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Myanmar's repressive government has cracked down on Christian churches in recent weeks, closing 28 houses of wors hip after residents had converted from Buddhism in large numbers.

According to Voice of the Martyrs sources working in the Asian nation formerly known as Burma, the action is taking pla ce in the Mandalay area.

The closed fellowships were "unofficial" evangelical churches that did not belong to mainline denominations. Sources sai d military officials forced pastors to sign documents saying they would stop holding Christian meetings.

According to the report, the pastors have begun a 40-day fast during which they will consume only juice and water while they pray for God's intervention.