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Maung Song met with his Mae Sai counterpart, Chai Chaiyanond, to appeal for a reopening of the border that has been closed since August 31.

He said Tachelaik has been hit by a food shortage since the closing of the border.

There is no immediate official reaction to Maung Song's request, which was also repeated by another group of Burmese students who also crossed the border from Tachelaik into Mae Sai yesterday.

Thai authorities have closed the gate on the bridge where the check-point is located. But large numbers of Burmese have sneaked across the bridge, by climbing over the railing, to get to Mae Sai to buy food and other consumer goods.

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