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BURMA ARMY ACTIVITY IN KACHIN

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SUMMARY: THE BURMA ARMY (BA) HAS RECENTLY STEPPED UP ITS ACTIVITY AGAINST THE KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ARMY (KIA). IT HAS ALSO ROUNDED UP LARGE NUMBERS OF PORTERS TO SUPPORT ITS OPERATIONS AND FOR CRAFT PURPOSES.

TEXT: THE BA IS CONTINUING ITS PUSH AGAINST THE KIA INSURGENT GROUP. THAT THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN THE BA AND KIA AND THAT THE BA IS SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES. HE SAID THE KIA IS USING HIT AND RUN AMBUSH

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DIFFICULTY BECAUSE ALL TRANSPORTATION IS BEING DEDICATED TO THE EVACUATION OF WOUNDED BA SOLDIERS.

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AREA. HE SAID THAT PART OF THE REASON FOR ROUNDING UP SO MANY PORTERS WAS TO PUT MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF THE BA TROOPS. THOSE ROUNDED UP FOR PORTER DUTY CAN GET THEIR NAMES TAKEN OFF THE PORTER LIST FOR A KYATS 2000 FEE (USD 315 AT THE OFFICIAL RATE/USD 35 AT THE FREE-MARKET RATE). THE BA GETS K15 PER DAY TO PAY PORTERS BUT THE PORTERS NEVER SEE THE MONEY. HE SAID THAT THE BA ALSO MAKES UP FALSE PORTER LISTS AND REPORTS FALSE PATROLS TO GET MORE MONEY. THE MONEY IS DIVIDED UP AMONG THE TROOPS ACCORDING TO RANK.

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