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Further information on EXTRA 158/96 (ASA 39/07/96, 15 October 1996) -
Refoulement / Fear of refoulement

THAILAND Forcible return of Burmese refugees to Myanmar

Ah Jwe, the 33-year-old ethnic Lahu headman and the two other men who were taken by members of Myanmar army battalion 256 on 9 October 1996, have now been released. They have returned to their village, Ban Ai Long, which is located just inside Myanmar territory near the Thai border. The remaining villagers who were forcibly returned by the Thai authorities to Myanmar are said to be safe, but concerns remain that the Myanmar armed forces may subject them to further human rights violations.

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