M272 Concerning the man Lang-dai of Hmao-trao-bw.

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The man Lang-dai was certainly not tall, only four feet and a span, but his chest was two feet broad and his legs strongly developed. The middle family, the leading family was fighting the Mohammedans with two hundred soldiers in the district midway along the road, but the Mohammedans drove the soldiers of the middle family, the leading family right back to the Gi-trao river.

The man Lang-dai heard this, and taking his iron hoe in his hand, went and attacked the Mohammedan soldiers on the paved road. He drove the Mohammedans back and in a sharp attack killed many. More than seventy were taken prisoner, and commanding the retainers of the middle family, the leading family, he brought the prisoners in bonds to Zhaotung city. The magistrate took the robbers and shut them up in prison. The magistrate wanted to give the command of his troops to the man Lang-dai, but he was not willing. Rather he requested one hundred dollars to buy wine for the soldiers of the middle family, the leading family, to drink and so return home. As a result of all this the Mohammedan robbers no longer dared to come out molesting people since all the mature men and youths, all who had the ability had been killed. There remained only the women and children who had escaped. After this with the coming of Pan Tai, robbers and soldiers everywhere were suppressed, and the neighbourhood had peace