

KMT training Mon rebels

KUOMINTANG remnants have set up a military training centre for Mon rebels in Burma four kilometres from the border in Kanchanaburi Province.

A former KMT officer said yesterday the centre, opposite Thong Pha Phum District, was being run by officers from the North.

"We plan to arm the

Mon rebels or other ethnic people in the area so they can defend themselves," he said. "The first training course should be finished soon."

According to the officer, two senior Mons have been assigned to high positions in the camp. Nai Yang has been named chairman of the local military zone, while Nai Art is military commander.

A Thai military intelligence source said an armed unit was spotted by an air patrol near Ban Rai, Thong Pha Phum, about four kilometres from the Burmese border.

The unit's activities were not known, he said, but it was possible it was engaged in the teak, rattan and tin ore trade or other contraband.

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