

# TIME CRIME: My 2<sup>nd</sup> Response to the terrible article in TIME Magazine (The Face of Buddhist Terror by Hannah Beech)

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Read my First Response here:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/149330934/TIME-CRIME-Response-to-terrible-article-in-TIME>

Hannah Beech: In your article, you say many puzzling things about the situation in southern Thailand, such as, *"In the deep south of Burma's neighbor Thailand, it is the Buddhists who complain of being targeted for their faith."*

Do you mean that these Thai Buddhists, in the photos below, are wrong to complain? Even if they are shot, dying, wounded, blown up? If they complain about their heads being cut off, you think that's unnecessary complaining? (By the way, there are many photos far worse than those below - heads cut off, Thai children blasted apart, Thai men tied to train tracks so they will be cut in half by a train while still alive - but they are too intense) There are many videos on YouTube taken by security cameras that show monks and families gunned to death, and blown up with hidden motorcycle bombs, and often a second bomb goes off minutes later killing the rescuers.



Click here to see a list of 44 terrorist acts against Thai Buddhists in only the 2 months of March and April, 2013: [www.scribd.com/doc/139527718/List-Muslim-Terrorists-Attacks-in-Southern-Thailand](http://www.scribd.com/doc/139527718/List-Muslim-Terrorists-Attacks-in-Southern-Thailand)

In your article, Hannah, you seem to advocate that the Thai Buddhists should NOT have protection from the police and army. You say, *“the Thai army trains civilian militias and often accompanies Buddhist monks when they leave their temples.”* and you also say, *“If Buddhists feel more protected by the presence of soldiers in their temples, it sends quite another signal to the Muslim population.”*

However, it is obvious that those Thai monks and people in the photos above need protection, and they need even more protection. And, Hannah, those people above didn't do anything wrong. They were brutally killed **because they are Buddhists!** That is the reason why the Muslims in southern Thailand kill them. The Muslims do not want any Buddhists in that southern area of the country. The constant and nearly daily violence and killings of 5000 Thai Buddhists in the last 9 years shows the Muslim's extremism, nationalism, intolerance, hate, violence, and contempt for other peoples and other faiths.

The separatists want to reestablish the small Islamic kingdom - named Pattani - which existed from roughly the 16th to the 19th century. However, to others the Pattani Kingdom was largely known as a notorious pirating kingdom that preyed on the ship trade that had to get through the rather narrow passage between what is now Malaysia/southern Thailand and Sumatra. For the other cultures Pattani was a problem, pirating their trading ships, stealing their cargo, and killing the sailors. Gradually Thailand gained control of Pattani.

Currently, the economy of the Muslim populated provinces of southern Thailand is largely based on, narcotics smuggling - especially methamphetamine production and smuggling, illegal logging, human trafficking - mostly women lured or kidnapped from minority areas of Burma, Laos and Cambodia, and the smuggling of petrol, weapons, and counterfeit movies and software.



More about Pattani here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/139527264/Thailand-Pattani-Jihad-Death-Fear>

Hannah Beech - you also say, *“Muslims too are scared: more of them have perished in the violence than Buddhists.”*

Nearly everybody in the world knows that the number 5000 (Thai Buddhists killed) is many times larger than the number 300 (Muslims killed in southern Thailand in the same time frame). And, almost all the Muslims killed were killed in battle, as they were shooting guns and trying to kill Thai people. The Thai Buddhists in southern Thailand ARE scared. Legitimately scared. They don't want to get shot, blown up, or have their heads cut off. The Thai Muslims are not scared - not at all. Why should they be? They are not in similar danger, unless they are shooting and killing.

Two questions for Hannah Beech:

1) How many Thai Muslim teachers, postal workers, kids, and religious leaders have been killed by Thai Buddhists? Answer zero or very close to zero.

2) - How many Thai Buddhist teachers, postal workers, kids, and religious leaders have been killed by Thai Muslims? Answer: about 5000.

The fact that you think 300 is bigger than 5000 is disturbing. It shows the complete disregard for facts, truth and logic - and almost everything you wrote in your article was that way.

## **A FEW COMPARISONS IN NEARBY COUNTRIES**

Look at these communities:

- 1 - The Muslim minority of mostly Buddhist Thailand
- 2 - The Buddhist, Christian, and Hindu minorities of mostly Muslim Bangladesh
- 3 - The Buddhist, Christian, and Hindu minorities of mostly Muslim Indonesia
- 4 - The Buddhist guest workers, refugees, and citizens of majority Muslim Malaysia
- 5 - The Muslim minority in the mostly Christian Philippines

Each of these countries has violence, killings and abuse going on. Why? And is there any pattern?

- Are the Christians minorities (or majority in the Philippines) killing, raping, insulting, intimidating and destroying others?
- Are the Buddhist minorities (or majority in Thailand) killing, raping, insulting, intimidating and destroying others?
- And is the Hindu minority killing, raping, insulting, intimidating and destroying others?

NO, NO, and NO.

Is the Muslim minority or majority killing, raping, insulting, intimidating and destroying others?

YES - in all of these cases it is the Muslim population - whether it is the overwhelming majority, or the overwhelming minority - that is aggressively causing death and destruction, and showing their intolerance, and violent supremacy.

**And, once again, Hannah Beech - You think that the Buddhists are complaining?**

**They should be complaining! And they ARE complaining, and now, they are complaining about you.**