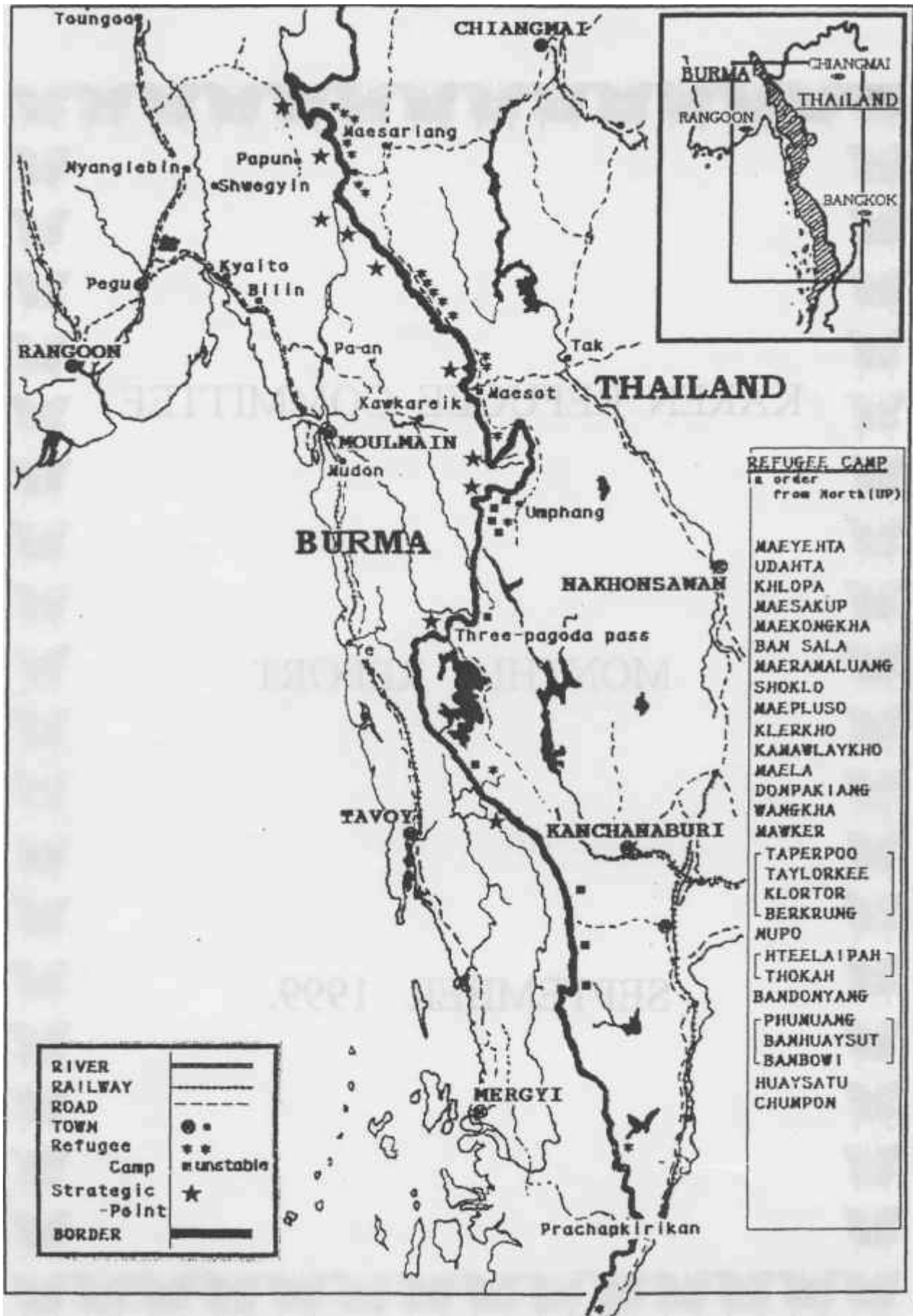


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RIVER	
RAILWAY	
ROAD	
TOWN	
Refugee Camp	
Strategic Point	
BORDER	

**REFUGEE CAMP**  
in order from North (UP)

- MAEYEHTA
- UDAHTA
- KHLOPA
- MAESAKUP
- MAEKONGKHA
- BAN SALA
- MAERAMALUANG
- SHOKLO
- MAEPLUSO
- KLERKHO
- KAWWLAYKHO
- MAELA
- DONPAKIANG
- WANGKHA
- MAWKER
- TAPERPOO
- TAYLORKEE
- KLORTOR
- BERKRUNG
- MUPO
- HTEELI PAH
- THOKAH
- BANDONYANG
- PHUMUANG
- BANHUAYSUT
- BANBOWI
- HUAYSATU
- CHUMPON

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## **SEPTEMBER 1999.**

September is the time when decisions are carried out with far reaching consequences. Hilter's decision to attack Poland in September 1939 forced Britain and France to declare War on Germany, bringing on WW II, resulting in, deaths, destruction and suffering on a scale never before encountered .

In September of 1942, the German Army launched the great offensive to subjugate Russia . The combined efforts of the Russian people and "Mother Winter" put a stop to the German attempt . That was the beginning of the end for the German Army to achieve world domination. Hilter didn't learn from Napoleon-In fact, man didn't learn from History.

For Refugees from Burma, September is the month hard to forget. On the 18th September 1988. The Military in Burma took over power resulting in the deep wound for the country which has as yet to be healed. This year, there was the scare of the 4 Nines (9-9-99) which fortunately passed over with very little untoward incidents. But, sad to say is that the Military in Burma is still continuing with its suppressive control, still imposing its will on the people .

In this Border region, much of our coordinated effort has been devoted to addressing the relocation of some Refugee Camps . First to be relocated is Huay Kaloke which is being moved to Um Phiem, 87 km - south of Mae Sot on the Um Phang Highway. This was to be followed by the relocation of Camp Maw Ker.

The process was begun on the 23 rd of August amidst fears of affectations by the Rain, the strong wind, the cold and the steep slopes of the terrain . There was also the fear of exposure for the Vulnerable, to the rain and cold during the move But with intensive care, drive and support from all parties, including the Authorities, the UNHCR and the NGOs , the process of relocating has gone comparatively well with only a few minor hitches. But the movement has gone rather slower than Planned. However up to the end of this month, over half of the Camp Population has already been moved and shelter provided . Expectation is that all of Huay Kaloke will be moved by the end of next week.

Elsewhere- around the world, we are seeing that in addition to manifestation of malice amongst people , Nature is also flexing its muscles to show that mankind is indeed not all powerful. The Quakes in Turkey and Taiwan, Typhoons, Hurricanes and Cyclones around the world has shown that Man has still a lot to do, to be able to stand up to the onslaught of nature .

At the same time man has as yet to learn to live together. For even in countries talking of upholding Democratic Principles, we are seeing acts of repression and misdeeds in the name of sovereignty and maintenance of law and order. Misdeeds by the Military in times of crises are nothing new, as people with power tend to know only the application of force in addressing problems.

With regard to Burma, Minister Win Aung was so right in saying . "We are a people holding a hand grenade with the safety pin out" . His admission of mistakes in past Economic Policies is something new but somehow belated, as the country's economy has nose-dived since many years ago." Arguing over the best way to bring in the warring factions<sup>M</sup> will be one positive step . But it is not words, but deeds that count.

Meantime, the remarks by Gen. Surayad Chulanont that Thailand should do whatever it could to eliminate genocide, ethnic cleansing and human rights violations is most laudable, timely and encouraging.

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS SEPTEMBER 1999

MAE SOT AREA	CAMP	No. of families	Over 12 YRS		9-12 YRS		Under 8 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	2058	3612	3383	538	532	1419	1370	10854
	Mae La	5660	10575	10014	1831	1766	3652	3442	31280
	Maw Ker	1945	3380	2968	501	472	1334	1251	9906
		9663	17567	16365	2870	2770	6405	6063	52040
NORTH	"Mae Ra "Ma Luang	1284	2644	2275	528	485	873	847	7652
	Khun Mae Kong Kha and Sa La	1824	3581	3253	741	656	1294	1312	10837
		3108	6225	5528	1269	1141	2167	2159	18489
S O U T H	Noh Po	1538	2619	2400	1031	1011	489	512	8062
	Ban Don Yang	55	550	600	141	129	312	272	2004
	Tham Him	1654	2339	2381	1037	1017	680	745	8199
	Kho Thay Lu	66	62	82	8	5	54	63	274
		3313	5570	5463	2217	2162	1535	1592	18539
Grand Total		16084	29362	27356	6356	6073	10107	9814	89068

## RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH.

FROM	Rice 100kg sacks	Salt Kilos	F- paste 16kg tins	Yellow Bean Kilos	BL	Mat	Mosquite Net Pcs	Chilies Kilos	Cooking Oil 13.75 liter tins	Cooking Fuel Kg.
B.B.C	7,871	21,150	3,530	52,920				6,622	49,269	326,940
COERR	350									

We shall always be grateful to the Thai People and Government for their sympathy and understanding in allowing us safe refuge.

We are also indebted to the NGOs for their Supports and Services.

BBC- Support in Food and Shelter Material.

MSF- Support in Medical and Health facilities.

AMI - .....

ARC - .....

MHD - .....

ZOA (ABW Aid)- Support in Educational facilities.

ICS. (Asia)- Support in Educational facilities.

TOPS - Support in Educational facilities.

COERR- Rice and Educational Support.

K.R.C. Mae Sot.