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BURMA ARMY ACTIVITY IN KACHIN

KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ARMY (KIA)

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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 ROUNDED 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 HIS 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
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