

According to the subject matter above, [villagers] who use muskets have to make a licence at the KPF Lc--- [army camp office]. Just to inform you.

Note: On May 18th, 19th, and 20th 2010, we will make national registration cards.

Stamp: KPF Battalion Commander Saw Le---0/086 Battalion #--

Sd.