SELECTED SLORC ORDERS

The following are the direct translations of some written orders sent from SLORC army units to villages. These orders include demands for forced labor on roads and at army camps, extortion money, food, building materials, and intelligence. For every order reproduced here, hundreds more are issued every week; these should be seen only as a small representative sampling. Most of the orders are addressed to Chairmen and Secretaries of Village Law and Order Restoration Councils (VLORC / Ya Wa Ta) and from the Township Law and Order Restoration Council (TLORC / Ma Wa Ta). These are local levels of SLORC administration. A “village tract” includes all the villages in a sub-area of the township. While the Township LORC consists of SLORC officials under direct military control, the Village LORC members are appointed, often against their will, by the local military. They are responsible for providing forced laborers, money, materials, intelligence, etc. as demanded by the military and the Township LORC, and they are the first to be arrested and tortured if they fail to do so. These orders show the systematic, widespread, and consistent nature of SLORC abuses throughout all rural areas of the country. Most of these orders were typed, copied and sent to villages throughout the township. Where necessary for safety, details have been blanked out with ‘xxxx’ or ‘yyyy’.

Order 1

Stamp:
Frontline Battalion
IB 258
Column (1)

To:
Chairman
Village LORC
xxxx village

Subject: Come and see me

This is to inform you to come and see me personally.
Captain Soe Tint
Kyi- 23474

Order 2

Stamp:
LIB. 417
Intelligence Unit

To:
Village headman,
xxxx village tract

Come and see our military column at Naung Bo monastery as soon as you receive this letter.

[sd.]
(for Column Commander)

Order 3

Stamp:
Frontline Battalion
IB.230
Column (2)

To:
Village headwoman
xxxx village

I am writing to you. Come along with this messenger to Khawe Ain immediately without fail.

[sd.]
Captain Aye Than Maung
Commander of Division (1)
IB. 230
Column (2)
Order 4

Stamp:
Township LORC
Hlaingbwe township
Karen State

Subject: Informing purchasing of paddy

I am informing you to sell the remaining quota paddy to us. Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[sd.]
Chairman
Township LORC
Hlaingbwe township

Order 5

Stamp: IB. 20
Division (2)

Date: 7-1-97

Subject: To provide chickens and vegetable for military base

Regarding the above matter, I want to request you to provide one viss of chicken and other vegetables for our military bases. Please send these items to our military base by January 10, 1997.

Commander
Sonmara base

Order 6

Stamp: IB.20
Division (2)

Date: 14-2-97

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To:
xxxx village headman
xxxx village secretary

I am writing to inform you that we have requested to Pata village tract to provide 40 baskets of paddy for our division’s fund. Your village has to provide 7 baskets and we would pay 230 kyats to you.

For village xxxx secretary, I also would like to request you to provide 7 baskets of paddy from each village and send to Taungzun military base by February 16, 1997.

Comply without fail.

Military Commander
Taungzun military base

Order 7

Subject: Purchasing of paddy at the mobile purchasing sites

The mobile paddy purchasing sites have been established at Daw Lun village and Pai Kyone village, Hlaingbwe township in order to purchase the quota paddy in the region. Thus, I want you to organize and arrange the peasants to sell the remaining quota paddy to the sites within one week of purchasing period at these villages.

[sd.]
Date: 21-2-97
(for) Chairman
Kyaw Moe
Secretary

cc/
Myanmar Agriculture Product Trade - Hlaingbwe township
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Order 8

Confidential

Township Law and Order Restoration Council
Ye Township, Ye Town
Ref No. 100/2-10/TLORC (Ye)
Date. February 8, 1997

To:
Chairperson
Ward/Village Law and Order Restoration Council (Southern Part)
Ye District

Subject: Requesting military operational servants

Reference: Instructing letter of Infantry Battalion No. 61 (Ye) dated 8.2.97, reference no. 100/61/1

1) The IB. 62 must have to launch an urgent military operation in near future and thus 200 military operational servants are required. I want to ask all quarters and villages to provide the civilians according to the set number mentioned in an attached list.

2) Therefore, I inform you to gather the required 200 operational servants from the wards and villages in southern part of Ye Town without fail (without fail). I will later inform you more detail of the date, time and place of sending people. As it is an very important matter, I remind you again that you must not be absent (must not be absent) to arrange the required number of servants.

[sd.]
Chairman
Soe Win (pa/2141)

Copy to:
- Chairman Mon Division LORC, Moulmein
- Chairman, District LORC, Moulmein.
- Battalion Commander, No(61), Infantry Battalion, Ye.
- Office copy.
SECRET

The list of required number of porters from the ward and villages of southern Ye.

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**Order 9**

Stamp:
Township LORC
Hlaingbwe township

Township Law and Order Restoration Council
Hlaingbwe, Karen State
Letter No. 210/3-5/ Mawata (laka)/
Date: 1997, February 25

Human Rights Yearbook 1997-98: Burma
To: 
xxxx village, Hlaingbwe township

Subject: To sell paddy at the mobile paddy purchasing sites

This is to inform the responsible villages to sell the quota paddy of 1,300 baskets to a mobile paddy purchasing site at Daw Lung village, Hlaingbwe township within a week.

Village chairman, come without fail to Daw Lun at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 1997.

[sd.]  
(for) Chairman  
Kyaw Moe  
Secretary

cc/  
- Office copy  
- Office circulation

Order 10

To:  
Chairman  
xxxx village

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

Regarding the above subject, come and meet with the Commander of IB. 28 at 11:00 a.m. on March 2, 1997. Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

Place: Kyar Gone  
Date: 2-3-97  
[sd.]  
(for) Commander  
IB. 28, Column (1)

Stamp:  
IB. 28  
Headquarters of Column (1)
Order (11)

To:
Chairperson
Village Law and Order Restoration Council 4-3-97

Subject: To provide army ration’s rice

Regarding the above subject, your village tract is responsible for the rice that have been lost while carrying to Sonmara base. Find attached list of rice you have to compensate. Urgently collect the required amount of rice and send to Sonmara base not later than March 6, 1997, without fail.

Note: The amount of rice and list of villages required to compensate:

1) Hainkyut (1) basket
2) Yekyaw 14 military rice boxes
3) Ngakyan (1) basket
4) Targalan (1) basket and 10 military rice boxes

[sd.]
Camp Commander
Swanmara Camp.

Order 12

To: xxxx

Commander is badly angry with you. Give the paddy that your village is required. We will sell the paddy from Naw Chaw Mhem and Kaw Phaung village tracts by ourselves. You don’t need to add the quota paddy of these two villages into your quota paddy amount. This is an order by the Commander. Come and meet with the Commander as soon as you get this letter without fail. The way you are doing is not good.

Place: Naung Bo [sd.]
Date: 5-3-97 (for) Commander
IB. 28, Column (1)
Order 13

Stamp:
LIB. 113
Column (1)

Chairman
xxxx village tract 9-4-97

Subject: asking military laborers

In order to rotate the ten laborers from Zeegone and Ywathit working at the frontline LIB. 113 base, bring ten laborers from xxxx village tract to Naung Bo Monastery today. Harsh punishment would be implied if you fail to comply.

[sd.]
(for) Commander
Frontline LIB. 113

Order 14

Stamp:
LIB. 113

Chairman
xxxx village tract 10-4-97

Subject: Asking for military laborers

We have ordered you to bring ten laborers to the Naung Bo Monastery on April 10, 1997, but you have not done yet.

As soon as you receive this letter, we inform you (second time) to come yourself with ten laborers to Naung Bo.
Order 15

Chairman
xxx village tract

Subject: Invitation to a meeting

1) In order to discuss the matters relating to the military labor and other security matters, come to Taungzun camp at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 1997.

2) Action will be taken if you fail to show up.

[sd.]
(for) Commander
Frontline LIB. 113
Yebu camp

Order 16

Stamp:
LIB. 420
Division (1)

Date: 21-4-97

Subject: Permit to cut timber

1) This is a permit to cut 200 logs of timber from Naung Dai/Htaing Poke reservation in order to build the four schools at Lar Dawei, Kaw Suu, Kyone Sein Kyaung and Kyette Gone in Pata village tract.

2) This is also to clarify that U xxxx, chairman of xxxx village tract will supervise the 200 bullock carts to carry these 200 logs.

3) Cutting will begin on April 25, 1997.

[sd.]
Camp commander
Order 17

Stamp:
Village LORC
Hlaingbwe township
Date: 7-3-97
Secretary

Subject: Paddy purchasing matter

Regarding the above subject, come immediately to meet and discuss the matter as soon as you receive this. Absence is inexcusable and you will have to take your own responsibility if you fail.

[sd.]
Chairman
Pata village
LORC
Hlaingbwe township, Karen State

Order 18

Stamp: IB. 28
Division (2)
xxx Date: 8-3-97

Report the exact and genuine number of households in Kaw Pham Gone village as soon as you receive this message.
Note: Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[sd.]
Division Commander
Division (2)
IB. 28
Order 19

Stamp: IB. 28
Division (2) 
xxxx Date: 8-3-97

Personally report the exact and genuine number of households in Baw Phem village as soon as you receive this message.

Note: Should you fail, it will be your responsibility.

[sd.]
Division Commander
Division (2)
IB. 28

Order 20

DKBA
Letter No. 0001
Date: 12-3-97
Upper Pai Kyone
DKBA Division (2), 999

Date: 12-3-97

To:
Chairman
xxxx village tract
Subject: Request for rice supply for Division

Regarding above mentioned subject, as we are facing the shortage of rice at out base, we request you to support 50 baskets of rice from your village tract.

Note: Prepare the rice on 25-3-97.

Thein Win
Battalion Commander
(999) Brigade
Division (2), Pai Kyone camp
Order 21

To:
Chairman
xxxx village tract

Date: 16-3-97

Subject: Order for laborers

Regarding the above matter, send ten laborers from xxxx village tract to Naung Bo village at 2:00 p.m. on March 16, 1997 without fail. (NO) absence is allowed.

[sd.]
Column (1)
LIB. 339

Order 22

xxxx village chairman

Not later than the full-moon day of Tapaung (March), sent in five baskets of rice and 1,000 kyats in advance for expense of village tract.

[sd.]
Pata village
LORC
Hlaingbwe township, Karen State

Stamped:
Village LORC
Hlaingbwe township

Order 23

Date: 23-3-97

To
xxxx

Give 4,500 kyats to a guy with this letter. As it is very important, give it today.
Missing you

Stamp:
IB. 28
Headquarters of Column (3)
Sergeant Aung Ban
IB. 28

(Do you understand sergeant is a man who is a sharp shooter, don’t you?)

Order 24

Stamp:
DKBA
Date: 31-3-97

To

Chairman
xxxx village

Subject: request

Regarding the above matter, please provide the following items with this messenger and come along with.

(1) Cooking oil          one viss
(2) Onion                 two visses
(3) Seasoning powder      three packs
(4) CHERoot              four packs
(5) Small batteries       four packs

Chairman, come along with this messenger. If you fail, action would be taken.

[sd.]
Colonel. Saw Kyar Ein
999 Brigade
DKBA
Order 25

Stamp:
LIB. 420
Division (1)

Chairman
xxxx village tract

Bring 20 laborers from your xxxx village tract along with your to Yebu camp as soon as you get this message.

[sd.]
Camp Commander
Yebu camp

Order 26

To
xxxx village

Dear gentleman,

Please bring four laborers along with you to Taungzun camp not later than 4:00 p.m. today.

[sd.]
Taungzun camp
8.4.97

Order 27

Township Law and Order Restoration Council
Papun
Ref.No.59/1-26/TLORC 370
Date: April 28, 1997

To,
Village Headman
xxxx Village

Subject: Relocation of villages
According to the reference telegram, to crush all the insurgents, we will operate the relocation of the small villages during the period of one month (from 6.4.97 to 6.5.97) as follows.

(a) Panhtun village to No (4) Ward.
(b) Mae Wahde, Panaw Kale, Dwelow, Khale Udo and Phoemude villages to May Nan New village.
(c) Mae Yin Village to Palu See Village.
(e) Mae Htaw kee, Kyut Khode, Lay Ainsu, Baw Tha Kee and Chaw Pwede to Starlay village.
(f) Chaw Mupu, Parmula, Chawmu Laykho, Kyaw Nyohta, Tehta, Pawkhee, Duwa and Pokhaw to Phawhta village.
(g) Talawdwe, Phawdide, Lawpalalai, Thekhamude and Chawlawde to Htoonnyo village.
(h) Patha, Tanya Khee and Kanelay move to Mae Paw Muhta village.
(i) Kanekho move to Marmude village.
(j) Phar See Kung, Saita Maut, Wattho Kala, Pyinma, Myinta Pyay, Tharmah Hoolaw and Thar Dulaw to Makaw Village.
(k) Nopha Do to Thar Dulaw Village.
(l) No Lawsu, Tobawso and Karipe Kho to Kusait State Middle School.
(m) Khalethta, Mawhtoo and Eipaw Klhata to Nga Einsuu.
(n) Htee Gaw Hta, Kaw Rakhee, Mae Khee and Nan Gu Khee to Nan khu Hta.
(o) Takhaw Kyo and Tapar Kho to Kyunpin village.
(p) De Khee, Cherrykyu, The Hta, Htee Bawlaw and Naw wihta to Kyuk Taung village.
(q) Polee, Poleehtha and Pharkya to Kyaunywa.

3) Although the small villages are not included in the above list, they have to move to the nearest villages. All remaining villages after the deadline of May 6 will be destroyed.

4) I hereby inform the village headmen to obey as instructed and order them to explain and arrange the other villagers to follow the order.

[sd]
(for) Chairperson

Copy to: - Military Strategy Commander
- No(1) Military Strategy Group
Order 28

Stamp: 
LIB. 347
Military Control Command

Chairman 
xxxx Village 

April 29, 1997

Subject: To collect the money for fertilizer.

1) According to the reference letter, the TLSC Secretary U Mah Kho will leave from Leshi on April 29, 1997 to the villages in the western region for collecting the money for fertilizers.

2) Therefore, I inform the Chairmen of Ward Law and Order Restoration Council to meet him at Sonmara village standby with required 10,800 kyats for fertilizer of Hai Lwin village tract.

[sd]
Military Column
Commander
Column 2
LIB. 347

Order 29

Stamp: 
Light Infantry Battalion 347

Chairman 
Sonmara Village, xxxx group, xxxx group. 

April 29, 97

Subject: To pay money for fertilizer.

1) According to the reference letter, the Secretary of Township Law and Order Restoration, U Mah Kho Hall will come to the villages in the western region to collect the money for fertilizers.

2) Therefore, to prepare the money that your villages require to pay.

3) To inform the above addressed villages about this matter.

{sd}
Military Column Commander
Column 2
LIB. 347

Order 30

Stamp:
LIB. 347
Division (1)

Date: 6-5-97

Chairman
xxxx village

1) To immediately relay this letter to xxxx village as soon as you get this.

2) Come at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow along with the money required for the fertilizer.

3) If you fail to comply, severe action would be taken.

[sd.]
Division Commander
Division (1)

Order 31

Stamp:
Frontline LIB. 258
Column (1)

To:
xxxx village
Bring two laborers from your village for military column not later than tomorrow evening.

[sd.]
Lt-Captain Zaw Tint
Yebu Camp Commander

Order 32

Date: 31-5-97

To:
Village headmen and trustee committee members
xxxx village

Subject: Every headmen and trustee committee member in the village to see us at Nabu DKBA family camp at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow without fail.

Note: Severe action would be taken if you fail to obey the order.

Captain Nyein Shwe
(for) Deputy Division Commander
Division (3)
999 Brigade, DKBA

Order 33

Stamp:
LIB. 549
Battalion Office

To
Village headman
xxxx office
Subject: Demand labor for the rubber plantation

1) LIB. 549 has been working on the rubber plantation at Mya Pa Dai village and has finished the digging of some kyins.
2) This is to inform you to provide the labor for digging kyins at Mya Pa Dai village.
Each village is required to dig the 1,000 of 2 x 2 x 2 ft kyins, starting from June 4, 1997.

3) Bring your own shovel and other tools for digging.

[sd.]
(for) Battalion Commander
Major Zaw Thein

Note: If you fail to provide, we will arrest the headman this time.

Order 34

To:
Village headman
xxxx village

Date: 19-6-97

Subject: Voluntary labor

1) Come and explain by yourself tomorrow for failing to provide the voluntary labor from your village.

2) Send 20 people for repairing fence in the camp, not later the 8:00 a.m. tomorrow (20-6-97).

[sd.]
Warrant Officer Htan Do Lian
387836

Order 35

Stamp:
LIB. 119
Division (4)

To:
Village headman
xxxx village
Kawkareik township
Subject: Demanding Laborers

1) Regarding the above subject, send 15 laborers for emergency use between June 21-25, 1997. Also send ten big bamboo along with them.

2) If you have problems, it can be negotiated.

[sd.]
Battalion Commander
Division (4)

Order 36
Date: 21-6-97

To:
Chairman

Come and meet me at Sonmara camp immediately when you receive this. Bring the rice when you come to see me. I can no longer wait anymore days and nights. It is very important. If you fail to come or fail to bring the rice, legal action will be taken against you. This rice belongs to our camp and we just helped you. If you don’t come, I will definitely come and arrest you.

[sd.]
Camp Commander
Sonmara Camp

Order 37

To:
Chairman
xxxx village

Subject: Demanding labor for rubber plantation

In order to build a fence and work for the rubber plantation at the LIB. 549 camp, come and report at the rubber plantation site as soon as you receive this message. Do not fail.
Order 38

Place: Near Nabu Taung  Date: 27-6-97
[sd.] (for) Commander of Headquarters
LIB. 549

Stamp: LIB. 549
Military Command

To:
Chairman xxxx
xxxx village

Bring 18 new laborers on July 9 to replace the old laborers. All must bring their own food too.

[sd.]
LIB. 13, Column (2)
Commander
Naung Bo village

Order 39

Place: Near Nabu Taung  Date: 27-6-97
[sd.] (for) Commander of Headquarters
LIB. 549

Stamp: LIB. 549
Military Command

To:
Village headman
xxxxx village

Come and provide with 30 laborers along with you at 8:00 a.m. to help build the fence at the military camp on July 8, 1997.

Should you fail, it is your responsibility.

[sd.]
Order 40

Date: 7-7-97

Stamp: LIB. 115 Division (4)

To: Village headman xxxx village

Your village is assigned to provide a messenger on the following days so that report without fail.

8-7-97
13-7-97
18-7-97
23-7-97
28-7-97

Bring reports from other villages.

[sd.]
Camp Commander
Lower Bote camp

Order 41

Date: 9-7-97

Stamp: LIB. 13 Column (2)

To: Chairman xxxx xxxx village tract

Subject: Urgently provide a quota laborers

Chairman xxxx, as soon as you receive this letter, come to Yebu camp not later than 4:00 p.m. along with 20 laborers. Make sure to bring the food for seven days. Yourself have to come and meet with the commander. Should you fail, it is your
responsibility.

1) Htaing Poke
2) Naung Dai
3) Naung Khwe
4) Kay Tha Yaung
5) Naw Hte
6) Htee Wah Moe

Also bring the same number of laborers from above mention list.

[sd.]
(for) Column Commander
Column (2)
Yebu village, LIB. 13

**Order 42**

To:
Village headman
xxxx village
Subject: Invitation for a meeting
Regarding the above mentioned subject, come and attend the meeting at noon on 13-7-97. Severe action would be taken if you fail to attend the meeting.

Place: Nabu
Date: 11-7-97

[sd.]
(for) LIB. 549

Stamp:
LIB. 549

**Order 43**

To:
Village headman
xxxx village

Subject: Request for laborers at the rubber plantation

Send 30 laborers with 75 bamboo and food for two days to army rubber plantation
at May Pa Dai for providing labor, not later than July 21, 1997. We will no longer ask any labor for rubber plantation again after this time so that come without fail. If you fail this time, village headman, yourself, will be called and action will be taken.

Place: Nabu  
Date: 16-7-97  
[sd.]  
(for) Battalion Commander  
LIB. 549  
Stamp:  
LIB. 549

Order 44

Date: 17-7-97

[sd.]  
Camp Commander  
Lower Bote camp

Order 45

Date: 28-7-97

To:  
Village headman  
xxxx village

Send 40 laborers with their own knives for clearing forest to our camp at 08:00 a.m. on July 29, 1997.

Also bring two coconuts when you are coming.

[sd.]  
Camp Commander  
Lower Bote camp
ORDER 6
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