

A Statement Condemning the Junta's Airstrikes on Civilians in Khuafo Village, Thantlang Township, Chin State (2/2023)

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- 1. On March 30, 2023, at approximately 9:30 a.m. local time, the junta's regime carried out a deadly bombing on residents in Khuafo Village, Thantlang Township, Chin State, which is 7 miles northeast of Thantlang City. As a result of the four airstrikes launched by the coup regime, eight civilians were killed and more than 20 were seriously injured. Van Duh (age 6), Siang Cung Bik (age 9), Sofia (age 16), Par Tha Iang (age 18), Hmet Lian (age 20), Ngun Dawt (age 28), Sung Hlei Cuai (age 30), and Len Zi are the names of the deceased, according to eyewitnesses.
- 2. The Pastors Fellowship USA strongly condemns these atrocities by Gen. Min Aung Hlaing and his regime forces. We consider their heinous actions of targeting and killing civilians to be war crimes and crimes against humanity. The crimes carried out against the Chin people by the junta regime expose the regime's utter contempt for their wellbeing and for the lives of Chin civilians, as well as its blatant rejection to peace, justice, freedom, and democracy in Burma.
- 3. The Pastors Fellowship urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and his administration, as well as the US Congress, to respond to Gen. Min Aung Hlaing and his regime's actions by holding them accountable for their inhumane treatment of the Chin and the people of Burma.
- 4. The Pastors Fellowship USA urges the United Nations Security Council, the international community, and Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG) to take immediate action against Gen. Min Aung Hlaing and his regime forces in accordance with international law, and to refer their actions to the International Criminal Court.

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