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Update Situation on repatriated families

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The three families that were forced to return to Karen State, Burma, on the 5th of February 2010, have returned safely to Nong Bou camp, in Thailand.

KWO is pleased to hear of their safe return and would like to thank the Thai government and authorities for once again showing kindness and responding positively to the international community's concerns. We would also like to thank all concerned individuals and organizations for improving the situation for this group of refugees.

"I'm full of joy to know that everyone, including the 9-month-old baby, came back safely. These 3 families expressed that they were afraid of their security in Burma and crossed back to Thailand" said Blooming Night Zan of KWO.

KWO will continue to monitor the situation closely and requests that everyone continue to watch the all developments. The Thai authorities have promised not to force the repatriation of these refugees. The situation in the temporary shelters has calmed down and the people feel less frightened.