



Name - Ma Go La Mauk

Other Name - Nil

Age / Date of Birth - 48 Years

Race / Religion - Bengali / Islam

Place of Birth - Bellami hamlet, Pauk Pin Yin, Rathedaung Township

NRX No - Nil

Education - Nil

Occupation - unidentified (Daily worker)

Parents / Address - (F) Kaseim, (M) Aumak Kyaw Su, Bellami Hamlet

Wife / Occupation / Address - Ulma Khatu, Dependent, Bellami Hamlet

Reason of Investigation - Terrorist Act-50(A)

Place of Investigation - Maungdaw Police Station

Date of Investigation - 15.9.2017

### **Brief History**

I was born in Bellami Hamlet of Pauk Pin Yin Village, Rathedaung Township. I am the eldest son among 5 siblings. The others are:

- (1) Habisa Mauk (fisherman)
- (2) Fartayma Khatu (dependent)
- (3) Lyla Begun (dependent)
- (4) Nou Ma Mauk (farmer)

I don't have formal education. I learned Arabic (Basic) in Bellami Mosque. I live with my parents. I married Ulma Khatu, (F) Adu Salam, (M) Fartayma Khatu, from Bellami Hamlet, when I was 18 years old. We have 9 children. I live in Bellami Village, working as a daily worker.

## **CLAIMS**

### **How I Was Recruited:**

I used to go to the Bellami Mosque to pray. Our mosque Mawlawi [Imam] is Mawlawi Esoup. We are instructed to go to the mosque 5 times a day to pray. I can only go a few times a day, when I have free time. Mawlawi Esoup and Rawfis (32), (F) Adu Raw Kim, used to tell us that ARSA would lead attacks to occupy Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Rathedaung and declare it an Islamic State. They said we must join with ARSA, and we should get ready to join. They told us that if we did not do what they said we would have our heads cut off, in accordance with Islamic practice. And, they said other Bengalis from other villages would also join the attacks. We heard Mawlawi Esoup and Rawfis speak these kind of words also in Chut Pyin Village Mosque.

### **ARSA Training Sessions:**

From our village, Rawfis (35), Adula Min (20), Dil Ma Mauk (40), Azi Zulla (20), Ar Yu (30), Atta Ullah (20), Dini Salam (25), Rawfique (18), Mawlawi Adu Shu Kha (30), from Auk Nan Ya village, Mawlawi Habi Sarmauk (35), Mawlawi Shuku (40), Faw Saw La Mauk (35) from Samdu Village, Hu Saung (30), Futura (25), Malawi Sayed Alom (55), Malawi Abu La Sheim (55), and Saw Tar (25) have attended some training from ARSA. The training sessions were given in Koe Tha Kauk village. If we crossed the mountain, which takes a day, we would arrive at Thin Baw Kway, Ein Din, and Tha Win Chaung villages. And then, we would go by foot to Koe Tan Kauk village. The leader of ARSA lived, or stayed, in Koe Tan Kauk village. I don't know his true name. He is around 50 years old, brown, tough, round face, beard, and about 5 ft 9 inch tall. ARSA conducted training sessions, focused on fighting skills, shooting guns, and making handmade bombs and mines. Villagers from Koe Tan Kauk village are the trainers of ARSA.

After the October 2016 attacks, Rawfis, Dil Ma Mauk, Adu La Min Azi Zulla, Eman Ha Saung, Ar You, Atta Ullah, Di Ni Slam, and Rofique gave training sessions in the house of Dil Ma Mauk. I attended the training sessions once a week, and they told us that if we failed to attend, they would kill us. The training was from 9 pm to 12 am midnight. They used to say, in the trainings, that they were going to establish a Rohingya Islamic State. All of our villagers above 15 years old took the trainings, and so did men up until 40 years old. Kay Fayed and Said Dullah (arrested) also joined the training. Rawfis put me in the 'Attacking Group'. Members of ARSA used to come to our village and other nearby villages, and they killed those who were opposed to them, or those suspected to be government informants. They used to wear black suits and white headbands with Arabic words printed on them. I don't know because I don't read, but some said the words on the headbands meant "Bless me, Allah". Some of the ARSA members wore masks.

### **Ata Ullah and His Financial Support:**

Ata Ullah, who had lived in Saudi Arabia, came with 20 others to our village mosque in February 2017. They met with us trainees and told us to cooperate with them to establish a Rohingya Islamic Country. Ata Ullah gave some poor families of our village, 200000 Myanmar Kyat [150 US dollars] to each family. Ata Ullah did the same in Buthidaung, and Rathedaung Townships as well. Ata Ullah is also called Mawlawi Hani Bar (another name). We heard he went to Saudi Arabia 20 years ago and

came back again as Ata Ullah. Ata's eldest brother, Saw Raw Dim (70), and his cousins; Zuri Dim (60), Shaung Shu (40), Fil Ma Mauk (50), and Dil Ma Mauk (45) live in Pyine Taung village. Naw Bi Hu Taung (50) from our village is also a cousin of Ata Ullah.

After Ata Ullah travelled around Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung townships, he gave 10 million Burmese Kyat [\$7400 US dollars] to Rawfis from our village, 15 million to Mawlawi Adu Shuku, Mawlawi Ha Bi Sa Mauk from Auk Nan Ya village, 10 million to Mawbi and Hasu from Chut Pyin village, 5 million to Fawsaw La Mauk and Rawshid from Samda village, and 20 million to Mawlawi Mawni. He assigned them to be financial agents. They also give support to other villages, but I don't know which ones. Rawfis, Hasu, Mawlawi Adu Shu Ku and Mawlawi Mawni went to Shinma Phyu Island near Teknaf, Bangladesh, and received this money from one of Ata's men (name-unknown). Ata's Headquarters of ARSA is located somewhere in the jungle of Bandarban, Bangladesh. Rafis went there about once a month. He showed us the emblem of ARSA and told them that our village would receive 10 guns and 40 swords. Other Bengalis from Rathedaung and Buthidaung also went to ARSA's Headquarters.

### **Making Handmade Bombs:**

ARSA trainees, Has, Saltar, Mawlawi Sayed Alom, and Mawlawi Abu Ha Sheim learned how to make bombs when they went to Bangladesh. They made bombs in the home of Mawlawi Adu Shu Ku, and kept the bombs in Adu Shu Ku's house and Dil Ma Mauk's house in our village.

### **How We Prepared for the Attacks:**

Around 3:00 pm on 22.8.2017, Nru Ma Mauk from Chut Pyin village gathered about 100 Bengalis from Chut Pyin, Ahlet Nan Ya, Auk Nan Ya, Bellami, and Nilin Baw villages in the house of Mawbi from Chut Pyin. He said ARSA had arrived in Chut Pyin village and they would start the attacks in the early morning of 25.8.2017. They told us to be ready to join, and if any of us refused, they would be killed. 10 of our villagers, including me, attend that meeting.

Around 10 am of 27.8.2017, we gathered some people in the house of Rawfis. Rawfis, Dil Ma Mauk, Aman Hu Sang, and Adu La Min were wearing black suits, holding swords, and each one of them had 10 homemade bombs. They said after attacking the police outposts we will have their guns. I remember Sayed Amin, Ar Yu, Sayed Dullah (later arrested), Kay Fayad Ullah (later arrested), led by Rawfis and Asoup were with us holding swords and sticks to attack the police outposts.

We, around 50 Bengalis, arrived at Mawbi's house in Chut Pyin village around 2 am on 17.8.2017. We met other villagers there - from Chut Pyin, Nilin Baw, Auk Nan Ya, and Samdu villages - and now we were, all together, about 200 Bengalis. Everyone - both young and old, even some kids - joined together with us. We decided to approach Chut Pyin Police Outpost, to attack with bombs, and when policemen chase after us, some of our group would ambush them. We made sure the our women and children were kept together in the center of Chut Pyin village.

### **How We Attacked Chut Pyin Police Outpost:**

Around 3 am on 27.8.2017, Saltar, Mawlawi Abul La Sheim (Mawlawi leader of Rathedaung) and Ha Su from Chut Pyin village attacked Chut Pyin Police Outpost with bombs. When the policemen

chased after them, our group - lead by Rawfis - ambushed the policemen, while shouting "Allahu Akbar". Some unknown ARSA members and Saltar, Nru Ma Mauk, Rawfis and Aman Hu Saung shot the policemen with guns. Some villagers from our Bellami village, and Nilin Baw village were hit by gunfire, and we then retreated to home. On the way, we set some mines on the road.

### **How We Fled Our Villages, and Set Fire To Our Villages As We Left:**

After attacking Chut Pyin police Outpost, in the early morning of 27.8.2017, Ar Mauk Dullah (45), Ru Taung Are (50), Ra Mauk Dullah (50) and other ARSA members set fire to Chut Pyin village. All the villagers from our village fled around around 5 am on 28.8.2017. We and other villager crossed trail-less mountains and slept in the jungle in front of Kyauk Pan Du village. Then we stayed around Chin Khar Lee, Na Khaung To, and Play Than Kyaw villages, waiting for boats to cross the Naf River to Bangladesh. [The Bangladeshi boatmen were charging inhumanly high prices] My family stayed nearby at Na Khaung To village.

### **How We Were Captured:**

While we were waiting to cross the Naf River we ran out of food. On 11.9.2017, around 9 am, I, Sayed Dullah, Kay Fayad Dullah, Akar Uraman, Baw Shid Ullah, and Aman Hu Saung came to Alay Than Kyaw Ka Yin Tan for food. When we saw a young Bengali boy we grabbed him and tied him up with longyi-made rope, and took him to an empty house. While we were threatening to kill him if he did not lead us to food around 20 Bengalis, led by the boy's father, arrived and detained us. They took our swords and sticks. Then the Army and Border Guard Police (BGP) came and arrested us.

We joined the attacks because we were convinced by, and threatened by Rawfis and Mawlawi Esoup. The attacks were mainly organized by Rawfis and some ARSA members. I was in the 'Attacking Group' but I did not get paid. Rawfis told us that if we got arrested, don't tell the authorities anything about ARSA - and if we did, our families would be killed.