

Forced Labor continued in Kyaik Ma Raw township- Mon State

September 2002.

The villagers of TaRa Na village on beside of Jie river and the Chong Hnit Khwa village beside of Attraran river in Kyaik Ma Raw township Mon state are being forced to repair a road by Light Infantry Battalion LI (31).

Their have to work where the road was destroyed by the floods.

This repairing of the road project is being controlled by Infantry Battalion (LIB 31). The LIB 31 requested the Buddhist Monk for help in calling the people to work on repairing this road.

The villagers which must go for the forced volunteer worker called by village headman to go that repair road from 7:00 am to 12:00 am. Lt col Lu Aye the commander of LIB 31 and Capt Kyaw Thu Hlaing control the job directly and order the peoples to complete road in by end of September 2002.

The soldiers never give compensation and no supply food to villagers.

U Shaw Myint the headman of KawPaNaw village, U Maung Htaw the headman of KawDon village, U Shwe Thein the headman of KatonSi village said, that repair road project was commanded by Brigade Gen: ThuYa Myint Aung the commander of South-East military division.

Then they are talking about the soldiers curse the project. That repair road project was started since May 2002 but not completed yet and will never be completed, one woman who had been forced volunteer worker.

That road is 30 miles long and the project was submitted in 1995 but implemented only in 2002. Not only was forced labor used to built the road but also the repairing of the road.

30 villagers must go to work everyday. If some families do not have a grown up to go and work, children who attend school have to go. Many children are seen working in place of their parents who have to go and earn food for the family.

The following villages were ordered to forced labor.

No.	Name of Village	total of houses
1	Kawgone	150
2	Ahla Gone	250
3	Ang Ka Zin	100
4	Hlwa Zin Gone	150
5	Kya Inn Chong	200
6	Kaw Wan	500
7	Wenge	50
8	Kaw Panaw	500
9	Kaw Don	300
10	Pauk Taw	30
11	Kadosi	350
12	Shwe Wa Gyaung	150
	Total	2730

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