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Lahu villager beaten by Burma Army troops for buying rice in Mong Paeng, Eastern Shan State

On July 6, 2019, a Lahu villager was beaten by Burma Army troops of LIB 579 when buying rice in his village, Wan Mong Lieng, Mong Lieng village tract, Mong Peang township, Mong Hsat district, eastern Shan State.

On that day, at 6 pm, 32-year-old Ja Paw, went into a rice shop to buy rice, when he met 20 Burma Army soldiers from LIB 579, who asked him whether he was taking the rice to Shan troops. They punched him seven times, as they questioned him: "Are you buying the rice for the Shan troops?"

He replied: "No, I am just buying it for myself. I am going into the jungle to collect some herbal medicine to sell."

The Burma Army soldiers interrogated him for an hour before letting him go.

Burma Army LIB 579 is based in Mong Hsat, supervised by Military Operations Command 14 under the control of the Triangle Regional Command in Kengtung, eastern Shan State

Wan Mong Lieng village has 30 households, Shan and Lahu. Ja Paw is the son of Loong Ja Hay and Pa Na Hay, who are both Wan Mong Lieng villagers.

Burma Army troops loot villagers' property in Mong Paeng, Eastern Shan State

On July 13-15, 2019, Burma Army troops from LIB 554, based in Mong Tum, went on patrol around Wan Na Koon Hsai, Mong Pu Awn village tract, Mong Peang township, eastern Shan State, and looted the local villagers' livestock and vegetables.

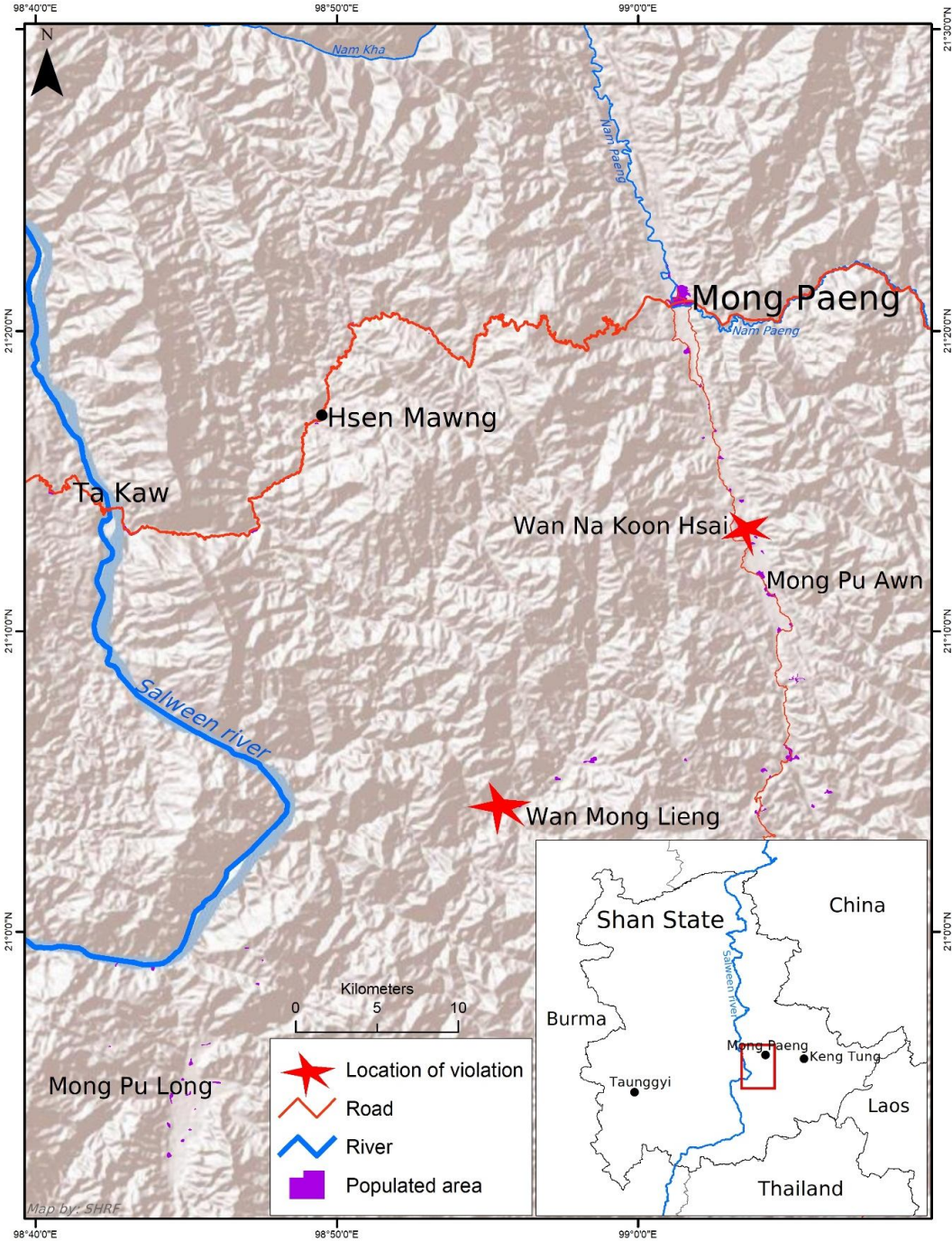
On July 13, 2019 at 8 am, about 30 troops from this unit looted chili, mustard leaves and a duck, all worth 15,000 kyats (=10 US\$) belonging to Loong Kyaung Phoe Ma and Pa Kyaung Wo Jing, in Wan Na Koon Hsai village.

On July 14, 2019 at 3 pm, the same troops came to steal three ducks worth 30,000 kyat (=20 US\$) from Pu Lai Hsy Hseng and Pa Lai Hsy Lu in Wan Na Koon Hsai again.

On July 15, 2019 at 7 am, the same troops came to steal three ducks worth 24,000 kyats (=16 US\$) from Loong Kyaung Phoe Ma and Pa Kyaung Wo Jing, in Wan Na Koon Hsai village.

The soldiers stayed outside the village, but came into the village to steal food.

Human rights violations by Burma Army in Mong Paeng E. Shan State in July 2019



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