

The Practice of Tying a Length of White Thread of Pwo Kayin in Kayin State

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Abstract

The Kayin races inhabit Kayin State but they can be seen in every part of the country. The Kayin State comprises with Hpa-an District, Pharpon District, Kawkareik District and Myawady District. These four districts comprise seven townships. Kayin is one of the indigenous races of Tibeto-Burman families in Myanmar. They possess their own culture and traditional customs. The Pwo Kayin holds three types of occasions for tying a length of white thread. It is hoped that the findings of this research could help students, researchers and ethnic groups and they will find out the value and usefulness of customs. The information contained in this document is helpful not only to the Kayin but also to all other ethnic groups.

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