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# JUNTA CONDUCTS “ARREST OF OWNERS OF UNLICENSED VEHICLES” TO EXTORT PEOPLE

(Editorial for the Mon Forum June, 2025)



HURFOM has a long-standing history of documenting human rights violations in Mon, Karen, and Tenasserim Regions in Southern Burma. This information is disseminated to the public via its website and social media platforms. HURFOM releases the Mon Forum on a monthly basis and issue No. 6, Vol. 10 was recently published.

HURFOM routinely reports on between 40 to 50 human rights violations each month. In June, 2025, we produced more than 40 articles documenting human rights violations spread across 16 townships in Mon, Karen and Tenasserim Regions.

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Since June 1st, 2025, the military junta has been arresting the owners of unlicensed vehicles across Burma including Mon State. Soldiers, the police and the traffic police have manipulated the situation to extort money from people using various accusations.

If an owner of an unlicensed vehicle is stopped, he or she will be fined 80% of the vehicle value and if they cannot pay, authorities threaten a jail term.

The junta also arrests young men riding unlicensed motorbikes and forces them to join the army. According to local media, approximately 30 young men who were caught for riding unlicensed motorbikes have been forced to join the 13th

military training for conscripts.

The local rescue and emergency response teams have had to halt services due to the crackdown on unlicensed vehicles. Most teams have to use unlicensed ambulances so they have to stop transportation of patients and emergency response services.

Many plantation workers are using unlicensed vehicles to go to their workplaces and arresting owners of unlicensed vehicles has a huge impact on plantation work and the fruit market.

Even though people are suffering negative impacts in every sector, the junta's forces have been collecting a significant amount of bribe money from the owners of unlicensed vehicles.

The junta's forces had even made ridiculous accusations such as "fining motorists for not wearing brassiere" to extort money from them.

"The main purpose of arresting owners of unlicensed vehicles is to take a bribe. They asked for seven or eight million MMK from the owners of the Honda "wave series" motorbikes. If the owner is unable to pay the bribe, they threaten to send him to military training," said a Mawlamyine resident.

HURFOM remains committed to documenting and disseminating human rights violations in the region, with the hope that this information will contribute to ending the impunity of the military junta and can contribute to bringing about a genuine peace and federal democracy to Burma.

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The junta’s project of arresting owners of unlicensed vehicles disrupts local social and rescue teams providing emergency response services, as these operations heavily rely on the use of unlicensed vehicles. In addition taxi drivers have stopped their operations due to thorough road checks and arrests taking place.

“People have been in trouble since the day they began this program. The taxi driver can’t have two passengers. They aren’t just checking motorbike licenses but they’re also stopping drivers for not having helmets, rear mirror and driving license. They’re checking everything so some taxi drivers stop their services,” said a taxi driver.



# Elderly Woman Repeatedly Raped by Junta Soldier in Laung Lon Township During Occupation of Kanyone Kyun Village

June 27, 2025

Laung Lon Township, Dawei District, Tanintharyi Region A horrifying case of sexual violence has emerged from Kanyone Kyun village, where a Junta soldier repeatedly raped a 72-year-old woman during the military’s occupation of the village in mid-June.

According to testimonies gathered by HURFOM from local residents and eyewitnesses, the assault began after a joint column of Light Infantry Battalion Nos. 406 and 273 entered the village on June 15, reportedly to establish a temporary base. Their arrival sparked immediate fear. While many fled, over 90 villagers, including an elderly couple, were unable to escape and remained trapped under military control.

On June 16, a soldier identified only as “Phoe Chay,” believed to be around 40 years old, arrived at the couple’s home and ordered them

to stay hidden beneath their house. A neighbor who witnessed the incident told HURFOM that the soldier returned several times in the following days.

Tragically, on the night of June 17, the soldier came back and raped the elderly woman three times in one night, in front of her sick and bedridden husband. He threatened to kill the husband if he resisted.

“The grandfather was unwell and couldn’t move. The grandmother, later confirmed to be 72, was too old to flee. The soldier came again on the second night and raped her repeatedly. He warned that he would shoot her husband,” a local villager told HURFOM.

Over the course of two days, the soldier reportedly raped the woman a total of five times. Traumatized and fearing for their lives, the family eventually fled to seek safety elsewhere.

The military column reportedly withdrew from Kanyone Kyun on June 25. The survivor and her family are now in hiding, receiving support from local networks. According to the Hninsi Yaung Women’s Union, a Dawei-based women’s rights organization, the woman is undergoing urgent medical treatment for both physical and psychological trauma.

“She can’t remember the exact dates of the assaults, but we believe it happened between June 16 and 23. She is extremely traumatized,” a caseworker familiar with her situation told HURFOM.

Local sources also confirmed that junta troops looted homes in the village, stealing valuables and motorcycles, and set fire to at least two houses before their departure.

This deeply disturbing case is yet another painful example of the widespread sexual violence committed by the military in areas under its control. HURFOM strongly condemns this horrific act and urgently calls on the international community to ensure justice and accountability for the military’s crimes against civilians—particularly women, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in Burma’s conflict zones. [photo: Kanyone Kyun village, Laung Lon Township]



## Junta Troops Brutally Kill Thabyar Villager During Military Operation in Laung Lon Township and Dump the Body Laung Lon Township, Dawei District

HURFOM | 26 June 2025

Amid ongoing military operations in southern Dawei District, HURFOM has received disturbing reports of another brutal killing carried out by the Junta troops. During a troop withdrawal through Laung Lon Township, soldiers murdered a 55-year-old civilian man from Thabyar village and discarded his body near his home.

According to residents and a relative of the victim, U Hla Win, a peaceful and mentally unwell villager who lived alone in a small garden house along Taw-Kyaung Road in Thabyar village, was found dead on 27 June 2025—one day after the military column had passed through the area.

“The troops withdrew from the area, and it wasn’t until we checked his yard that we found his body. His arms were stiff, and his body

showed signs of being tortured. We had to call local residents to help cremate him,” a local villager told HURFOM.

U Hla Win had been missing since 26 June. His body was found with his throat slit and one hand tied with electrical wire—clear signs of torture before death.

This incident occurred as the Junta’s column moved from Kanyone Kyun village toward Laung Lon town and further to Dawei. The same unit had previously detained another civilian—U Myo Zaw Aung, aged 46, from Kanyone Kyun—and similarly slit his throat and dumped his body along the route on the same day, 26 June.

The military unit’s violence has sparked outrage, especially as these are not isolated killings. Both civilian men were executed in the same inhumane manner—throat-slit and body dumped—with no accountability.

Additionally, HURFOM previously reported that during the Junta’s 10-day occupation of Kanyone Kyun, one soldier repeatedly raped a 70-year-old grandmother five times over two nights. These grave human rights violations form part of a larger pattern of abuse inflicted by the military on civilians in occupied villages across Laung Lon Township.



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# Conflict comes and goes but jeopardy persists: Livelihood struggles in Kyone Long village four months after an armed clash



In January, 2025, there was a two-week-long armed clash between the military junta and the joint forces of the Mon and Karen revolutionary groups in Kyone Long village, Ye Chaung Pyar Region, Ye Township, Mon State.

During the armed clash, the junta launched artillery and air attacks and its regiment advanced into the village and stationed themselves there after the conflict. The military presence forced more than 1,500 residents from Kyone Long, Well Bong, Well Zin and Kyauk Mee Kyaung villages to flee to the liberated areas controlled by the New Mon State Party.

Along the Ye-Kyaung Yaw village road, junta forces are blocking the transportation of food, gasoline and construction materials. Regiments based in Eye Boke village have imposed a similar ban.

It has now been four months since the armed clash and residents in the Ye Chaung Pyar region face many difficulties related to their livelihood, movement, safety and security.

“We have to hide the rice if it exceeds the limited amount. They don’t allow transportation of construction materials. They’ve totally banned transportation of cement,” said a resident from Ye Chaung Pyar region. Multiple restrictions have doubled the commodity prices and villagers pay 600 MMK for an egg and 1,000 MMK for a pack of instant noodles. The price of a gallon of gasoline has risen up from 3,500 MMK to 4,000 MMK while a pack of cement is priced at 50,000 MMK.

“A pack of cement is priced at 32,000 MMK in Ye but it’s priced at 50,000 MMK in Ye Chaung Pyar. On June 7th, a local man transported packs of cement from Ye to Ye Chaung Pyar but he had to drop off all his cement packs in the “Ta Dar Gyi” security gate in Ye. The gate didn’t allow him to pass and forced him to make a U-turn,” said one witness.

Junta forces operating the “Ta Dar Gyi” security gate also impose a huge extortion on goods and products transported into the region. Truck drivers have to pay 3,000 MMK for a bag of rice and 2,000 MMK for a big package of instant noodles. Drivers must also pay from 100,000 to 200,000 MMK for each truck.

The “Eye Boke” security gate also extorts villagers and truck drivers in a similar way.

Ye Township residents said everyone who wants to pass the security gates must show authentic ID cards.

The military junta has also imposed a curfew from 6 pm to 6 am in the area and the local rubber plantation workers nearby Kyone Long village have difficulties going to their workplace.

The curfew prevents villagers from providing guard at night on their seasonal fruits such as durians, mangosteens and betel nuts.

“We go to the plantation in the morning and must return in the evening. So, we own our fruits only in daylight. The soldiers steal and eat our fruits at night. Sometimes, they close the gate at 4 pm,” said a Kyone Long villager.

Even though the conflict has decelerated and the situation is getting stable, only 100 out of 300 displaced families have been able to return to Kyone Long village.

Empty houses have been robbed and looted. One Kyone Long resident said, “before we ran away, we locked all the houses. But they were burgled and our belongings were stolen.”

Many houses in Kyone Long village were damaged during the armed clash and eight houses were totally destroyed. Now, the rainy season has come but the rehabilitation has not started yet.

“The three houses have been reconstructed but there is no help from either the military junta or the New Mon State Party. The families have to rely on themselves. It isn’t okay to construct a house in stormy weather,” said a local source.



# Two young men arrested for riding unlicensed motorbikes sent to military training



June 8, 2025

On June 8th, 2025, a joint traffic police team of the military junta arrested two young men while checking for unlicensed vehicles on the Yangon – Mawlamyine Highway Road near Taung Zoon village, Bilin Township, Mon State. According to a source close to both men, they were forcefully sent to the military training for conscripts.

“The two young men didn’t speak well to the traffic team so they arrested them and sent them to the police station. Their families went to the police station the next day but the authorities said they had already been sent to military training. The families tried to pay a bribe to release their loved ones, but it’s too late,” said the source.

The two young men are 28-year-old Aung Myat Soe, and Thet Nine Win and both of them are from Taung Zoon village, Bilin Township. Since June 1st, 2025, the military junta has been arresting owners of unlicensed vehicles in Bilin Township.

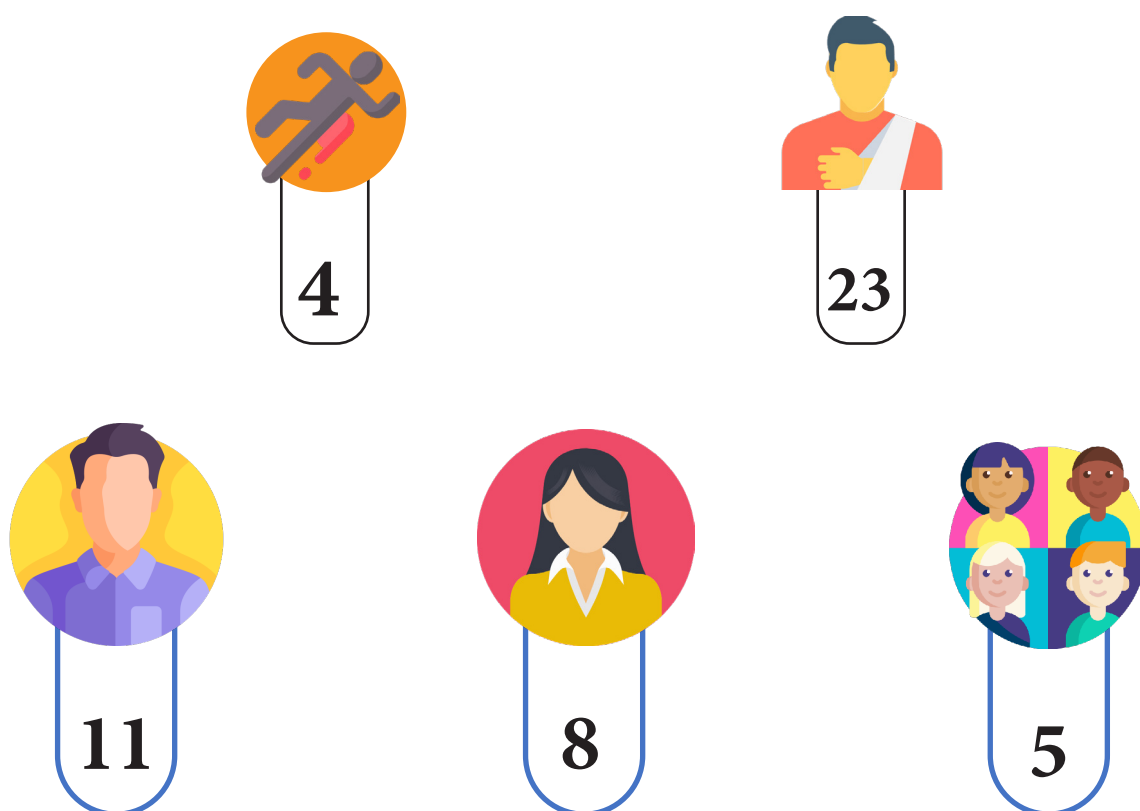
According to local reports, the military junta has also been arresting local young men under various accusations in Paung, Bilin and Thaton Townships, Mon State and forcefully sending them to military training.

# NUMBER OF LANDMINE EXPLOSIONS, INJURIES, AND FATALITIES IN MON STATE, KAREN STATE, AND TANINTHARYI REGION

January to June 2025



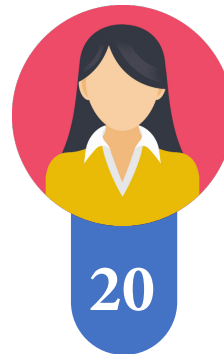
## NUMBER OF DEAD & INJURED



Male- 14( 11 injured/ 3 Killed) , Female – 8 ( 7 injured, 1 killed), Child - 5 injured

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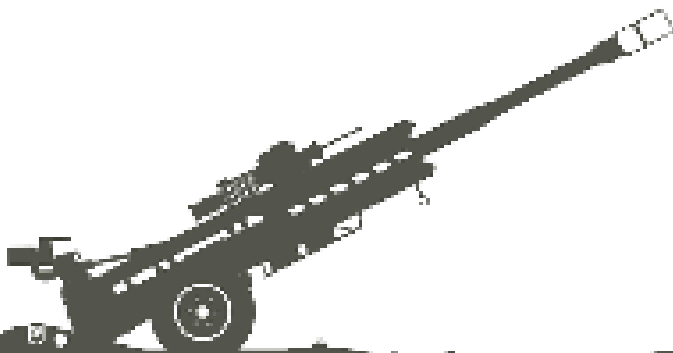
January to June 2025



Total injured – 71, Female- 20, Male- 26 and Child – 21

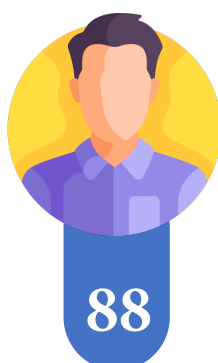


Total Killed – 30, Female- 11, Male- 16 and Child – 3

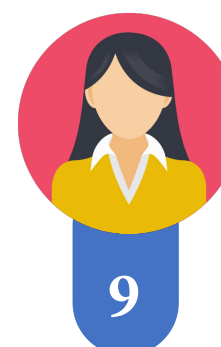


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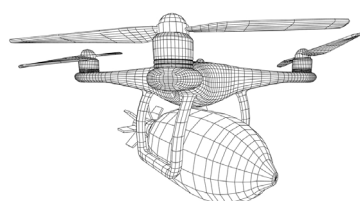
January to June 2025



Total injured – 154, Female- 33, Male- 88 and Child – 33



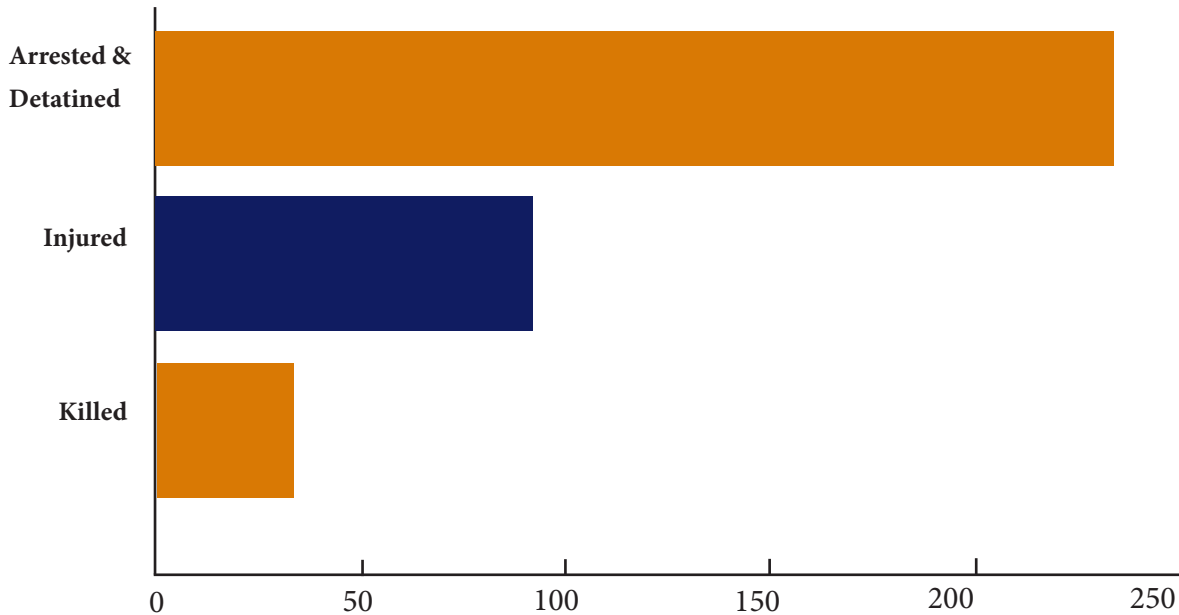
Total Killed – 35, Female- 9, Male- 17 and Child – 9



## SCALED UP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

HURFOM fieldworkers continue to take great risks to document the human rights violations being perpetrated in Mon State, Karen State and Tanintharyi region. By the end of June 2025, HURFOM recorded at least 145 people arrested, 90 detained, 93 injured, and 38 killed across all target areas.

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# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Mon State

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## Mon State

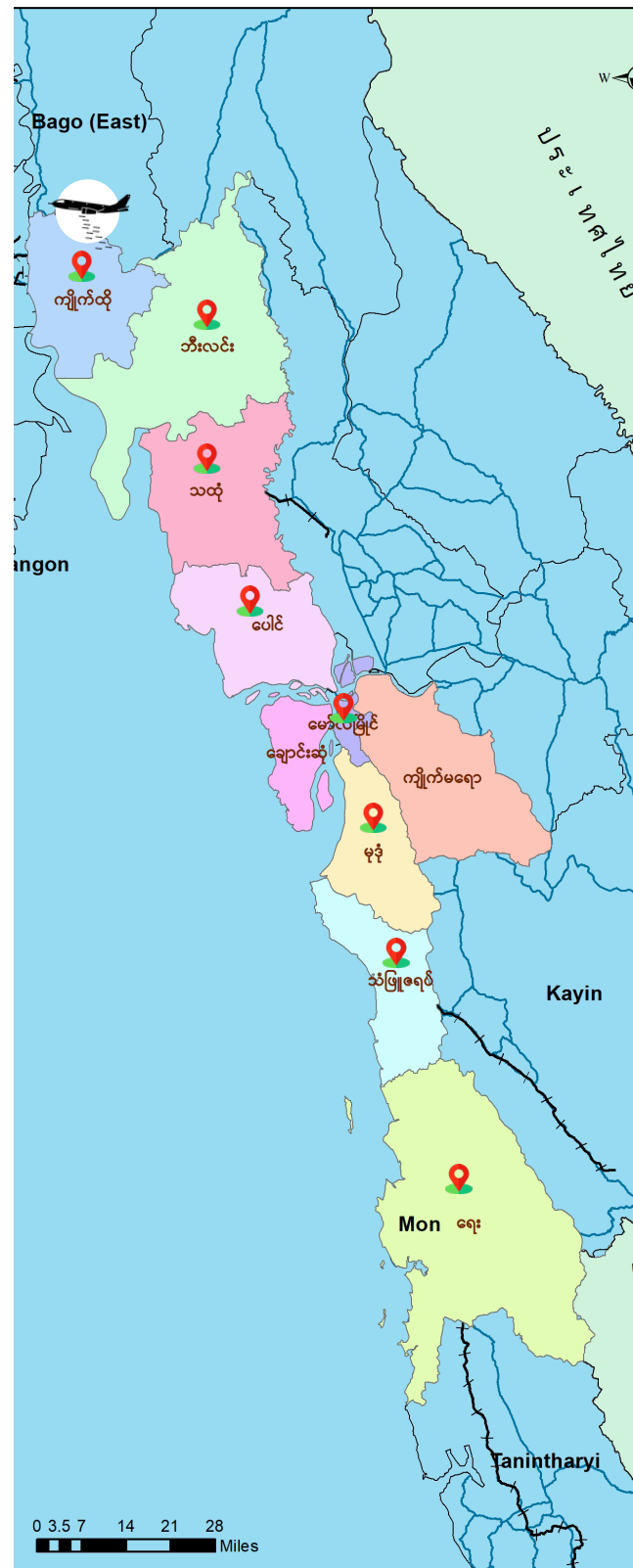
### Extort Money



1. On May 20th, 2025, the junta's chief, Min Aung Hline instructed local authorities to arrest owners of unlicensed vehicles and to begin legal actions. Soon after the directive was made, joint teams of the junta soldiers and traffic police stationed themselves at the entrance and exits of the Mon State Capital, Mawlamyine, in downtown Ye Town, and at the junctions of village roads in Ye Township. Arrests began in earnest of owners of unlicensed vehicles and those driving motorbikes with temporary licenses. Owners were extorted from 300,000 MMK to one million MMK. **"They asked for the money at the place where they caught the driver of the motorbike. If you don't have money, they bring you to their office and ask for even one million MMK. If you fail to fulfill their demand, they seize your motorbike,"** said a local man.

2. In Mon State, the military junta has been arresting the owners of unlicensed vehicles and owners of vehicles with temporary licenses and extorting 80% of the value of these vehicles from the owners. Failure to pay results in the vehicle seizure and one to three months jail time. **"Their arrest, extort or jail program is really tough here. They keep the seized vehicles in the football field. The owner of a motorbike which was priced at one million MMK had to pay 800,000 MMK. The owner of vehicles priced at ten million MMK had to pay seven or eight million MMK. If the owner doesn't pay, the vehicle will be seized and he/she will be jailed,"** said a Kyike Hto resident. If the owner is eligible for conscription and unable to pay, the authorities threaten them with compulsory military service.

3. On June 17th, 2025, a 40-year-old woman from Myo Ma 4th Ward, Mudon Town, Mon State was returning from a shopping trip, when she was stopped by a joint traffic team conducting a check for unlicensed vehicles. **"She's just an ordinary housewife. She encoun-**



tered the traffic police at the traffic junction on her way back from the “Shwe Hin Thar” Market. The police were aware that she wasn’t wearing a bra and fined her 30,000 MMK,” said a Mudon resident. Similarly in the first week of June, a local woman from Thaton Township was fined 50,000 MMK by the junta’s police team for not wearing a brassiere while riding a motorbike.

4. In the second week of June, 2025, three family members from R Yu Taung village, Ye Township, Mon State enroute to their rubber plantation, were arrested by a local regiment of the military junta. The regiment demanded three million MMK or they would be sent to military training for conscripts. The three family members were released after paying the ransom of three million MMK.

“Those arrested included a father, a son and daughter. They demanded three million MMK for the son and the daughter, because they were within the age range for conscription. They threatened that they would be sent to the army if they did not pay. All were released after giving the money,” said a nearby plantation worker.

### Arbitrarily arrest & kill

1. According to local sources, on May 30th, 2025, a junta regiment from Win Tar Ban village, Thaton Township, Mon State arrested and killed a 50-year-old local man. The regiment consisted of more than 100 troops who were returning to their base in Win Tar Ban village when they encountered Saw Lar Htu. They conducted an arrest and took him with them. On June 3rd, 2025, villagers found the body of Saw Lar Htu between Pu Yit Khoe and Inn villages, Thaton Township. “They just abandoned the body beside the village road near the forest. He had bruises on his face and entire body. The whole village knows he was arrested by the junta’s regiment,” said a Pain Nell Taw villager. Saw Lar Htu leaves behind his wife and three children.

2. On June 3rd, 2025, Daw Thidar Moe, Chair of a social and rescue team based in Thit Toe Kyune village, Bilin Township, Mon State was shot and killed by two unknown gunmen, who rode a motorbike. She was shot at close range after returning from a grocery store in the village at about 7 pm. She suffered gunshot wounds to her head, chest, abdomen and waist and died on the spot. “Daw Thidar Moe is the Chair of the village social and rescue team. We don’t know why she was killed. The army has conducted a tough check in the village,” said a Thit Toe Kyune villager.

3. On June 5th, 2025, a joint team of the military junta was conducting a check on unlicensed vehicles at the Than Da Dar Security Gate near Taung Zoon village, Bilin Township, Mon State when they were attacked by revolutionary armed forces. In response, junta forces recklessly shot and killed 52-year-old U Zaw Hein Aung who was riding his motorbike. “U Zaw Hein Aung just returned from his rubber plantation. They shot him and he was killed on the spot. The bullets penetrated his armpit and back,” said a Taung Zoon villager.

4. On June 7th, 2025, the military junta arrested a resident from Ka Dar Myo Thit Ward, Paung Town, Paung Township, Mon State for making a joke. 48-year-old U Kyaw Akar Lin aka Poe Wa, launched a “Facebook Live” video on his social media account in which reported that a local resident was warning people to wear footwear and brassieres while outside, if not, he said, you could be fined (by a joint team of traffic police). U Kyaw Akar Lin, continued to joke that the junta was arresting drivers of unlicensed vehicles and extorting them.

5. On June 8th, 2025, a joint traffic police team of the military junta arrested two young men while checking for unlicensed vehicles on the Yangon–Mawlamyine Highway near Taung Zoon village, Bilin Township, Mon State. According to a source, both men were forcefully sent to military training for conscription. “The two young men didn’t speak well to the traffic team, so they arrested them and sent them to the police station. Their families went to the police station the next day, but the authorities said they had already been sent to military training. The families tried to pay a bribe to release their loved ones, but it’s too late,” said the source.

6. A 50-year-old man from Thaton Township, U Win Zaw, tragically died in custody just five days after being arrested by junta authorities for driving a motorcycle without a license. He was a resident of Oat Kyin Ward and was stopped on June 5 while operating a motorcycle with a sidecar in downtown Thaton. Following his arrest, U Win Zaw was charged under Section 8 of the Import and Export Law and detained at Thaton’s Zay Ma Thwel prison. Authorities later informed his family that he had passed away on June 9 while still in detention, citing cerebral infarction (stroke) as the cause of death. However, doubts and concerns have emerged within the community regarding the true circumstances behind his sudden passing.

7. On June 12th and 13th, 2025, a junta regiment advanced into Ka Line Pa Daw village, Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State and arrested ten villagers. Nine of those arrested managed to escape while one was shot and killed. The regiment battled on numerous occasions with the local revolutionary armed forces. “The regiment entered Ka Line Pa Daw village and arrested ten villagers. Then, they battled with the Karen army and seven villagers managed to escape. There was another battle on the next day and another two managed to escape but the remaining person was shot and killed by the regiment,” said one of their relatives who lives in Kyarinnseikyi Township, Karen State.

8. On June 16th, 2024, the Maw Ka Nin based 106th Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) arrested U Phoe Tote. He is in his 40s, and is from the 3rd Ward, Maw Ka Nin village, Ye Township, Mon State. The regiment accused him of having a connection with the Ye People’s Defense Force (YPDF). An excessive number of troops were sent to arrest him at his home. “U Phoe Tote is a former member of the YPDF but he was dismissed from the group for a year. Now, he’s staying in his plantation and tapping rubber plants. He visited his parents’ house in the village on June 16th. The soldiers came to his house and arrested him on that day,” said a Maw Ka Nin villager.

### Artillery attack

(A) June 11, at approximately 5:30 PM, junta forces based in Bilin Township launched an indiscriminate artillery attack that struck Aloo Gyi village, resulting in the death of one civilian and injuries to at least three others. Local sources confirmed to HURFOM that the shelling was unprovoked and occurred in the absence of any active fighting in the area.

The shell was fired from Light Infantry Battalion No. 3, stationed in Bilin town. One of the artillery shells landed directly on a house in Aloo Gyi village, killing 35-year-old Saw Ngwe Lar, a resident. He died on the spot after being hit by shrapnel. The victim leaves behind a wife, Daw Nyo Nwe, and two young children.

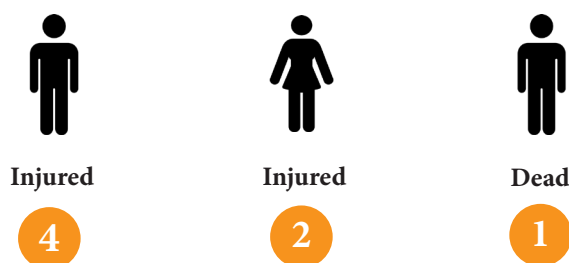
In addition to the fatality, three other villagers sustained injuries: Saw Aung Bo Bo, 28, suffered serious injuries. Saw Jit Too, 21, was also wounded. Saw Chit Shwe and Saw Win Kyal, 45, sustained less severe injuries.

(B) On June 14th, 2025, the Kyike Hto-based 44th Light Infantry Command launched eight artillery attacks on Zee Gone village, Kyike Hto Township, Mon State. There was no active armed clash in the nearby area at the time of the artillery attacks. Two artillery shells exploded in Zee Gone village while six exploded outside the village. One explosion injured 53-year-old Daw San

Aye with artillery debris hitting her in the thigh.

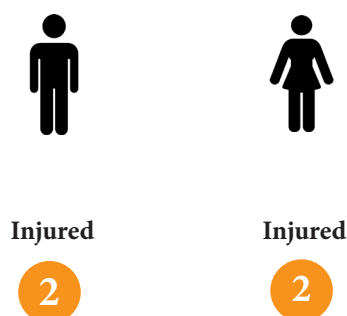
(C) June 14th, 2025, the Bilin-based 3rd Light Infantry Battalion launched two artillery attacks on Ah Luu Gyi village, Bilin Township, Mon State and injured a local woman. According to a statement by the Thaton District Karen National Union on June 16th, there were no active armed clashes during the time of the attack. One artillery shell exploded in Ah Luu Gyi village and the artillery debris hit 30-year-old Ma War War Oo.

“The junta intentionally launched artillery attacks even though there was no armed clash. The injury of the woman is a bit serious. Some villagers had fled the village,”



## Landmine

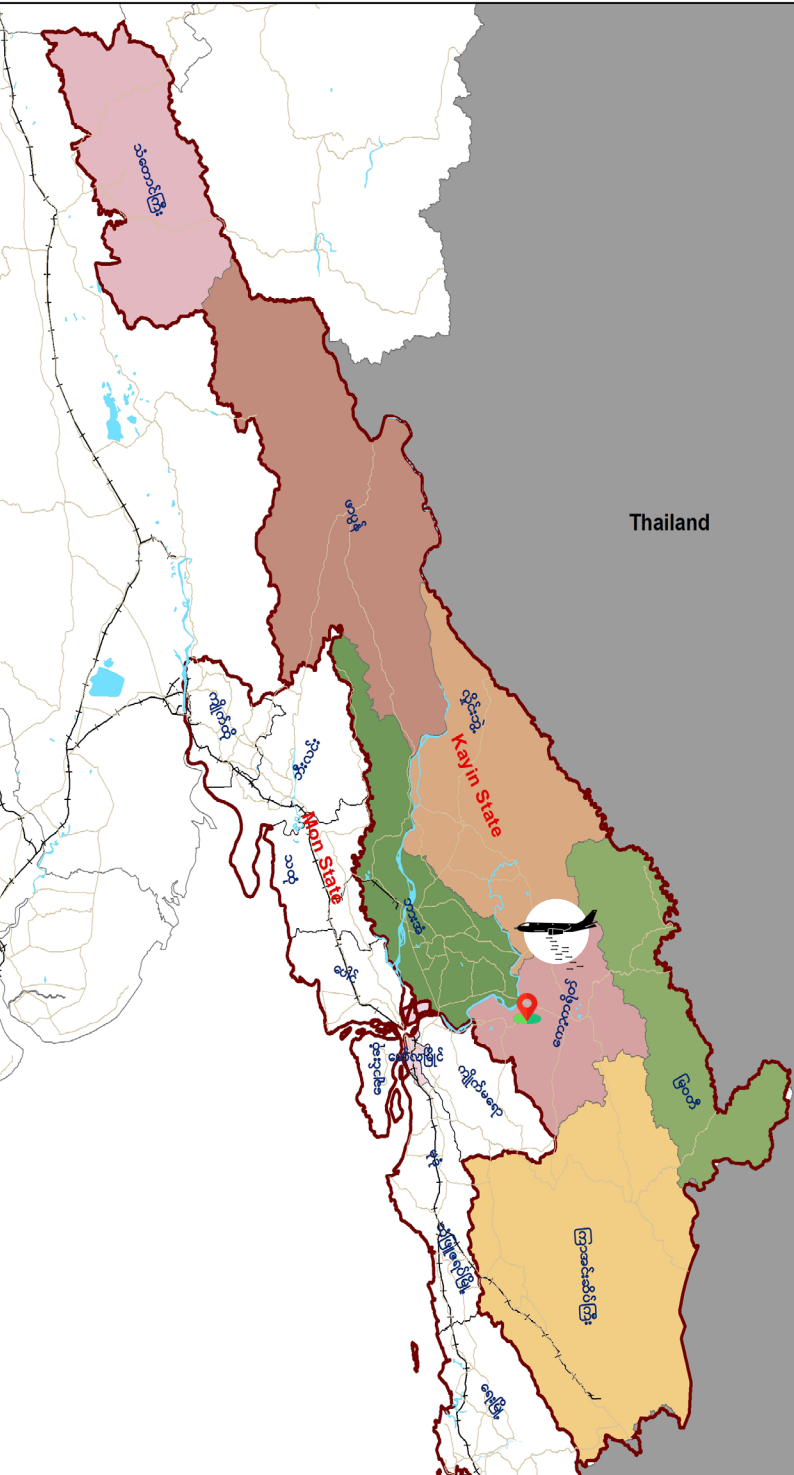
(A) June 12th, 2025, a car carrying four family members struck a landmine on the Yangon – Mawlamyine Highway Road near Daung Taung village, Kyike Hto Township, Mon State. All the passengers sustained serious injuries. Family members in the car included, 25-year-old Ei Ei Khine, 26-year-old Myo Min Khant, 28-year-old Thel Thel and 61-year-old U Ba Nyunt. The family members were travelling from Thane Za Yet to Kyike Hto.



# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Karen State

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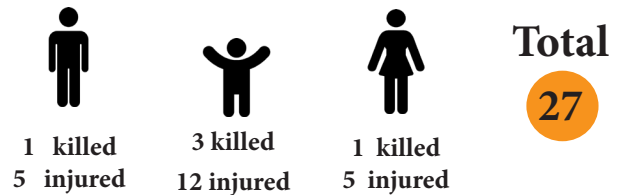
## Karen State



### Air Strike and Killed



1. At about 2 pm on June 9th, 2025, despite there being no active armed clash in the nearby area, the military junta launched a huge air assault on Pine Yat village which is located on the border of Kyikemayaw Township, Mon State and Kaw Ka Rate Township, Karen State. According to local sources, the assault killed five residents including children and injured 22 others.



### Artillery attack & Explosion

1. According to local sources, on June 3rd, 2025, an explosion of artillery remnants killed four villagers and injured nine others in Kyarinnseikyi Township, Karen State. Villagers found an unexploded artillery shell on a road between Lut Shan and Mell Ka Lu villages; it exploded when they tried to remove it.

2. June 12, 2025, junta forces stationed at Light Infantry Battalion No. 545 in Kyon Doe and additional troops based near the Gyaing Bridge launched an indiscriminate artillery attack that struck a civilian home in Kaw Baw village, Kawkareik Township. The house was hosting a funeral at the time of the shelling. According to local villagers, the

heavy artillery shell directly hit the house where the funeral was being held, killing seven civilians, including five members of the same family. Among the victims were two young children. ( two child , 4 men, one woman)



## Fled and IDPs

1. Pine Yat village is located on the border of Kyikemayaw Township, Mon State and Kaw Ka Rate Township, Karen State. It has 220 houses and the village population is approximately 500 residents. On June 9th, 2025, the military junta launched a brutal air assault on a self-reliant school. Five villagers including schoolchildren and teachers were killed and nearly 30 other residents were injured during the air assault. The entire population fled soon after the attack. Displaced villagers took shelter in nearby forests and mountains, plantations and relatives' houses.

## Extort money

The amount of extortion by the prison authorities and the police members in the Hpa-An Prison, Hpa-An Township, Karen State from the prison visitors has been getting worse, according to the family members of the prisoner.

Depending on the “things” or “items” that the visitors want to send to the prisoners, the authorities extort between 20,000 to 50,000 MMK and if the visitors want to give cash to the prisoners, the prison authorities also cut those amounts by a percentage. 20,000 MMK is subtracted from 100,000 MMK cash intended for a prisoner, and if the visitors want to see their beloved ones in person, each visitor has to pay an additional 5,000 MMK

## Arrested unlicensed vehicles ( Rule of Law)

On June 1st, 2025, the driver of an ambulance picking up a patient from the Hpa-An General Hospital, Hpa-An Town, Karen State was arrested and the vehicle seized by the military junta. Currently, all the ambulance services in the Hpa-An District have been halted since the arrest, according to the Hpa-An Social and Rescue Team.

“On June 1st, we went to pick up a patient from the Hpa-An General Hospital by ambulance from our organization. The ambulance had no vehicle license and the junta arrested and seized the ambulance. Since then, all ambulance services in Hpa-An District have temporarily been stopped,” said an official of the Hpa-An Social and Rescue Team. Most patients can be admitted to the Taung Kalay Military Hospital and the Hline Bwell Township General Hospital; however, it is difficult to send patients needing emergency services to the Hpa-An General Hospital.

# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Tanintharyi Division

## June 2025

### Landmine injure

1. On May 31st, 2025, an elderly man from Thit Toe Dough village, Yebyu Township, Tenasserim Division triggered a tripwire mine and died in the resulting explosion. According to local sources, a 60-year-old man, identified as U Hla Kyi, triggered the tripwire mine when he visited a plantation near the village.



### Air Strike

1. On June 7th, 2025, the military junta used a fighter jet to drop bombs on Kyauk Eye and Mell Kell villages, Taung Pyauk region, Tha Yet Chaung Township, Tenasserim Division. There was no active armed clash in the area, yet the fighter jet dropped two bombs on Kyauk Eye village and another two bombs on Mell Kell village. The air assaults killed a father and son and injured six villagers, according to the statement by the Karen National Union on June 8th. One bomb exploded near a house in Zee Pin Chaung Phyar Ward, Kyauk Eye village, and the explosion killed 55-year-old U Than Aung and his 10-year-old son Saw Than Win Htwe.



1 killed  
3 injured



1 killed



3 injured

Total

8



## Arbitrarily Arrested

1. The Junta's Mawrawaddy Naval Command arrived in a vehicle and raided two homes in Hlee Gone Wards 1 and 2. They arrested 50-year-old Daw Than Than Maw, a health worker; her daughter, Ma Zin Maw Naing, 27, also a health worker; and her son Ko Htet Htet, 22. Another health worker, U Kyaw Soe Win, around 45 years old, who has been participating in the CDM since 2021, was also arrested from his home in Ward No. 2. "There were five family members in Daw Than Than Maw's home when the troops came. They took three of them. She's not in good health either. The soldiers said they were just following orders from above," said a relative close to the family.

2. The military junta has been arresting owners of unlicensed vehicles across Burma. According to local reports from Kaw Thaung Township, Tenasserim Division, soldiers, police and members of local militia units, and village/ward administrators are even raiding houses to make arrests of the owners of unlicensed motorbikes. "Currently, there is a strict arrest program in place on owners of unlicensed motorbikes. They mainly target the latest model motorbikes," said a Kaw Thaung resident.

3. On June 14, when a column of junta soldiers moved from Laung Lone town toward Sit Pyae village. After occupying a local school and monastery, the troops continued their march over the next several days, passing through Lay Thone Khan and Ka Htaung Ni villages before reaching Kanyon Kyun by June 17. As the troops pushed through the villages, they arrested people along the way—including those walking to their farms, sheltering inside their homes, or working in the fields. According to several sources, more than 30 individuals were taken. "They came in the heavy rain, so there was little time to escape. We didn't even hear any warning. It was pouring that day, and junta troops were firing artillery as usual," said a relative of one of the detainees.

4. Junta forces have arbitrarily arrested a young married couple in Paya village, accusing them without clear evidence of having links to anti-regime resistance forces, according to local residents. On June 17 at around 1:40 PM, Ko Aung Ko Thet, in his 20s, and his wife Ma Mee Chu, who live in the upper part of Paya village near Ohn Pin Kwin, were taken from their home by heavily armed junta soldiers. Eyewitnesses told HURFOM that the troops stormed into the house and forcefully detained the couple.

"They weren't just arrested — they were beaten as they were taken. The soldiers didn't follow any proper procedures," said a local villager who witnessed the incident.

## Fled and IDPs

(A) June 14. At around 3:00 AM, a military column advanced from Laung Lone town toward Sit Pyae village, triggering fear and panic. By 4:00 AM, residents—including farmers already in their fields—were scrambling to escape.

“They [the junta troops] were firing heavy weapons so close to our homes. We had to run while it was still dark,” said a woman who fled with her children. “We couldn’t even take anything with us.”

Villagers from Sit Pyae, Nyin Maw, and Pyin Htain have now been displaced and are hiding in nearby forests and plantations. The Junta reportedly used both heavy and light weapons as they moved forward. This latest displacement follows a brief calm after the May 30 clash that had already forced people from seven villages to flee.

Meanwhile, in Tanintharyi Township, Myeik District, junta forces resumed shelling on the night of June 13. Troops based at Nyaung Pin Kwin village, under Light Infantry Battalion 561, fired more than 10 rounds of 120mm artillery shells toward Nyaung Pin Kwin and Hton Ma Khar villages, despite no fighting in the area.

The shelling continued into the afternoon of June 14, according to resistance groups on the ground. “There was no clash—just shelling all night. Everyone had to run. And with the rain, everything is much harder,” a local man explained.

Most villagers fled into nearby forests, plantations, and remote farmland areas. Many had only recently returned home following an earlier attack in May, and now find themselves displaced once again.

Local humanitarian service providers estimate that more than 3,800 civilians have been newly displaced over the past several days from both Laung Lone and Tanintharyi Townships. The numbers are growing as the Junta continues to escalate attacks in civilian areas.

(b) June 15th, 2025, joint resistance groups launched simultaneous attacks on four military bases in “Shwe Moe Nyo” Pagoda and nearby areas in Pa Ya village, Kan Bauk region, Yebyu Township, Tenasserim Division. Just prior to the attacks, junta’s regiments had advanced into the area and launched artillery attacks forcing residents in Pa Ya and nearby villages to flee their homes. “We were frightened by gunfire in the early morning. The junta’s “Shwe Moe Nyo” gate in the center of the

village and three other nearby gates were attacked simultaneously. There are six other junta's gates in the village. The junta suffered casualty and injury during the clash," said a Pa Ya villager.

(c) approximately 60 soldiers in strength—entered Sakhan Gyi village on 16 June and began occupying a local monastery where internally displaced persons (IDPs) had temporarily sought shelter. The troops then moved from village to village, including Khamaung Taung and Taung Min Pyaung, using these locations as temporary bases.

"They're stationed all around our village. If we step outside, there's a high chance we'll be detained or mistreated," said a woman from an IDP family who fled on June 17. "Even if they haven't fired directly into the village, we hear artillery from nearby every day and night. It's terrifying. If they want to arrest someone, they just do it—and sometimes, people simply disappear without any trace. That's why we decided to leave, even if we didn't know where we'd end up."

The military column continued its movement on June 17, advancing from Sakhan Gyi to Taung Min Pyaung village, where they again stationed troops inside a monastery. As a result, not only residents from Taung Min Pyaung and Khamaung Taung, but also nearby villagers from Phwar Bote Pyin, have fled for safety.

## Rape Case

A horrifying case of sexual violence has emerged from Kanyone Kyun village, where a Junta soldier repeatedly raped a 72-year-old woman during the military's occupation of the village in mid-June.

According to testimonies gathered by HURFOM from local residents and eyewitnesses, the assault began after a joint column of Light Infantry Battalion Nos. 406 and 273 entered the village on June 15, reportedly to establish a temporary base. Their arrival sparked immediate fear. While many fled, over 90 villagers, including an elderly couple, were unable to escape and remained trapped under military control.

On June 16, a soldier identified only as "Phoe Chay," believed to be around 40 years old, arrived at the couple's home and ordered them to stay hidden beneath their house. A neighbor who witnessed the incident told HURFOM that the soldier returned several times in the following days.

Tragically, on the night of June 17, the soldier came back and raped the elderly woman three times in one night, in front of her sick and bedridden husband. He threatened to kill the husband if he resisted.

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## Number of IDPs, Killed and Injured

### Mon State



IDPs -8400



Killed -10



Injured - 28

### Karen State



IDPs -15500



Killed -12



Injured -32

### Tanintharyi Region



IDPs -19100



Killed -16



Injured -33

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