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August 16, 2023

HURFOM: During a military operation in Thaton District soldiers killed a villager and looted valuable things from 36 houses, reported the central Karen National Union (KNU) on August 14, 2023. The area under attack is controlled by the KNU.

The junta recklessly killed Saw Dollar, who was returning to Shwe Yaung Pya village by motorbike on July 26, 2023. However, it was not until August 8th, that his body was found outside the village.

"We've documented the human rights violations of the military junta. One of the worst things is "reckless killing of civilians". They entered houses and took valu-

able things and then they destroyed the houses. The military unit withdrew on August 6," said an official from Thaton District KNU.

Valuable things and livestock from three houses in Kha Loud Inn village and 33 houses in Shwe Yaung Pya village were also looted by the military junta. At least 10 houses in Ma Yan Gone village were destroyed by an artillery attack.

"As of August 14, no one dares return to the villages. They fear encountering the military junta on their way back home. Some have moved to the cities and nearby villages. But most have to run away for safe shelter," said Shwe Yaung Pya, a resident.

The junta launched a military operation in Thaton District that lasted from July 25 until August 6, 2023. About 5,000 villagers from 10 villages had to flee from their homes. They are unable to return, and are in need of emergency help.

1,000 VILLAGERS FLEE ARTILLERY ATTACK IN WIN YE TOWNSHIP



July 7, 2023

HURFOM: Since June 28, 2023, the military junta has launched artillery attacks targeting villages in Win Ye Township, a township controlled by the Karen National Union (KNU) and located in Kyarinnseikyi Township, Karen State. More than 1,000 villagers from five surrounding villages have fled from their homes.

The 318th artillery battalion based in Ah Bit village, Mudon Township, Mon

State is responsible for launching the attacks. The shells have dropped and exploded in Kha Lae, Ta Gon Die, Pu Lane, Myo Haung and Nyein Chan Myine villages.

"The military thinks the KNU and the PDF are active in the area and they've launched the artillery attacks," said a villager.

Government schools in Ka Lae – Ta Gon Die village tract are closed due to the attacks.

"The schools are closed after having been open for a month. I don't know if it's due to security concerns or the artillery attacks. We've heard the sound of artillery attacks every night from that (Kha Lae – Ta Gon Die) side," said one parent from Nan Tie Tun village.

Villagers who fled are in need of food,

shelter and emergency health assistance. It is now the rainy season, making things even more difficult.

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August 4, 2023

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In late July, 2023, three male and three female bodies were discovered.

"Five or six dead bodies were found in late July. We don't know where the bodies came from, but it is suspicious as some of the bodies were

tied with ropes," said a plantation owner/worker.

On July 20, a male body was found in a plantation nearby Kyike Mehm Wa Beach.

"The body had decomposed considerably and was found at the entrance of the plantation. Their mouth was gagged with a piece of cloth and arms were tied at the back. It's impossible to say he died of drowning. He might have been murdered. The body was also burnt," said a local villager.

On July 24, fishermen found two bodies of young women in the streams nearby "Kaw San Ka Dell" forest, Kaw Dut village, Ye Township. Again on July 24, another female body was found in a fishing net near the beach of Kaw Dut village.

"My husband went to remove his fishing net and found a female body. There was a gold necklace around her neck. No one dares to touch the body. Later, the body was carried into the sea," said a woman.

On July 31, a male body was found near the beach and he too was tied with ropes.

"Two of us went to visit our friend's plantation near the beach. We found a male body on our way. He's a teenager. He wore short pants. His legs had sunk into the sand," said a villager.

Villagers said they heard nothing about missing villagers, or boats or ships in distress that might be connected with the discovery of the bodies.

ARTILLERY ATTACK IN KAW KA RATE KILLS RESIDENT AND INJURES THREE



July 3, 2023

HURFOM: At about 5 pm on June 28, 2023, artillery shells were dropped on Ward #3, Kaw Ka Rate Town, Karen State, and the explosions killed a resident and injured another three, according to a ground report.

"The military junta are afraid of being attacked (by the PDF) and they launch indiscriminate artillery attacks every day. At first, they launched three artillery attacks and then, they launched another two. The shells dropped and exploded in Ward #3," said a Kaw Ka Rate resident.

The artillery attack killed 50-year-old U Soe Myint, and injured another two women and a man.

The injured victims were sent to Kaw Ka Rate General Hospital by a local rescue team.

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LOCAL MAN FROM BILIN TOWNSHIP INJURED FROM LANDMINE



July 11, 2023

HURFOM: In the evening of July 5, 2023, a local man from Nat Kyi village, Bilin Township, Mon State stepped on a landmine placed near the Nat Kyi – Bee Lin Road

The victim is 30-year-old Ko Zaw Wan.

Soon after he left his house, we heard the sound of an explosion. He suffered injuries to his legs, and face. He is in critical condition,” said a local source.

A local rescue team sent him to Bilin Township General Hospital but he was transferred to Thaton District General Hospital as his injuries were severe.

Landmine explosions have frequently occurred in the township dating back to the coup.

At least five villagers have been killed and approximately 15 injured by landmines.

ARTILLERY ATTACKS FORCE NEARLY ALL RESIDENTS FROM SIX VILLAGES TO FLEE THEIR HOMES



July 12, 2023

HURFOM: Beginning in early July, 2023, the 314th Artillery Battalion launched artillery attacks on villages in Bee Lin Township, Mon State, and nearly all residents from six villages have had to flee from their homes.

“(The military junta has) launched artillery attacks targeting the village every day. Most villagers have to hide in plantations or the forests. Those who have money flee to relatives’ houses in cities,” said a villager from Zee Wun village.

At least 3,000 villagers from six villages including Ah Wun Gyi, Zee Wun, Shwe Yaung Pya, Ka Zile and Ah Lu villages have had to flee from their villages.

On July 7, 2023, a 57-year-old woman from Shwe Yaung Pya village was injured by an artillery attack and the local villagers reported to HURFOM that she died at Bee Lin General Hospital on July 9, 2023.

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SIX VILLAGERS INJURED BY ARTILLERY ATTACKS IN BEE LIN



July 12, 2023

HURFOM: On July 7, 2023, Zee Wun village based the 314th Artillery Battalion had launched an artillery attack on Shwe Yaung Pya village, Bee Lin Township, Mon State, injuring six villagers including two children.

Shwe Yaung Pya village is mostly inhabited by Karen people and under the control of the 1st Brigade of the Karen National Liberation Army.

"We've heard gunshots since early morning. The whole village is in fear. We've had experience of being attacked with artillery weapons. A child and a woman have se-

rious injuries," said a villager from Shwe Yaung Pya village.

Three artillery shells dropped and exploded on three houses in Shwe Yaung Pya village and two children, a man and two women were injured. They all were sent to the clinic of the Karen National Union and provided further treatment.

"After we attack their bases, they are always launching artillery attacks on villages. I've strongly condemned that they've intentionally targeted innocent villagers who are not military targets. The military must take responsibility for their actions in the future," said Pa Do Saw Aye Nine from the Thaton District Karen National Union.

The Thaton District Karen National Union has stated that in Bee Lin Township, at least 10 villagers have been killed and more than 30 injured by artillery attacks since the coup began in 2021.

COMMODITY PRICE SHARPLY RISES: JUNTA ARRESTS VENDORS IN KYIKE HTEE YOE MOUNT



July 12, 2023

HURFOM: On July 6, 2023, the Lay Phar Tot Bridge which is on Kyike Htee Yoe Pagoda Uphill Road, Kyike Hto Township, Mon State was destroyed by an explosion. In response, the military junta tightened security and conducted a thorough search of nearby areas.

As the transportation route was cut off, commodity prices immediately and sharply rose.

"After hearing the bridge had exploded, everyone rushed to buy goods. The rich people have bought and stored goods — commodity prices have sharply risen," said a villager from Kyike Htee Yoe Mout.

The area has run out of rice due to high demand and 2.5 liters of rice has been priced at 5,000d Kyat.

On July 7, the junta arrested 10 vendors who were from the base of Kyike Htee Yoe Mountain and came to the area to sell basic commodities.

"After the negotiation by the Kin Moon Chaung Administrator, the detainees were released on July 8," said a local source.

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G.A.D. ORDERS MUP TO REMOVE OFFICE SIGNBOARDS IN VILLAGES



July 13, 2023

HURFOM: On July 8, 2023, the Township General Administration Department (GAD) ordered the Mon Unity Party (MUP) to remove their office signboards in villages across Mon State.

"It isn't only the MUP that must remove their signboards. All political parties have to do so. The township offices can use their sign boards but offices in villages or wards have to remove their

signboards. We've already instructed the village/ward office to remove their signboards," said a member of the central executive committee (CEC) of the MUP.

Neither the Union Election Commission or the MUP have released a statement to explain why the removal of signboards is required. However, the General Administration Department offered a reason.

"The township GAD said party's signboards in the village or wards must be removed for security concerns. We've removed the signboard and kept it in the office. It's nothing special," said another CEC member of the MUP.

Even though the central level of the MUP said this directive is "nothing special", party members in the villages feel disappointed.

"We don't know the reason. The upper officials of the party said nothing. The party office is open at my house. I'm disappointed and unhappy to remove our party's signboard," said a township-level member of the Mudon Township MUP.

Due to a new electoral law approved by the military junta, the MUP decided to downgrade their party status from being "Union Level" (federal) to "State Level" in order to meet the new party registration requirements dictated by the junta.

JUNTA ARRESTS AND KILLS KYIKE HTO RESIDENT



July 24, 2023

HURFOM: On July 17, 2023, 25-year-old Ko Chit Lay from Chaung Saung village, located in the Zee Pyaung village tract, of Kyike Hto Township, Mon State was arrest-

ed by the junta at "Bus Station Junction" in Thane Za Yet Town.

The next day, the 310th Artillery Battalion informed his family to come and claim his body.

"Since the family heard about his arrest, they tried to get in contact with him. Then, they were informed at noon on July 18 to come and take away his dead body. He was a peaceful guy who didn't have contact with any (revolutionary) groups," said a Zee Gone resident.

Ko Chit Lay's body had bruises on his head, neck and nape and there was a cut to his lips. His skull was also soft.

Earlier this year, on January 25, 2023, another individual, Ko Kyaw Zin Latt was arrested at the same place and he was also killed the next day.

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WHEREABOUTS OF 12 THATON POLITICAL PRISONERS UNKNOWN

July 17, 2023

HURFOM: Between May and early July, 2023, the military secretly removed 12 political prisoners who faced long term imprisonment under Anti-Terrorist Act from Thaton Prison, in Mon State.

Those prisoners have lost contact with their family members. When family members attempted to visit their relatives, prison officials told them that the prisoners had been removed by other authorities and they did not know their whereabouts.

“The military suddenly moved the political prisoners who were sentenced under the Anti-Terrorist Act at midnight. No one knows where they were taken. Prison officials refused to tell family members of their whereabouts.” said a local source.

Family members are worried because they were not transferred to another prison but secretly moved and no explanation has been provided.



“Bringing out a prisoner without a reason is a violation of prison rules. The prisoners can be transferred to another prison but bringing them out like this is unlawful,” said a senior lawyer.

On June 27, 2023, the military moved 37 prisoners from Kyike Sa Gaw Prison, Dike Oo Township, Pegu Division and they have been missing ever since, reported the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) on July 10, 2023.

On June 13, 2023, two dead bodies were found in an abandoned KTV room in Ka Mar Sai village, Thaton Township, Mon State. They were men and wearing prisoners’ uniforms.

JUNTA THREATENS VILLAGERS WITH SEIZURE OF HOMES IF THEY DO NOT RETURN



July 17, 2023

HURFOM: On June 25, 2023, there was an armed clash between the revolutionary forces and the military’s junta in Hnit Ka Yin village, Ye Township, Mon State. The military attacked the village with artillery weapons and an air assault.

The junta arrested some villagers and roughly half of the village population fled from their homes.

“The junta is stationed in the village and is searching houses. They’ve also arrested villagers. Half of the village dare not stay at home and run away,” said a local.

Now the junta has threatened, if those villagers do not return to their home within five days, their empty houses will be sealed and seized after July 15th. Hnit Ka Yin residents took shelter in monasteries in Hnit Ka Yin village, Mawlamyine, Mudon and Thanbyuzayat Towns and they have been unable to return to their houses.

“Military aircraft are flying above Hnit Ka Yin village every day. We hear the sound of military aircraft twice a day,” said a resident from a neighboring village.

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3,000 RESIDENTS FLEE THEIR VILLAGES AS MILITARY LAUNCHES OPERATION IN KYIKE HTO



July 21, 2023

HURFOM: On July 14, 2023, the junta launched a military operation in Kyike Hto Township, Mon State involving a massive number of troops; more than 3,000 residents had to flee from their villages, according to the statement of the Thaton District Karen National Union.

The junta launched artillery attacks targeting Hngat Pyaw Taw and Ah Lu villages located in the township, then entered the villages with about 150 troops. About 700 households totalling a population of 3,000 from Zee Gone, Pi Dauk Taw, Chan Myae, Hngat Pyaw Taw, Ka Ra Way Saint and Shan Su villages fled their homes.

“As the military entered the village, we had to run away that night. The rain hasn’t stopped so the elderly people and children are in trouble. We’re urgently in need of shelter,” said a Ze Gone resident.

Beginning in early July, the military junta launched artillery attacks on villages in Kyike Hto Township and destroyed at least 20 religious buildings and houses.

On July 16, 2023, there was an armed clash between the joint forces of the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the People’s Defense Forces (PDF) and junta forces shot and killed three villagers, according to the Thaton District Karen National Union.

Those who fled are staying in plantations and forests. It has been raining continuously, making their situation dire. The displaced persons have no food or other resources, and are in urgent need of assistance.

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JUNTA ARRESTS 16 GOLD MINE WORKERS IN KYIKE HTO



July 18, 2023

HURFOM: On July 13, 2023, the military junta raided a gold mine to the west of an oil palm plantation near Inn Ka Bo village, Kyike Hto Township, Mon State and arrested 16 workers.

With roughly 50 soldiers the junta burnt down the workers' barrack, seized a backhoe and other machinery.

"We don't know why they made the arrest. Some said the owner of the gold mine supported the PDF. But that is not proven. Others believe the gold mine didn't pay tax," said a local source.

The workers were arrested and taken to the 44th Kyike Hto military base. Their families are worried about their loved ones being interrogated by the military.

The military junta also entered the Pan Thiri Agriculture Company and arrested its manager and three staff.



MON STATE HAS 600 DENGUE FEVER PATIENTS: TWO DIE OF THE DISEASE

July 18, 2023

HURFOM: From January to June, 2023, the Mon State Health Department reported approximately 600 cases of dengue fever. Two individuals have died of the disease.

The majority of patients are from Mawlamyine, Paung, Thanbyuzayat, Kyikemayaw and Ye Townships. The cases include children in the 5 to 9 age range. "Now, it is time to provide intensive care to children to prevent dengue fever. But they have to go to school and we've worried that they'll become infected with the disease from transmission at schools. We've seen no preventive measures at school," said one parent from Ye Township.

The military regime is responsible for health education and preventive measures, and residents believe this is why there are many cases of dengue fever patients at clinics and hospitals.

"The military regime has done nothing

to prevent dengue fever. Before, the village health chief and staff were doing mosquito control in the villages. They had put "abate" larvicides/insecticides in the pool/well. The people also made a contribution. But we have no preventive measures now," said a Ye resident.

In addition to dengue fever, children across Burma have been suffering from a bronchitis disease which is being transmitted by a new virus.



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JUNTA ARRESTS THREE YOUTH FROM TAUNG ZUN, ACCUSING THEM OF BEING PDF MEMBERS



July 21, 2023

HURFOM: On July 17, 2023, three young residents from Bilin Township, Mon State were arrested by the junta after being accused of being the members of the People's Defense Force. (PDF).

A joint team from the junta's multiple

departments conducted a search near an old "Shwe Than Lwin" tollgate at the entrance of Bilin Township resulting in the arrest of three young residents traveling by motorbike.

"Those young people live in Taung Zun village. They all are local residents. The junta claimed they found photos of the PDF on their mobile phones," said a

Taung Zun resident.

The arrested youth are 20-year-old Maung Set Pine Soe and 19-year-old Maung Khant Zin Ko and Ma Khin May Lat. All live in Taung Zun village.

The junta plans to charge the youth under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

NINE ARRESTED WITHIN A WEEK IN BEE LIN



August 7, 2023

HURFOM: In Bee Lin Township, Mon State, nine residents including a gold shop owner and a teacher allegedly involved in the civil disobedience movement (CDM) were arrested by the military junta.

On July 26, the military, the police and the ward Administrator arrested two residents from Ward #8 and three residents from Sa Yar San Ward, Bee Lin Town. Four residents from Taung Soon village were also arrested.

Those arrested include Ko Zaw Win Oo, a gold shop owner, Daw Aye Aye Khine, a teacher and a private bank employee Ma Ei Phyu.

"The junta informed the family of gold shop owner Ko Zaw Win Oo, to pay a ransom for his release. The remaining eight residents have been interrogated by the military," said a local source.

The junta charged the detainees under the Anti-Terrorism Act section #505(A).

News

VILLAGER INJURED BY LANDMINE ALONG YE-THANBYU-ZAYAT ROAD



August 1, 2023

HURFOM: On July 23, 2023, a plantation worker stepped on a landmine as he was walking along Ye-Thanyuzayat Highway Road near Aung Thar Yar village, Ye Township, Mon State.

The victim is 47-year-old Nai Ah Pin, from Maw Ka Nin village, Ye Township. He stepped on the landmine while cutting grass at his plantation. His injuries included the loss of a finger.

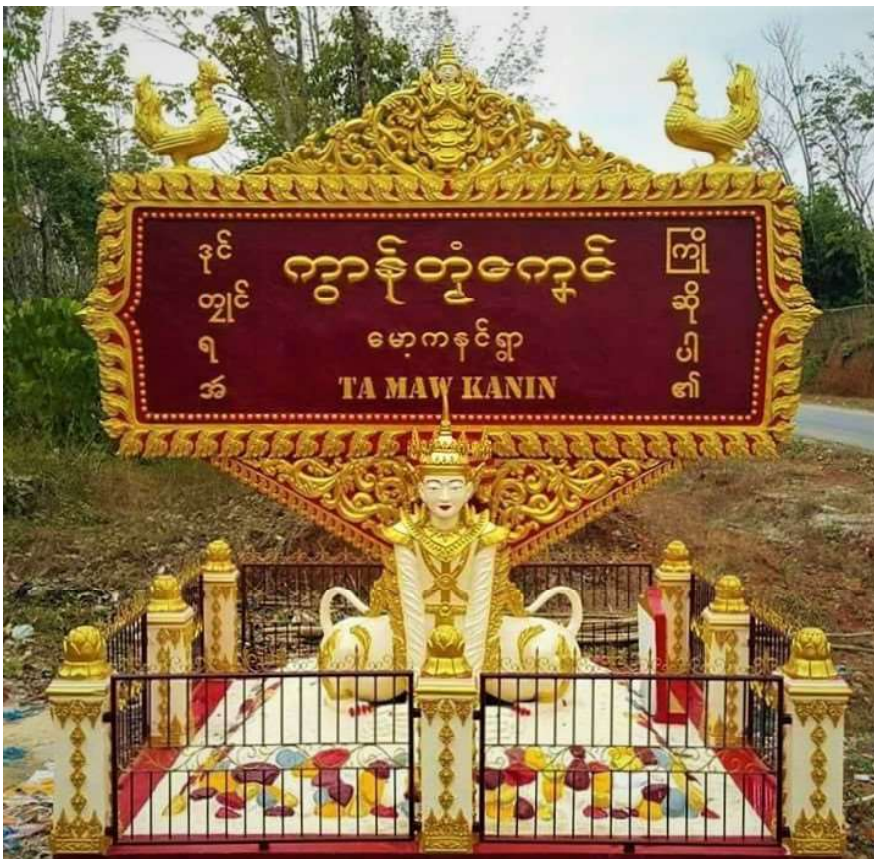
"He was sent to Lamine Hospital for further treatment. No one knows who planted the landmine," said a resident. Aung Thar Yar village has been the site

of frequent armed clashes between the Burmese army and the joint forces of the Karen National Liberation Army and the People's Defense Forces.

Landmine explosions have also frequently occurred at Kyoe Da Dar Chaung Bridge nearby Bay Ka Hwelve village, Lamine Town, Ye Township. At least five residents had been injured by the blasts.



OWNERS ABANDON PLANTATION IN YE TOWNSHIP DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS



August 9, 2023

HURFOM: Due to frequent armed clashes and related security concerns, plantations near Maw Ka Nin village, Ye Township, Mon State have been abandoned by the owners.

Plantation owners from Pha Yar, Ka Nin Ka Maw, Aung Thar Yar and Lane Maw Chan villages have not gone to their plantations for a long time.

"The owners from the plantations alongside the road between Maw Ka Nin village and Thanbyuzayat dare not go to their plantation. Armed clashes happen frequently. There have been artillery attacks even without armed clashes. There is also a danger of landmine explosions. The owners are worried about their safety and have stopped going to their plantation," said a plantation owner from Maw Ka Nin village.

Without an income source, the owners face a daily financial loss.

"As we can't go to our plantation, our fruits are stolen. Plants are destroyed. Even our huts in the plantation were burnt down. Our plantation is being destroyed and we can't take care of them," said an owner of a plantation nearby Lane Maw Chan village.

Ye Township is under martial law but has frequent armed clashes. There have been casualties amongst the innocent villagers, plantation owners and workers due to armed clashes, artillery attacks and landmine explosions.

News

COMMODITY PRICES SUDDENLY RISE AFTER WASHOUT ALONG THAI-BURMA CROSS-BORDER TRADE ROUTE



August 10, 2023

HURFOM: On August 7, 2023,, a section of one of the main routes along the Myawaddy-Kaw Ka Rate Road, which is essential to Thai-Burma cross-border trade, was washed away due heavy rains and landslides.

There has been flooding across Mon State. The Yangon-Mawlamyine Highway Road also flooded near Bilin and the flow of trade has also been stopped.

Commodity prices rose sharply on August 8 and some commodities will be out of stock very soon due to high demand.

"We've heard a section of the Myawaddy Road was washed away yesterday. Our store has run out of cooking oil. People immediately became aware that commodity prices rose after that happened. As expected, the price of cooking oil sharply rose

today. The price for a pack of "prawn logo" cooking oil rose to 58,500 MMK. Yesterday's price was 52,000 MMK. The price will continue to increase until the road is repaired. Some commodities will be out of stock," said a woman who runs a grocery store in Ye Township.

People are worried about pending food shortages and began to aggressively buy foods and store them. Sellers increased their prices due to high demand and possible shortages.

"It's very awful to hear that sellers have increased the price. There is a huge gap between the prices yesterday and today's prices. Some prices have gone up from two or three thousands to even ten thousands. The people will die (of starvation)," said a housewife.

Commodity prices also rose last week due to the news that the junta would produce 20,000 MMK bank notes.

"The price for commodities has gradually been increasing since the attempted coup. There is no declination. The value of Burmese currency has dropped. Domestic workers who get paid in MMK are unable to feed their family," said a daily worker.

WOMAN INJURED BY THE JUNTA'S ARTILLERY ATTACK IN KYIKE HTO



August 18, 2023

HURFOM: On August 13, 2023, fighting occurred between the military junta and the joint forces of the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the People's De-

fense Force (PDF) at Kim Moon Chaung Police Station near the base of Kyike Htee Yoe Mount, Kyike Hto Township, Mon State.

About 30 Burmese troops were on duty at the Police Station. Both small and heavy weapons were used during the attack

The military launched their artillery at Kim Moon Chaung village injuring a 42-year-old woman. The victim, Daw Thi Dar, was sent to Thaton District General Hospital.

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LOCAL PDF ACCIDENTALLY KILLS VILLAGER DURING ATTACK ON MILITARY TRUCK



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August 10, 2023

HURFOM: On August 6, 2023, a local People's Defense Force, known as the Long Lone PDF, chased and attacked a military truck near Inn South village, Long Lone Township, Tenasserim Division.

PDF forces accidentally shot and killed a villager during the attack, according to local sources.

"The Long Lone PDF stopped a military truck carrying food supplies but the truck didn't stop and the driver tried to run away. The group chased after the truck and shot at it. The truck had a flat tire and stopped near Inn South village. During the attack, Ko Myo Zaw Latt who was sitting in the front a snooker club was shot dead," said a local source.

Ko Zaw Myo Latt was from Dawei Township, he was traveling to the region to visit a friend.

On August 7, 2023, the Long Lone PDF released a statement offering their condolences to the victim, and took responsibility for their actions.

Following the attack, junta soldiers arrived in two military trucks, and remained to check the travelers for two hours.

WOMAN SHOT AND INJURED ON YE-THAN-BYUZAYAT HIGHWAY



August 21, 2023

HURFOM: On August 16, 2023, a vehicle was attacked on the Ye-Thanbyuzayat

Highway Road near Aung Thu Kha Gas Station at the entrance of Hnit Ka Yin village, Ye Township, Mon State.

A female passenger was shot and injured. The bullet penetrated the right chest of the woman.

The vehicle was attacked at about noon while traveling from Ye to Mawlamyine.

"The woman was shot and sent to the Mawlamyine General Hospital. We don't know which group is responsible

for the attack," said a car driver on the scene.

Both the military junta and People's Defense Forces have engaged in frequent armed clashes, around Ka Nin Ka Maw, Bay Lamine, Lane Maw Chan, Aung Thar Yar and Aye Kabar villages, all of which are located along Ye-Thanbyuzayat Road.

In April, 2023, three travelers were shot and injured while another two were shot and killed on the Ye-Thanbyuzayat Highway Road.

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JUNTA LAUNCHES MILITARY OPERATION IN NA BU LELL: ARREST OF TEN VILLAGERS FOLLOWS



August 14, 2023

HURFOM: The junta launched military operations in the Na Bu Lell region near the Dawei Special Economic Zone, located in Yebyu Township, Tenasserim Division.

Within three days, in early August, ten men and women were arrested and they have not yet been released.

“Four Htein Gyi villagers were arrested while they were fishing in a stream. A Muu Duu villager was arrested on the road. Three women from Wat Chaung village were also arrested,” said a local man.

Due to the military invasion, about 3,000 villagers from Wat Chaung, Kha Maung Chaung, A Ka Ne, Muu Duu, Lell Shaung, Htein Gyi, Pa Ra Dut and surrounding villages had to flee from their villages.

“We’ve fled from our village for three days. As soon as we heard the news (of military operation), we ran away,” said a Kha Maung Chaung resident.



JUNTA’S ARTILLERY ATTACKS INJURE TWO BOYS IN PU LAW



August 14, 2023

HURFOM: On August 9, 2023, the 285th Light Infantry Battalion based in Pu Law launched multiple artillery attacks targeting Hmaw Kyaung, Lat Ku, Mya Taung, Pe Tat, Zayat Sake, Ta Po, Pa Wut Kone and Kyaung Name villages, all located in Pu Law Township, Tenasserim Division.

The attack injured two 15-year-old boys. “The two injured young boys were not staying in the same house. One artillery shell dropped and exploded beside the road and injured them,” said a local man.

Two houses from Lat Ku village were also destroyed due to the attacks.

This is not the first time these communities have been targeted, in July, 2023, junta forces recklessly attacked and destroyed two fishing boats from Pe Tat village also located in Pu Law Township.

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News

FATHER OF DAWEI STRIKE COMMITTEE MEMBER CHARGED UNDER SECTION 505(A)



15, 2023

HURFOM: The father of Ko Min Lwin Oo, a member of Dawei Strike Committee, was arbitrarily arrested by the junta on June 19, 2023, and on August 13, was charged under section 505(a) of the Anti-Terrorism Act for defaming the State.

“Ever since he was arrested he has not been allowed to meet his family. Finally after 56 days, the military informed his family they would have their first chance to meet with him. That is when

the family learned of the charges,” said a source close to the family.

During the arrest, the junta seized two mobile phones and 800,000 MMK. Soldier’s also beat the victim during the arrest. The mother of Ko Min Lwin Oo was also arrested in November, 2021 but released later.

The Dawei Strike Committee released a statement on June 21, 2023 saying the arrest of Ko Min Lwin Oo’s father was a cowardly act of the military junta.

BURMESE SOLDIERS ARREST VILLAGER AND ESTABLISH MILITARY STATIONS IN HOMES IN TENASSERIM



August 21, 2023

HURFOM: Since August 12, 2023, the junta has launched military operations in Tenasserim Township, and local people report that Burmese troops have been stationed themselves in local homes.

“Recently, there was a reshuffle in Te-

nasserim military command and it appears the newly appointed (commander) is trying to show his first moves/steps,” said a member of the revolutionary forces.

At least 80 troops are currently in Maw Tone, Ban La Mut, Hton Nwe and An Tar Pyin villages. They also arrested six villagers.

“Some of them were released but we still don’t know the whereabouts of two villagers,” said a local man.

Burmese soldiers arrested villagers from Eastern Maw Ton and launched an operation in West Maw Ton. Their actions led approximately 300 villagers to flee from their homes.

News

ONE KILLED AND TWO INJURED DUE TO JUNTA'S RECKLESS SHOOTING



August 24, 2023

HURFOM: On August 19, 2023, the joint forces of the Karen National Liberation Army and the People's Defense Force attacked the military near Taung Kyar Inn Bridge, Kaw Ka Rate Township, Karen State.

In response the military junta reinforced its troop presence and recklessly launched

an artillery attack on Taung Kyar Inn village, killing a 50-year-old man.

On August 22, the 599th Light Infantry Battalion also recklessly shot two women who went to their corn plantation. The two women were injured and ran away.

"Now, no one dares go outside. Even going to our farm, we fear artillery attacks. We have no job and the commodity prices have risen again. Everyone is in trouble," said a Kaw Ka Rate resident.

The junta declared martial law in Kaw Ka Rate Township in February, 2023 and troops subsequently destroyed roads and limited movement, creating sustained economic hardship for local people.

TAUNG PYAUK RESIDENTS FLEE HOMES DUE TO MILITARY OPERATION

August 24, 2023

HURFOM: In the morning of August 21, 2023, a junta's military unit invaded the Taung Pyauk village tract, in Tha Yet Chaung Township, Dawei District, Tannasserim Division.

As a result, many residents fled from their homes.

More than 100 Burmese troops established a base of operations at the police

station in Tell Chaung Gyi village. Residents from Kywe Chan, Win Ka Phaw, Ah Lell Zu and Kyuak Eye villages soon fled from their homes.

"Before launching military operations, they usually reinforce their troops, as they did in Tell Chaung Gyi Police Station. The villagers knew they planned to move the elderly people the next morning. Now residents from four villages have to run away," said a local man.

At noon of August 21, the junta started launching reckless artillery attacks.

"During the military operation, they arrest men and use them as human shields. Since the attempted coup, we're unable to live peacefully at home. Once before we returned to our homes after a similar military operation but again we have to run away when soldiers re-entered our village," said a woman from Taung Pyauk village track.



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- Protecting and promoting internationally recognized human rights in Burma,

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MILITARY UNIT ARRESTS THREE VILLAGERS IN DAWEI: BELIEVED TO BE USED AS PORTERS



August 25, 2023

HURFOM: A military unit conducting operations in the Eastern Wood Region, of Dawei Township, in the Tenasserim Division arrested three local villagers.

In the morning of August 20, the military arrested a Ram Ma Zu villager and a Tha Ye Ngoat villager. Then, on August 21, they arrested a plantation worker from Wa Gone village.

Family members were worried as they did not know where they were taken.

"All the arrested villagers are plantation workers. It is believed the three were only released in the evening of August 23," said a local man.

It is believed those arrested were being used as porters, to carry military equipment.

The military has more than 100 troops in the area conducting secret operations. Local people are worried, and some have fled to the forests.

Due to the military presence in the area, villagers from Ram Ma Zu, Tha Ye Ngoat, Lake Kyel Pyaung, Tin Gan Tone, Wa Gone and Ba Wa Bin villages have fled their homes.

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NUMBER OF IDP SUDDENLY RISES IN KHA LELL – DAGON DIE AND FOOD IS URGENTLY IN NEED



September 21, 2023

HURFOM: On September 13, 2023, the military junta and its Border Guard Forces (BGF) launched an attack on villages in the Kha Lell – Dagon Die area, Kyarinnseiky Township, Karen State.

The artillery battalion based in Ah Bit village, Mudon Township, Mon State also launched an artillery attack which destroyed houses and forced villagers to flee from their homes.

The attacks took place after heavy armed clashes took place with the Karen National Liberation Army and the People's Defense Forces.

Tens of thousands of villagers from eight villages were forced to flee their homes. There is now an urgent need for food with the rise in the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

"We've given a place for the IDPs at the monastery. Those who have relatives have stayed at their home. But most had taken shelter at the monastery. It's a huge number and it's difficult to provide food to them," said a Phaya Ngar Zu resident who helps IDP in the area.

Tens of thousands of villagers including elderly people, children and pregnant women from Phaya Ngar Zu, Myo Houg, Kha Loi Yar Lay, Naung Dae, Kha Loi Yar Gyi, Pu Lane, Dagon Die and nearby villages fled the military attack.

"There is heavy rain at the moment. The elderly person and children are in huge trouble. Pregnant women had to run away also. We don't have enough medicine. The monastery has provided food as much as they can. We've requested donations from nearby villages. But if that takes a long time, it will be difficult," said the social worker.

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