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Chin National Front Denies Responsibility for the Maputi Shooting

The Chin National Front categorically denies involvement in the shooting of innocent civilians in Matupi on November 12, 2005.

Founded in 1988, the Chin National Front is an organization whose aim is to lead the fight for self-determination for the Chin people and democracy in the Union of Burma.

In trying to achieve this end, the Chin National Front places highest regard for the protection of the security and welfare of the Chin people. Since 1995, the CNF has adopted and strictly adhered to the Geneva Convention relating to Military Code Conducts.

State-run Burmese media and some international news agencies have portrayed the Chin National Army as being responsible for the indiscriminate shooting death of innocent civilians on November 12, 2005 in Matupi. There is absolutely no basis whatsoever to this accusation and is only part of a routine and deliberate attempts by the military junta to discredit its oppositions.

The Chin National Front emphatically stresses that it has absolutely nothing to do with the incident in Matupi. The State Peace and Development Council is solely responsible for this reprehensible acts of violence in order to create discords and animosity between the Chin public and the Chin National Front.

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