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# JUNTA CONTINUES TARGETING CIVILIANS DESPITE ITS OWN CLAIMS OF A TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE

(Editorial for the Mon Forum April, 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. 3, Vol. 10 was recently published.

HURFOM routinely reports on between 40 to 50 human rights violations each month. In March, 2025, we produced more than 30 articles documenting human rights violations spread across 13 townships.

After the deadliest earthquake in central Burma on March 18th, 2025, which killed more than 5,000 people and caused huge casualties and damage, the junta twice announced a temporary ceasefire to start rehabilitation efforts.

The first temporary ceasefire was from April 2nd to 22nd, 2025, and the second ceasefire is to be in place from April 23rd to 30th, 2025.

Despite their temporary ceasefire announcement, the junta continued to target civilians even during the holy Songkran period.

According to the local media, the junta has killed more than 160 civilians by air assaults, artillery attacks, and military advances during the Songkran.

The junta has also been conducting lethal air assaults in the HURFOM's project areas in Mon and Karen States, killing both civilians and religious members.

On April 14th, 2025, the junta launched air assaults on villages near Kyone Doe village, Kaw Ka Rate Township, Karen State, that killed nearly 20 innocent civilians. Additionally, approximately 100,000 residents from about 30 nearby villages have had to flee their homes.

On April 19th, 2025, the junta targeted a monastery in Min Saw village, Bilin Township, Mon State with a cruel air assault, killing three residents, including a young novice, and injuring nine other villagers.

The junta has been continuing its military advances and conducted some of the deadliest attacks soon after their ceasefire announcement. The National Unity

Government (NUG) had labeled the ceasefire as a fake one.

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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According to township and village administrators, who spoke anonymously for security reasons, the junta has placed intense pressure on local administrative committees to meet these quotas without exception.

“Each township must send 40 youths. We have been told to ensure full numbers are collected, or we face serious repercussions,” said a member of an administrative committee. He also explained that local authorities are being forced to collect military service funds monthly and that failure to meet recruitment targets could result

Following the junta's orders, night-time inspections and door-to-door raids have intensified across urban areas. Youths walking or traveling after dark are often detained and forcibly conscripted. Disturbingly, even individuals who had been previously arrested for drug-related charges, theft, or robbery are being conscripted into the military after monetary exchanges, highlighting how extortion and corruption are deeply entwined with the conscription process. Migrant workers, alcoholics, the unemployed, and impoverished young people are especially being targeted.

Recruits from Mon State are primarily being sent to the Wae Ka Li Military Training School in Thanbyuzayat and the military training center in Thaton. After completion, most are deployed directly to front-line combat zones. HURFOM's documentation reveals that from Batches 1 through 12, at least 2,300 people in Mon State have already been forcibly conscripted. Many of these individuals were sent to dangerous battlefields without adequate training and were often used as human shields by the junta.

The escalating forced conscription campaign reflects the junta's growing desperation as it struggles to replenish troops lost on the battlefield. The heavy reliance on threats, financial extortion, and the exploitation of vulnerable groups underscores the ongoing human rights abuses being committed across Mon State and other regions.







## Frequent robberies and murders create fear for residents in Three Pagoda Pass

Civilians have frequently been killed in the Thai-Burma border town, Three Pagoda Pass, Kyarinnseikyi Township, Karen State, leaving residents frightened.

Robbery of motorbikes has frequently taken place and sometimes, the robbers kill the motorbike owners. There have also been numerous cases of sexual abuse of women.

*“We’ve filed a report to the DKBA after being robbed. But they’ve charged us with an extra service fee. We have to live with fear. We have no one to rely on. We have to suffer alone in silence,”* said another resident.

Currently, the Democratic Karen Benevolent Army (DKBA) controls Three Pagoda Pass Town.

Residents now avoid traveling on empty streets, and everyone is fearful of going outside after 6 p.m.

In November 2024, three family members of a staff member from the Department of Electricity in Ward #2, Three Pagoda Pass Town were brutally killed. In the third week of May, 2025, a dead body of a plantation worker was found near the “Sa Nwin Kwin” field in Htaw Mae Par (Karen Zu) Ward, Three Pagoda Pass.

“Murder of civilians happens every three or six months. Sometimes, there are two cases within a month. The murderers have never been caught,” said a resident.

The dead bodies of the civilians are usually abandoned in Taung Wile, Karen Zu, Htaw Mae Par, U Daung Kan and Htee Long Zu Wards. Some bodies have also been found in rubber plantations on the outskirts of the town.



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## Extrajudicial killings believed to be on the rise in Mon State



**May 2025**

Since the military coup began in 2021, Burma has experienced a failure of the rule of law and numerous new armed groups have emerged across the country. One consequence has been the number of arbitrary arrests and extrajudicial killings is on the rise.

The military junta has been targeting individuals with connections to revolutionary armed groups, while the resistance groups have been punishing military informants and military supporters.

On March 10th, 2025, two 25-year-old young Mon men were shot and killed at the entrance of Ka Log Thaw village, Mudon Township. Local sources said both individuals had been frequently punished for theft and robbery.



There is speculation they were ambushed and killed by a local militia group operating under the sanction of the military junta, however, no evidence has surfaced to confirm the speculation.

“There is no regiment in the village. The militia group has been patrolling the village. Bullet cartridges were found near the dead bodies,” said a local source.

On April 2nd, 2025, a 20-year-old young man from Moke Kha Malt village, Kyike Hto Township, was shot and killed by two unknown gunmen at his home. On April 4th, a 50-year-old U Kyaw Aung, who operated a fish farm near Soup Pa Nu village, was also shot and killed by unknown gunmen.

On April 4th, a 45-year-old local man from Ka Mar Wet Town, Mudon Township, was shot and killed at his hut on his farm. Locals said he was notorious for dealing with illicit drugs.

On April 8th, a 40-year-old makeup artist called Ah Pell from Sein Taung Ward, Ka Mar Wet Town, was connected with the drug trade. She was shot and killed by two unknown gunmen at their beauty salon.

“Both of them were frequently warned not to deal with illicit drugs (by armed groups). The authority came to check the incident but told the family members nothing,” said a local source.

There is a belief that villagers notorious for either trade in illicit drugs, or theft, and robberies have not been brought to the courts, instead, there is a growing suspicion such individuals have been extrajudicially killed by unknown gunmen.

On May 2nd, 41-year-old U Thein Soe aka Ko Thar Gyi from Htin Shuu village, Thanbyuzayat Township was shot and killed by six unknown gunmen at his motorbike repair shop.

Pro-military lobbyists accused him of being shot and killed by the “Yay Balue Group”, a local revolutionary armed group active in Ye Township, but there has been no concrete evidence presented to support the allegation.

On May 5th, a 30-year-old young man from Taung Kyar Ward, Thu Wun-na Wa De Town, Thaton Township was shot and killed at his home. Locals said he too had a connection with an illicit drug deal. On the same day, two other 20-year-old local men were shot and killed on a jungle route near Thaton Town.

“Three men were shot and killed on the same night. But both the military junta and the revolutionary groups said nothing. No one knows who is responsible for the killings,” said the locals.

The military junta has stated that 7,099 people, including monks, members of political parties, government staff, and military retirees, were killed by revolutionary armed groups from February 1st, 2021, to May 6th, 2025.

On May 15th, 2025, the Assistance Association for the Political Prisoners (AAPP) stated that the military junta had killed 6,682 people, including pro-democracy activists since February 1st, 2021.



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# Na Bu Lell villager arrested and killed by local armed group



**May 13, 2025**

On May 13th, 2025, 51-year-old U Aye Soe from Na Bu Lell village, Yebyu Township, Tenasserim Division was arrested and killed by a local armed group.

As the Na Bu Lell monastery needed a motorcar, U Aye Soe bought a car from the junta's security gate at the Dawei Deep Seaport. In the first week of May, he went to the monastery to donate the car but was arrested by an armed group known as Ko Oak All, from Mu Duu village. They also seized his car.

"They asked him "Don't you feel guilty about buying a car from the army?" Then they seized the car. He thought he didn't need to worry about his safety as they already seized the car.

He returned to his home. and went to his plantation at 6 pm but didn't return home the next morning," said a source who is familiar with his family.

Plantation workers said a group of six gunmen came to arrest him at 8 pm. His wife also said she had not had any contact with him for ten days since his arrest.

However, on May 15th, U Aye Soe's body was found buried in the village.

"We disinterred the body on May 26th and cremated it," said the source.

According to a report by the FE5 Tanintharyi, at least nine civilians from the Tenasserim Division were killed in April, 2025.

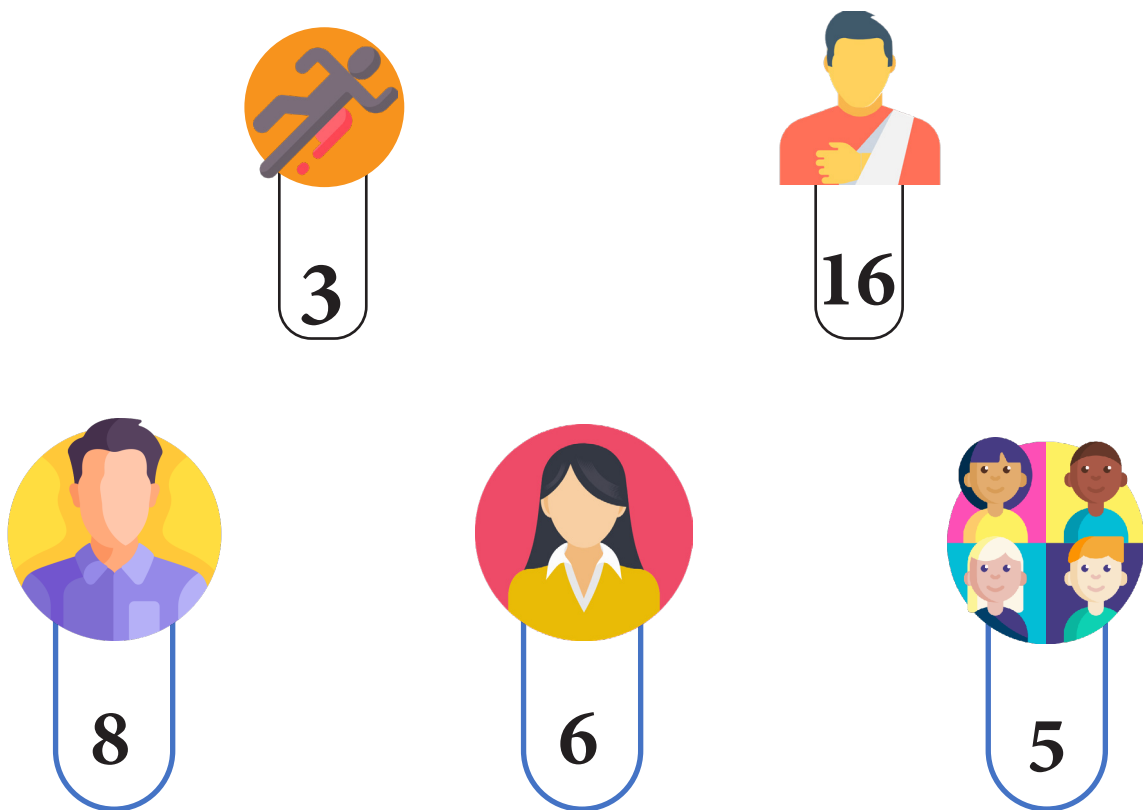


# NUMBER OF LANDMINE EXPLOSIONS, INJURIES, AND FATALITIES IN MON STATE, KAREN STATE, AND TANINTHARYI REGION

January to May 2025



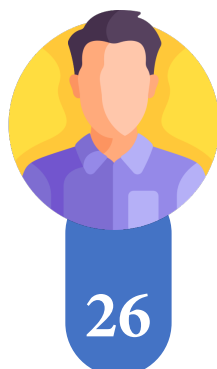
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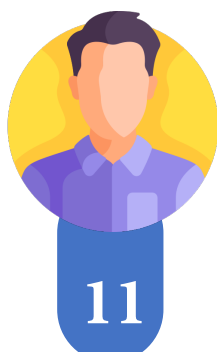
Male- 8( 6 injured/ 2 Killed) , Female – 6 ( 5 injured, 1 killed), Child - 5 injured

# LIST OF CASUALTIES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY ARTILLERY SHELLING

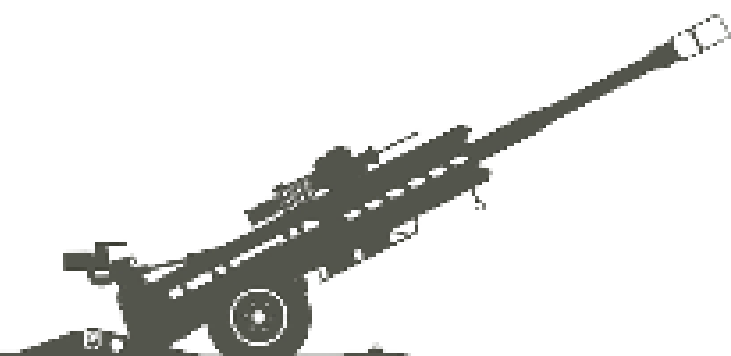
January to May 2025



Total injured – 65, Female- 18, Male- 26 and Child – 21

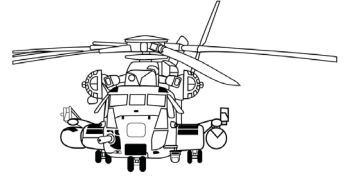


Total Killed – 22, Female- 10, Male- 11 and Child – 1

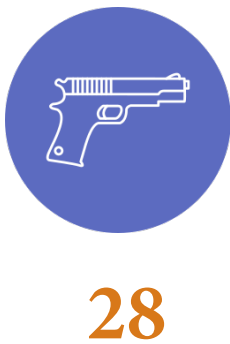


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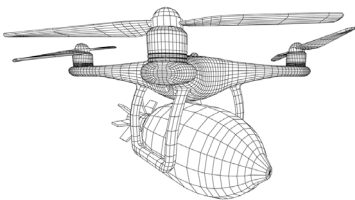
January to May 2025



Total injured – 126, Female- 25, Male- 80 and Child – 21



Total Killed – 28, Female- 8, Male- 15 and Child – 5

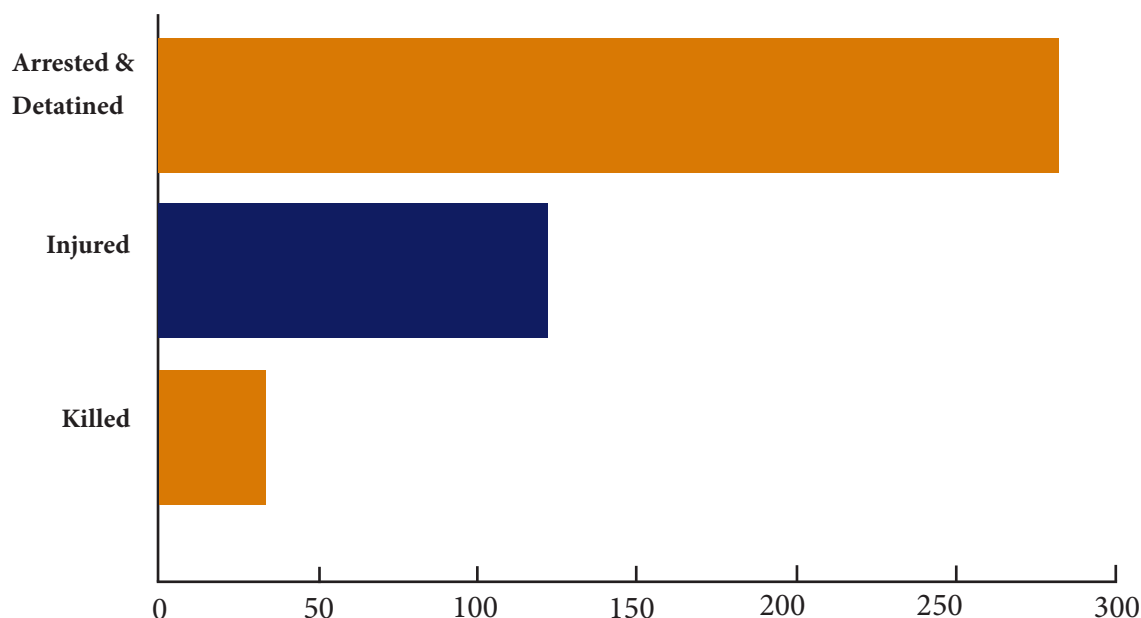




## SCALED UP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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 **May 2025**, HURFOM recorded at least **150 people arrested**, **122 detained**, **126 injured**, and **36 killed** across all target areas.

May 2025



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Pro-Democracy Protesters, Politicians & Activists  
 Sentenced by the Junta

# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Mon State

May 2025

## Mon State

### Air assault and injured

The military junta launched air assault killing and destroying homes **three times in Kyaikhto township** and once in Bilin, Thaton township.



Injured

9



Dead

1



Injured

2

### Arbitrarily Arrested

Total of approximately **180 individuals arrested** from Bilin, Mudon, and Paung townships for forced conscription into the junta's Batch 13 military training. The arrests mark a worrying escalation in the junta's ongoing efforts to expand its military ranks through coercion and fear.

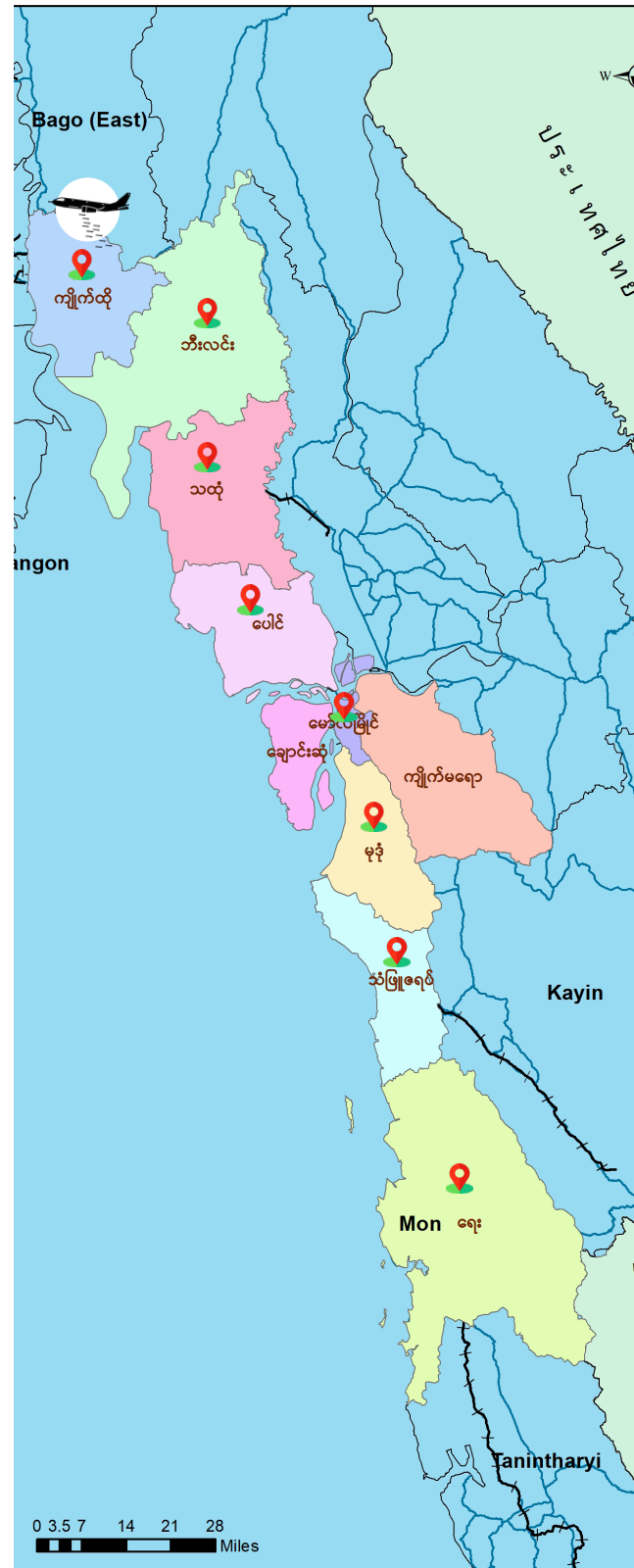
### Artillery attack and killed

The artillery attack was launched **twice in Bilin township** in Mon State, **injuring one child, one woman, and killing 2 women.**

### Landmine

A local man stepped on a landmine in a rubber plantation near the 106th Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) based in Maw Ka Nin village, Ye Township, Mon State and he lost one of his legs in the explosion.

The landmine victim is **42-year-old Nai Tin Moe Aung** and he has been receiving treatment at the Lamine General Hospital.



## Extort money



After the coup, both the military troops and the armed groups, stationed along the highway in Mon, Karean, Thanintharyi, extorted money from the vehicles, motorbikes, private cars passing through.

Additionally, since May, the military council has been seizing the licenseless vehicles, temporary motorcycles and demanding payments ranging from 300,000 to 1,000,000 kyats.

As soon as they have made an arrest, immediately demand money. If payment isn't made, they take the person to their police station, they extort up to 1,000,000 kyats. Some people can't afford to pay the amount demanded, so their motorcycles are taken instead," said a local man.

Moreover, in other townships, the local administrators and people force leader under the military council have been collecting amounts ranging from 5,000 to 20,000 kyats per household from residents to hire military personnel.

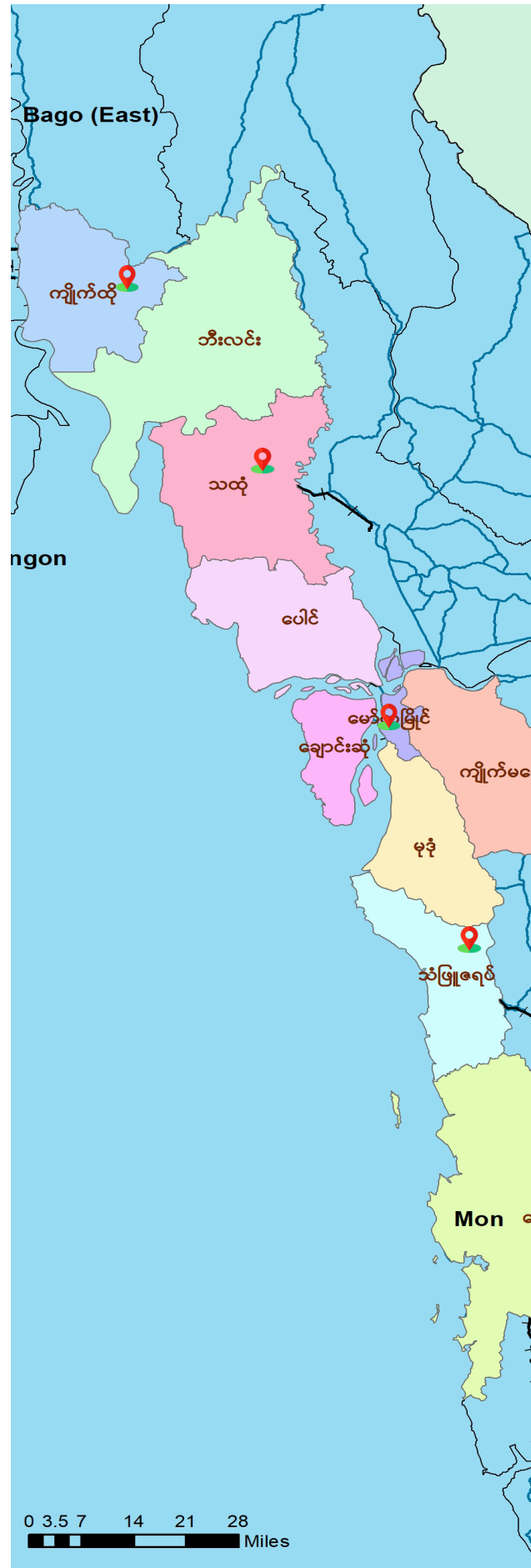
## Feld Home & IDPs



1. Since the third week of May 2025 in Kyaikhtoo Township, Thaton District, Mon State, due to military offensives by the military council, including artillery shelling and airstrikes (18,000) residents from 35 villages have fled their homes to safety elsewhere.

Due to the ongoing emergency displacement for safety, the humanitarian needs in the southeastern region of Myanmar have been rising.

2. Due to the armed clashes happened in Kyone Longe Village of Ye Chaung Pyar, most displaced persons returned home but only (50) households were returned. They live in their own gardens and the military troops are still imposing restrictions on the transportation of food supplies and fuel in the Ye Chaung Phyar region.





## Rape & Kill



13-year-old girl from Kaw Sein village, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State was raped and killed.

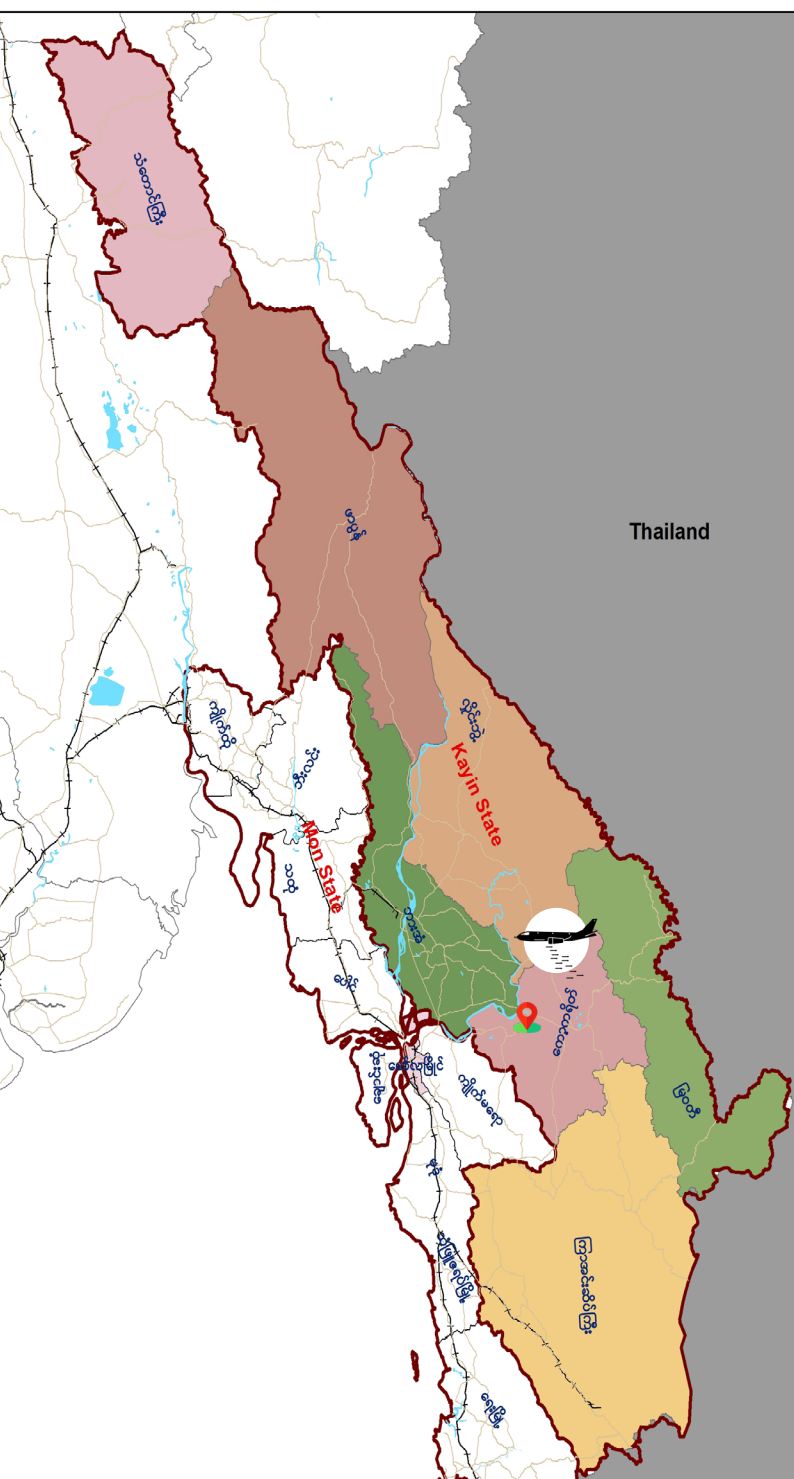
The young girl was in the fifth grade of the Kaw Sein Basic Education Primary School.

The girl left her house at 7 am on May 26th to pick up coconuts and she disappeared. Her dead body was found on May 28th.

# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Karen State

May 2025

## Karen State



### Artillery Attack and Killed



2 killed  
5 injured



2 injured



1 killed  
1 injured



### Air Strike and Killed



6 killed  
6 injured



2 killed  
4 injured

Total  
18

Kyarinseikyi Township - 1000 IDPs

### Livelihood and Rule of Law

#### Three Pagoda Pass

Cuff of the telecommunication network more than two months

#### Robberies and murders



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Robbery of motorbikes has frequently taken place and sometimes, the robbers **kill the motorbike owners**. There have also been numerous cases of **sexual abuse of women**.

# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Tanintharyi Division

## May 2025

### Artillery Attack and Killed



2 killed  
2 injured



2 injured



1 killed  
1 injured



### Air Strike and Killed



6 killed  
6 injured



2 killed  
4 injured

Total  
18

### Landmine injure

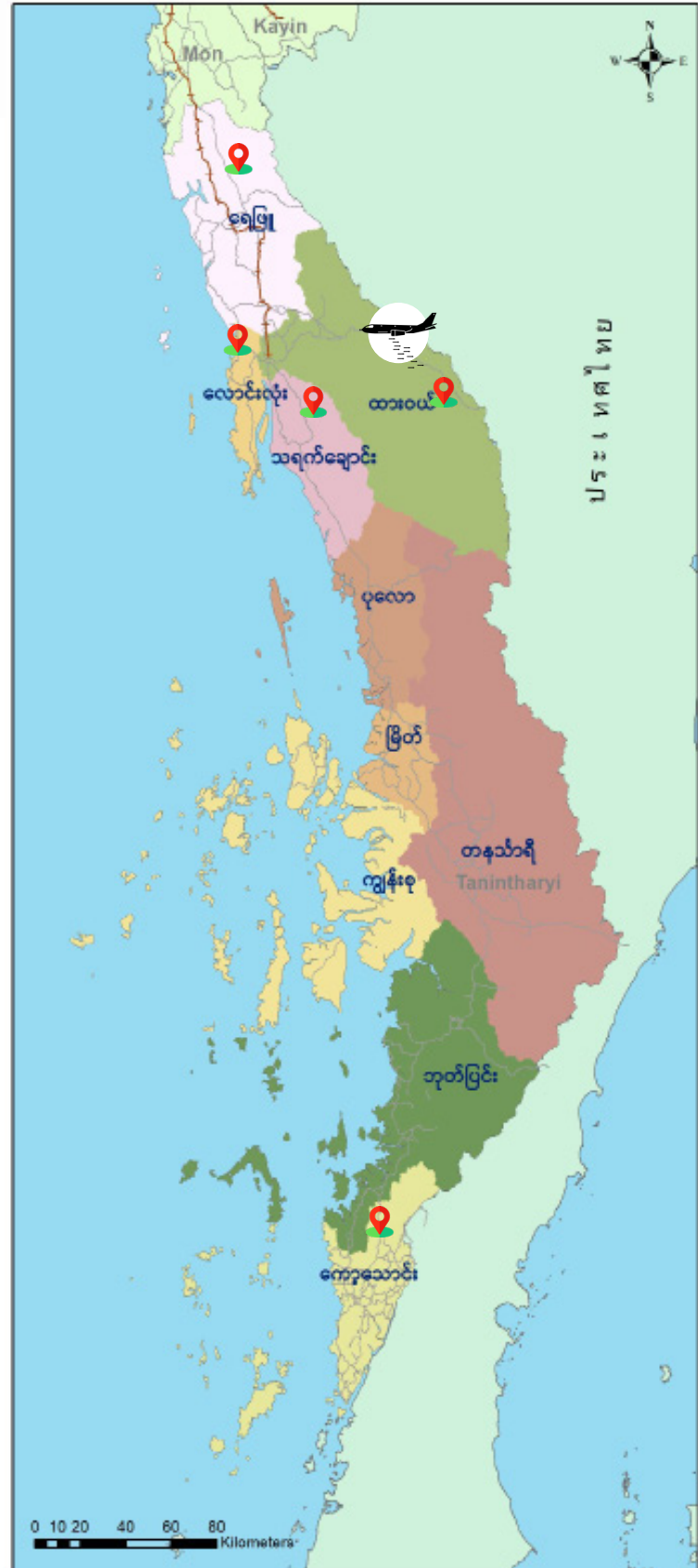


1 injured

### Rule of Law

The junta's regiment is intimidating displaced men in the Min Thar village tract, Yebyu Township.

"They forced displaced men to join the militia groups. The junta threatened that if the men didn't join the militia groups, they would burn down the villages and make displaced villagers unable to return home,"





## Arbitrarily Arrested

1. On May 1, 2025, one of the most visible incidents occurred when approximately 18 young men, aged between 20 and 30, were arrested at a military checkpoint near the entrance to Palaw Town in Myeik District. Witnesses described junta troops—some in civilian clothes, others in uniform—stopping passersby, interrogating them, and forcibly detaining those they deemed eligible for conscription. Between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., these young men, mostly from Ward 4, with several from Wards 2 and 3, were detained. At least 11 were taken to the Palaw Township Police Station, while four others were reportedly released due to health conditions or payment of bribes.

2. The arrests took place at their homes or in the streets. 50 residents were released in the first and second weeks of May 2025, but the remaining 182 residents remain in detention

## Livelihood Issues

1. Since April 24, 2025, the military junta has imposed a ban on transporting fuel from Dawei town to surrounding areas, according to local fuel distributors. This sudden restriction has caused fuel shortages and rising prices, making daily life increasingly difficult for residents in rural townships

2. In April 27th, 2025, the military junta has totally banned gasoline transportation in the township. Gasoline prices have risen sharply since the ban came into effect. One liter of gasoline that is priced at 3,000 MMK in Dawei City costs Long Lone residents 6,000 or 7,000 MMK.

# Human Rights Violation Data Records in Mon State, Karen State, and Tanintharyi Region by the Human Rights Foundation of Monland (HURFOM) May 2025

## Number of IDPs, Killed and Injured

### Mon State



IDPs -20,000



Killed -9



Injured - 35

### Karen State



IDPs -37,000



Killed -22



Injured -65

### Tanintharyi Region



IDPs -33,500



Killed -14



Injured -48

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Dears Readers,

Human Rights Foundation of Monland (HURFOM) was founded in 1995, by a group of young Mon people. The main objectives of HURFOM are:

- Monitoring the human rights situation in Mon territory and other areas in southern Burma.
- Protecting and promoting internationally recognized human rights in Burma.

In order to implement these objectives, HURFOM produces the monthly “Mon Forum” newsletters. If publication is delayed it is because we are waiting to confirm information, and it comes with our heartfelt apologies.

We encourage you to write to us if you have feedback or if you know someone who you think would you like to receive the newsletter.

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