

Myanmar Christians Not Allowed to Pray in Church

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Pastors in Myanmar report that hundreds of minority Christians there are being forced to sign papers, vowing to limit their faith and not pray in churches.

A church leader identified as Rev. Lazarus, general secretary of the Lahu Baptist Convention in Kyaing Tong, eastern Shan State, told UCA News that close to 100 Wa Christians were released by the United Wa State Army (UWSA) after they agreed to the orders. Christians who signed the pledges are now mandated to only pray privately in their homes, not in churches. Believers are faced with no choice but to sign the papers.

The UWSA, which grew out of the Communist Party of Burma, accuses Christians of causing instability in the area, Myanmar Times reports. It has been targeting churches built after 1992, arguing they were built without permission.

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