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Photo Set

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Dooplaya Photo Set: Development projects in Win Yay Township, December 2014 to January 2015

This Photo Set shows development projects including road and bridge construction in Win Yay Township, Dooplaya District between December 2014 and January 2015. These development projects destroyed villagers' fruit and rubber plantations. Villagers report having not yet received any compensation for their destroyed lands.

Photo Set | Win Yay Township, Dooplaya District (December 2014 to January 2015)

The following photos were taken by a community member in Dooplaya District who has been trained by KHRG to monitor local human rights conditions. They are presented below, censored where necessary for security purposes.¹ The 12 photos below were received along with other information from Dooplaya District, including 382 other photos, six video clips, one general update on the situation in Dooplaya District, and one incident report.²

¹ KHRG trains villagers in southeast Burma/Myanmar to document individual human rights abuses using a standardised reporting format; conduct interviews with other villagers; and write general updates on the situation in areas with which they are familiar. When writing situation updates, villagers are encouraged to summarise recent events, raise issues that they consider to be important, and present their opinions or perspective on abuse and other local dynamics in their area.

² This Photo Set was compiled by KHRG office staff and is based on information from a community member from Dooplaya District who has been trained by KHRG to monitor local human rights conditions. In order to increase the transparency of KHRG methodology and more directly communicate the experiences and perspectives of villagers in southeast Burma/Myanmar, KHRG aims to make all field information received available on the KHRG website once it has been processed and translated, subject only to security considerations. For additional reports categorised by Type, Issue, Location and Year, please see the Related Readings component following each report on KHRG's redesigned website.



These photos are of A Nan Kwin Bridge which is currently being constructed and will cross over between A Nan Kwin village and Than Pu Ya village. They were taken on December 29th 2014 in Win Yay Township, Dooplaya District. The bridge is being built on a villager's land. The construction group is staying nearby A Nan Kwin River and have temporary shelters there. The villagers are waiting to receive compensation for having their land confiscated for these projects. [Photos: KHRG]



These photos were taken in Win Yay Township, Dooplaya District on January 1st 2015. These photos show the rubber plantation of Saw A--- who lives in B--- village which has been damaged by road construction. There was no mention of compensation and now he dares not talk about it out of fear. The villagers are afraid of the people who are constructing the road. The villagers from B--- village said that the road construction does not benefit the villagers anymore. [Photos: KHRG]



The above photos were taken on January 1st 2015. The top two photos show a rubber plantation in B--- village which has been destroyed due to road construction. Since the road construction people threatened the villagers, the owner of the confiscated land, a villager from B--- village, dares not to say anything or complain about the lack of compensation. The bottom two photos depict an old road which has now been repaired. The road was constructed on the land of Saw C---, a D--- villager. All of their family members depended on this land for their livelihoods. Since their land was destroyed, they face financial problems as they do not have enough land to grow food and now they must buy food instead. He is tired of waiting to receive compensation for his destroyed land. [Photos: KHRG]



These two photos show the sign boards of road construction companies, which are Man Pyin Tan Kon Company and Swan Ar Pyin Company. They state the name of the road under construction as “Than Phyu Za Yet to Three Pagoda.” The signs also state how many miles of road each company is going to construct: Man Pyin Tan Kon Company is said to

construct miles 29 to 34 and Swan Ar Pyin Company is said to construct miles 34 to 39. These photos were taken in Win Yay Township, Dooplaya District on January 1st 2015. [Photos: KHRG]

Further background reading on the situation in Dooplaya District can be found in the following KHRG reports:

- *'With only our voices, what can we do?': Land confiscation and local response in southeast Myanmar*, (June 2015)
- Press Release: *'With only our voices, what can we do?': Land confiscation and local response in southeast Myanmar*, (June 2015)
- "Dooplaya situation update: Kyainseikgyi Township, December 2014," (June 2015)
- "Dooplaya interview: Saw A---, April 2014,"(June 2015)
- "Dooplaya short update: Kyonedoe Township, February 2014," (June 2015)

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