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Thang came to India after two weeks of training in a training camp in Myanmar.

RunSiang Thang, 19, on leave in Champhai, India. He is among thousands of teenagers who have joined armed resistance groups after a military coup in neighboring Myanmar last year.

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Members of the People's Defense Force, the armed wing of Myanmar's government-in-exile, training in Kayin state on Dec. 2.

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Members of the People's Defense Force training with makeshift wooden weapons in Kayin state, Myanmar, on Nov. 27.

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