

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

Human Rights Situation in Mon State, Karen State & Tanintharyi Region

FEBRUARY
2022



SUMMARY OVERVIEW & ANALYSIS

ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS JEOPARDIZE CIVILIAN SAFETY

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Across the month of February, the Human Rights Foundation of Monland (HURFOM) continued to **witness and document ongoing human rights violations** being unlawfully perpetrated against innocent civilians. The junta has shown no signs of easing their attacks against the people and has instead continued to spearhead their campaign of terror and illegal, inhumane acts including arbitrary arrests, indiscriminate firing and shelling, enforced disappearances, murder **and many others**.

The atrocities being committed have continued to make life much more difficult for civilians across Burma, including those in HURFOM target areas of Mon State, Karen State and Tanintharyi region. The junta has **remained relentless** in committing grave acts of atrocities, including war crimes and crimes against humanity.

HURFOM has emphasized our disdain for the military junta, and their corrupt dealings. The people of Burma have only the simple request of wanting to live in peace. And yet, junta backed forces engage in relentless

fear mongering and intimidation tactics. Against the backdrop of the military's human rights violations, the international community has failed to act with their **moral conscience**. While sanctions by the European Union against Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) are a welcome step, they were very much delayed. In fact, these sanctions have been called for by civil society for months. The United States has yet to follow through with the same course of action.

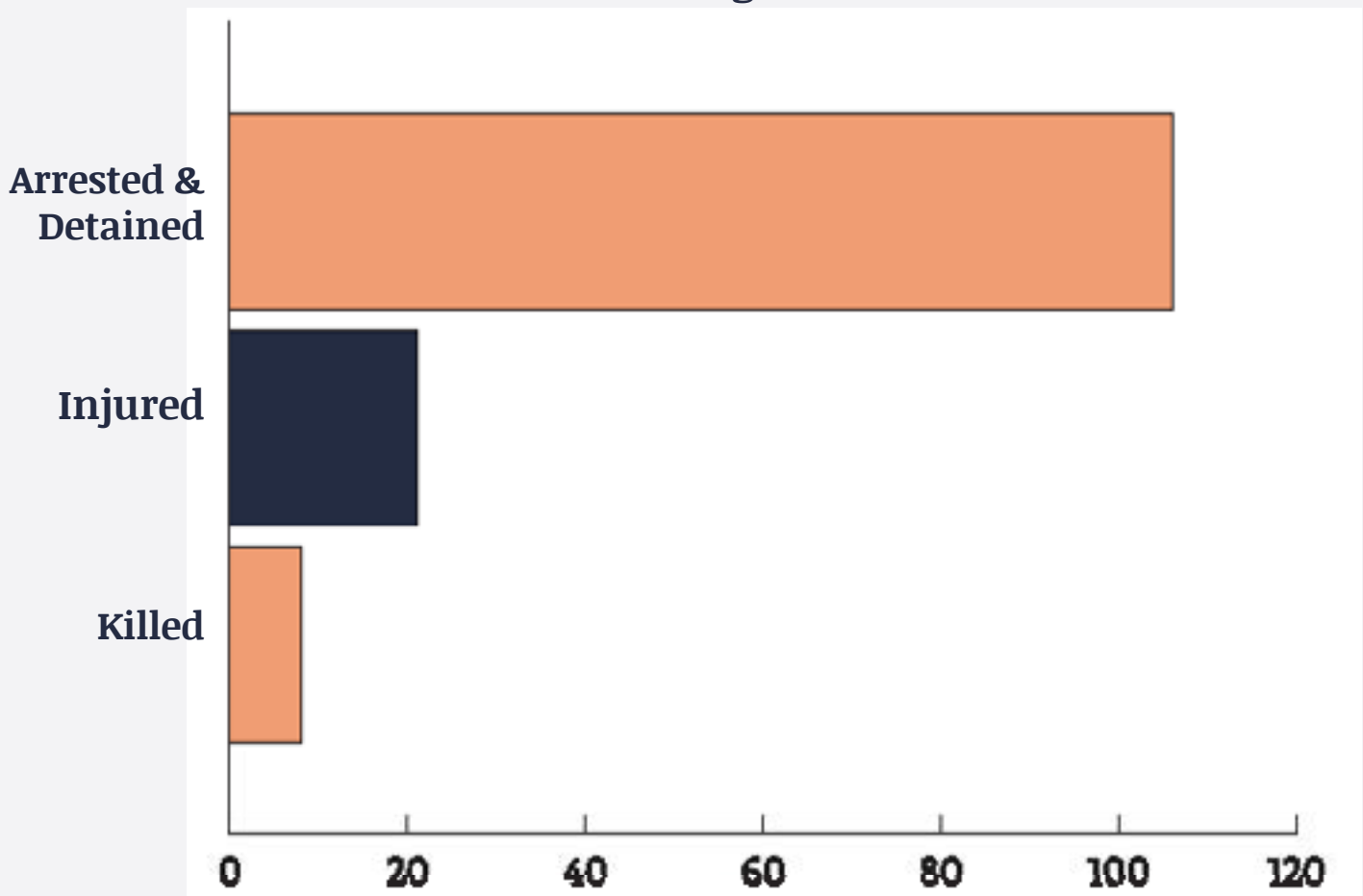
Action on the human rights situation is long overdue. The people of Burma have been through too much and deserve to have the protection of their rights and to further see the dictators responsible for their pain and suffering imprisoned. HURFOM is hesitant to ask:

How much more inhumanity will it take for the international community to act?

SCALED UP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

*HURFOM fieldworkers continue to take great risks to document the human rights violations being perpetrated in target areas of Mon State, Karen State and Tanintharyi region. By the end of February HURFOM recorded at least **65 arrested, 41 detained, 25 injured and 10 killed.***

Civilians Arrested, Injured & Killed in February Across Target Areas



27+

Young women & girls arrested, sentenced and charged by the military junta.

8+

Members of Parliament and their families targeted by the military junta.



- 17 CASES
- 65+ CIVILIANS ARRESTED
- 41+ CIVILIANS CHARGED

ARBITRARY ARRESTS



- 10 CASES
- 31+ PROPERTIES RAIDED & DESTROYED
- 6+ PROPERTIES STOLEN

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY



- 6 CASES
- 25+ CIVILIANS INJURED
- 10+ CIVILIANS KILLED

INDISCRIMINATE FIRING



- 2 CASES
- 4 CIVILIANS KILLED
- 3+ CIVILIANS TORTURED

MURDER & TORTURE

12

PROTESTS ACROSS TARGET
AREAS IN FEBRUARY 2022

8

TANINTHARYI
REGION

2

MON STATE

2

KAREN STATE



6,800+

CIVILIANS DISPLACED ACROSS TARGET AREAS



4800+ DISPLACED IN KAREN STATE IN 8 SITES, AND OVER
2000 CIVILIANS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN
KAWKAREIK TOWNSHIP

CIVILIANS TARGETED IN MON, KAREN STATE
& TANINTHARYI REGION

30+

DISMISSED FOR
INVOLVEMENT
IN THE CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE
MOVEMENT

36+

PROTESTERS/
ACTIVISTS
SENTENCED IN
JUNTA COURTS

7+

ENFORCED
DISAPPEARANCES
BY THE MILITARY
JUNTA

KEY OBSERVATIONS

1. Homes and properties of human rights activists and members of the National League for Democracy (NLD) or Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) continue to be raided and destroyed by junta soldiers.
2. Frequent clashes between the military junta and ethnic armed organizations have led to increased internal displacement in HURFOM target areas which has forced thousands of innocent people to flee to safety.
3. Arbitrary arrests and abductions of civilians continued as the Burma Army cracked down on those suspected of being involved with civilian armed defense forces.
4. Political prisoners have also joined protests including by going on hunger strikes in Dawei to protest the dictator's decrees and by refusing to obey any order from the military junta. The solidarity protest was on the same day as Union Day, 12 February.
5. During the first week of February alone, HURFOM documented nearly 20 people who had been unlawfully arrested by the military junta's security forces. By the end of February, over 50 civilians had been arrested and detained.
6. Activists organized Silent Strikes to highlight the loss of human rights after the military coup, which was joined by civilians in HURFOM areas to condemn the ongoing brutality.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Urgent referral of the situation in Burma to the
International Criminal Court

Targeted sanctions against the military junta

A global arms embargo and halt in the supply of
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