Chut Pyin Massacre
August 27, 2017

Out of Chut Pyin’s Rohingya population of 1,400, it is estimated that some 400 villagers, including 99 children, were killed or are missing. Among them are a group of 50 men who were taken away and never seen again.

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
As Rohingya men returned from afternoon prayers around 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Myanmar security forces and Rakhine Buddhist civilian villagers entered Chut Pyin. As they surrounded the village, they ordered the Rohingya to come out of their homes. The attackers shot people as they ran out, or inside their homes if they did not comply. The Rohingya houses were then looted or set on fire, or both.

2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Women and girls were separated from other family members. They were then taken to the schoolhouse, where many were beaten, raped, and/or killed. Men and boys were taken to the rice fields and beaten and/or killed.

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Many Rohingya tried to escape into nearby fields. Some were shot while running and others were shot, beaten, or stabbed when found hiding. Survivors described being surrounded by bodies, including men and boys with their throats slit and women with their breasts mutilated.

8:00 p.m. onwards
After the attackers retreated, villagers who had escaped returned to look for injured family members and to retrieve the bodies of the dead. Over the following weeks, survivors made the arduous journey to Bangladesh.