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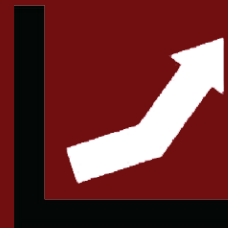
May 2021 Situation Overview



Monthly Overview of Violations in Target Areas



Overview and Field-Based Insights



Data Visualizations

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Thirty security forces abduct a young anti military activist.

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Ten tutors at 5 faculties of Mawlamyine Technology University are fired for their involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement.

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Several bombs found in a school in Paung, Mawlamyine.

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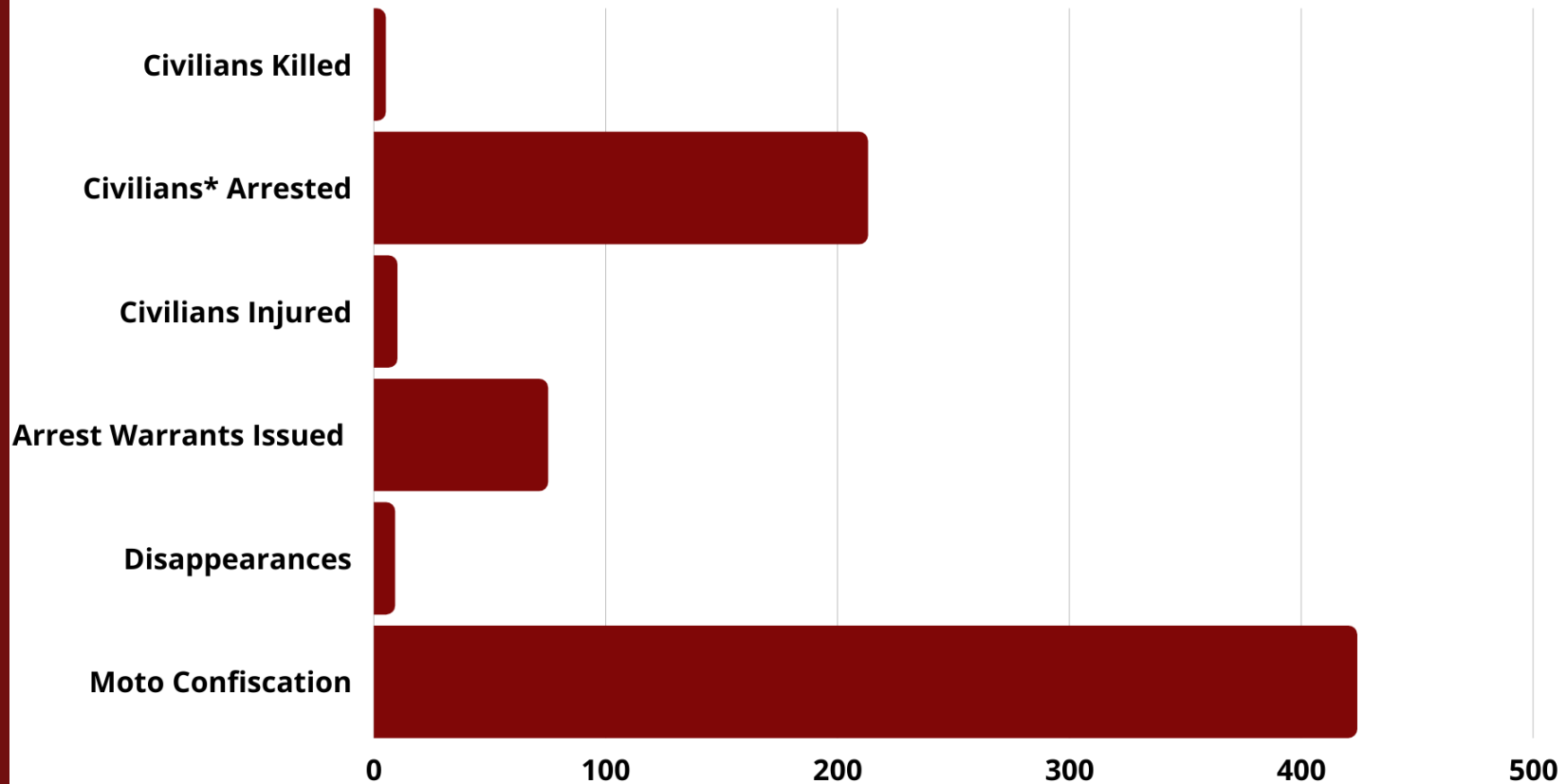
**YOUTH
ARRESTED IN
TARGET AREAS
OF MON, KAREN
AND DAWEI**



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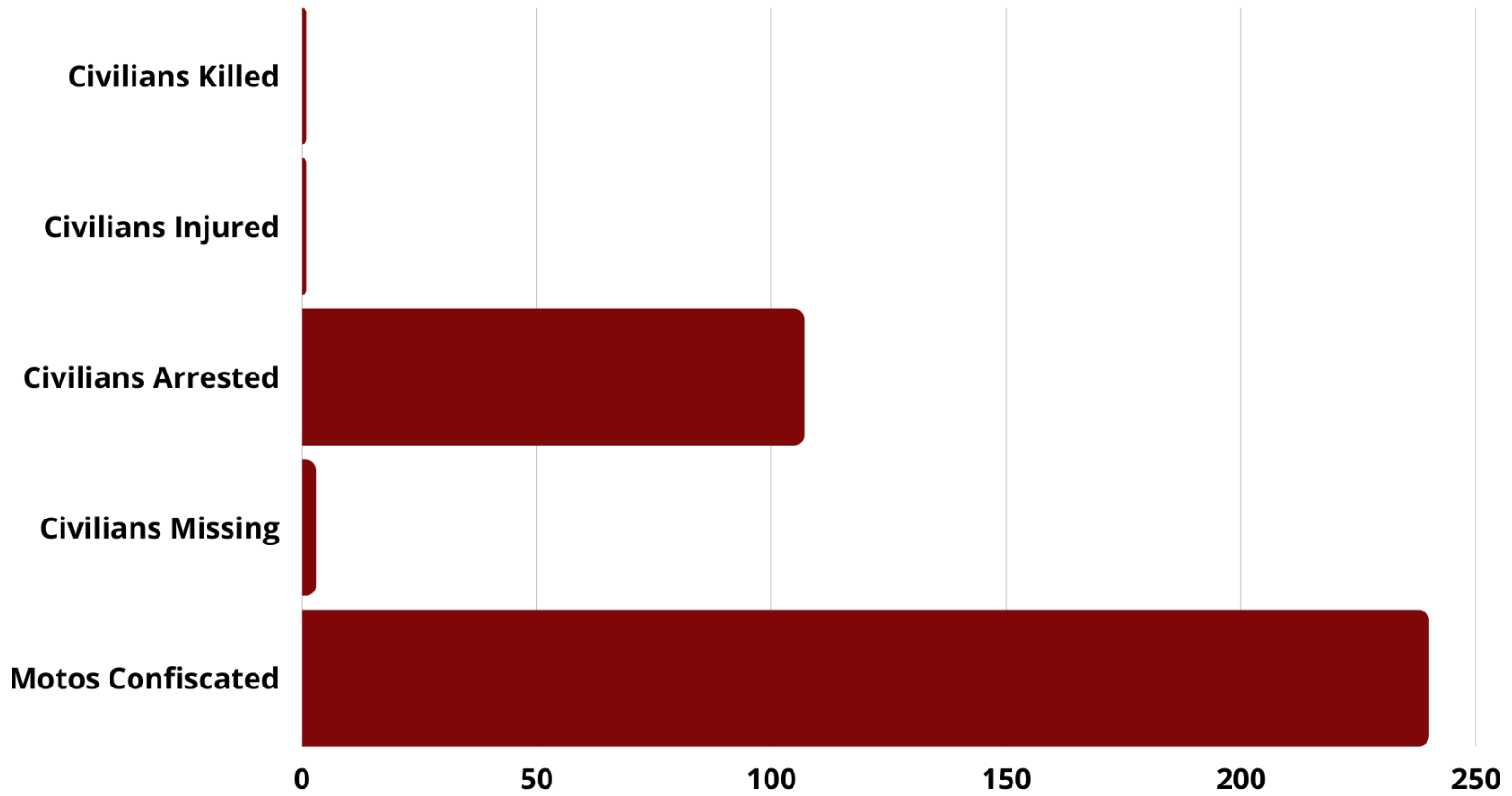
**STAFF DISMISSED FROM
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THE MAJORITY FROM
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May Human Rights Violations Overview

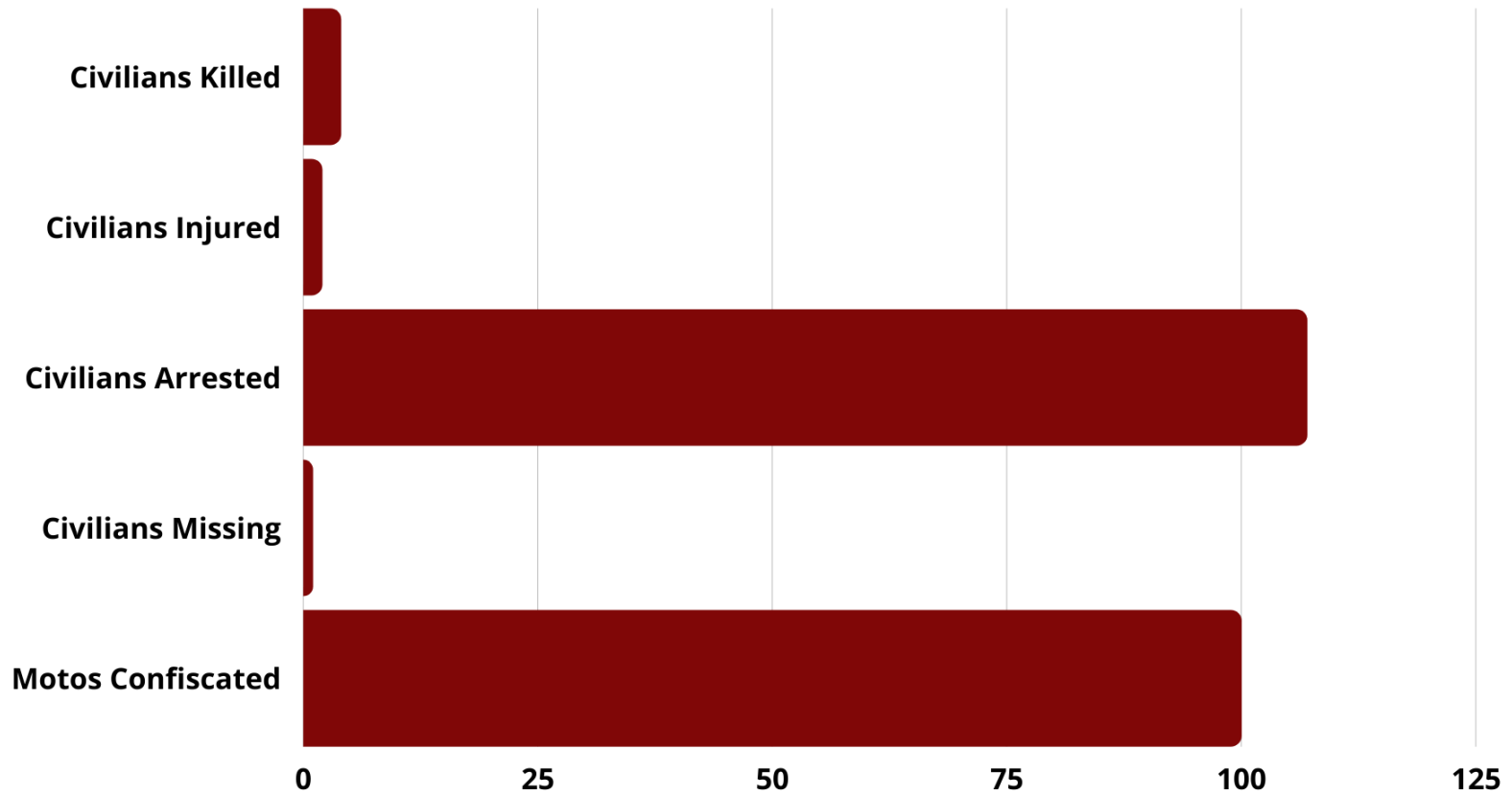


*Civilians arrested include young protestors, civil servants, activists, social workers, and medical doctors. This number includes 4 underage children.

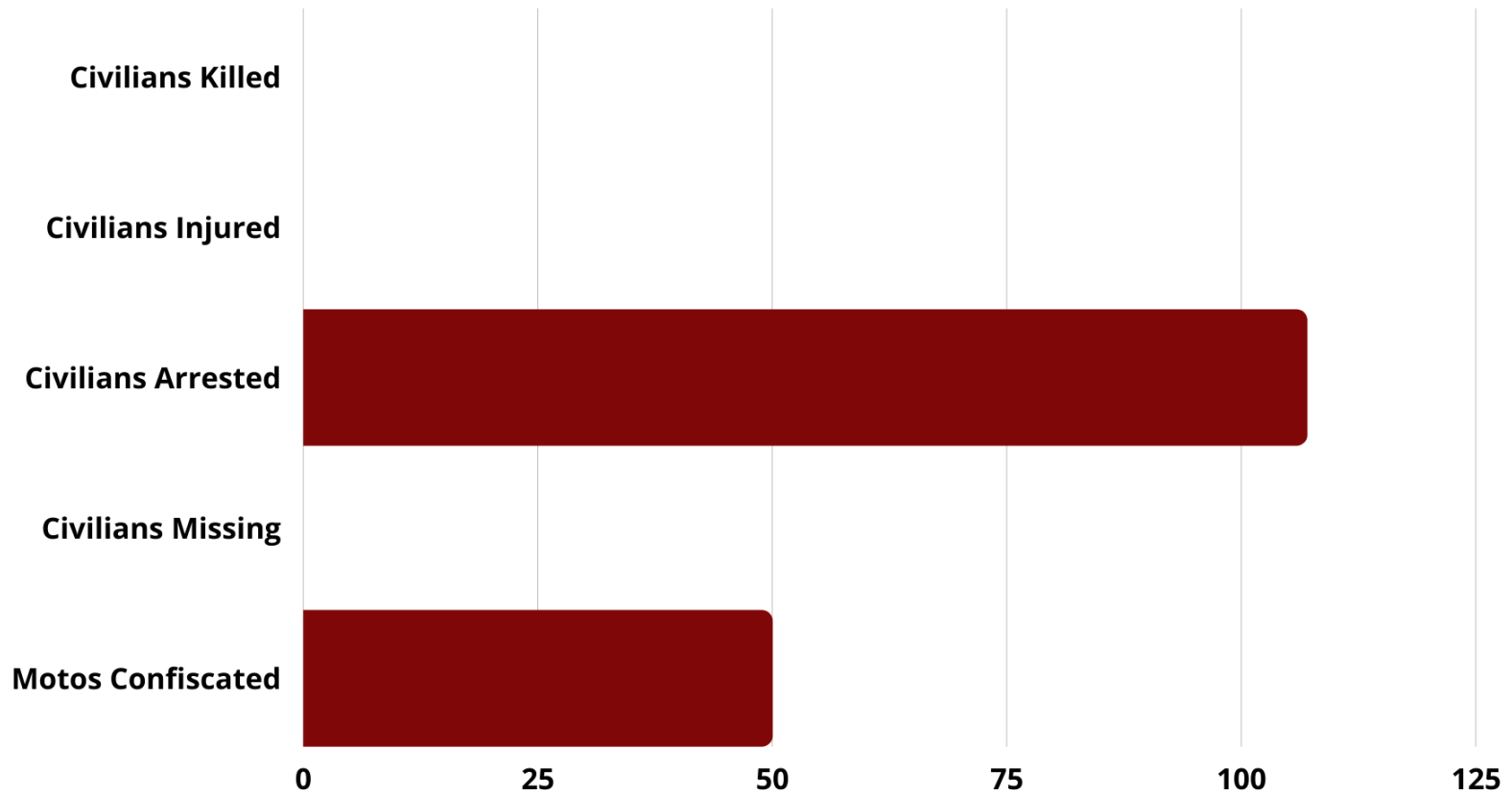
May Human Rights Violations in Mon State



May Human Rights Violations in Tanintharyi Region



May Human Rights Violations in Karen State



PROTESTS



Protests are happening daily. Most of those arrested by the junta have been detained for their involvement in demonstrations such as guerilla strikes, biker strikes, night protest, well as white shirt campaigns and red paint campaigns.

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Dawei, Thayet Chaung, Long Lone, & Yebyu

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Hpa-an, Kyainn Seikyi, Kawkareik & Three Pagodas Pass

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Paung, Bee Lin, Kyaik Hto & Mawlamyine

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At least 20 former Village Administrators were abducted by junta troops in Dawei. Most of them were detained in Myoma Police Station. In Dawei, there are over 30 administrators. Some are in hiding, according to local sources.

Arbitrary arrests of former administrators and strike leaders continued across Tanintharyi Region. An estimated 8 protest organizers, including Village Administrators, were arrested by security troops in Myei. In Lon Lone Township, another protest leader was grabbed by security troops on 30 April and detained at the police station.

In Mawlamyine, Mon State, 30 security forces abducted a young anti military activist, Kaung Htet, from Ohn Taw No.3 Street at 10 PM. These security forces also conducted inspections of families and guest lists in Ohn Taw ward.

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Five protesters, including a former village administrator, were arrested by police and border guard forces in Hpa An, Karen State. The protesters were accused of spray painting anti-junta messaging in government offices and roads in Hpa An.

Anti military protesters were violently dispersed during a strike in Hpa-An, Karen State. Security troops confiscated at least 50 motos of protesters.

At least six demonstrators were arrested and one injured after security forces violently dispersed crowds in Mawlamyine. Their motos were also taken away.

Kyaw Kankaung, a biker strike organizer, was arrested. Two students were issued arrest warrants and charged with 505(a) in Mawlamyine, Mon State.

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Three newly appointed Village Admins who rejected their posts under the junta were charged with Penal Code section 505(a) and issued arrest warrants by the military in Mudon, Mon State.

Eleven civilians were abducted in 4th Street, Aung Nan Ward, Hpa-an including a 65-yr old woman: “It seemed security troops couldn’t find the person they came to arrest and instead targeted this old woman,” a witness told a reporter. A young woman also also arrested in Mawlamyine.

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A Military Officer from No.4 Advance Military Training School, Mon State informed the family of Nai Lwin, 51, a detainee and resident of Thanbyuzayat, that he had died. No cause of death was provided. SAC security troops abducted Nai Lwin in the third week of April.

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Mi Win, the aunt of a young protester from Aung Zaya Ward, confirmed her nephew was arrested at the Town Entry Tollgate by security forces and sent to the No. 4 Military Training School.

A 28yr old man, Aung Thu, from Dawei , was killed and buried as one of the unclaimed bodies by the military hospital.

The family of Zaw Nyein Tint, 20, was informed by the junta that he died at the military hospital. He was abducted on May 2 by riot police during a protest in Dawei.

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Recent developments in Myanmar are disastrous for its people, as well as the region as a whole. They create the potential for thousands of people to flee violence and persecution, as well as a volatile regional environment.

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Junta troops raided civilians houses and abducted at least two protesters in Shwe Taung, Mawlamyine. The Thae War, 32, was arrested in her shop. Another arrested was a guerrilla striker.

Junta security forces abducted four civilians in Thanbyuzayat, Mon State: “A couple, the owner of the doll-shop were caught accused of being linked with the Civil Disobedience Movement by plain-clothed police officers,” said a witness.

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Parents from Bee Lin and Thaton townships, Mon, said their children have been missing since late April. Daw Tin Win, a villager of Taunggyi, Bee Lin appealed to the community in the township to assist in finding information about her daughter, Ma Zi,n Mar, who disappeared on April 29.

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Colleagues of Mg Zaw Hein, 22 from Thaton township, informed the township's boycott committee that he had been missing since April 27. They believe he was still alive and arrested by police in Thaton. The families have been unable to reach him since the disappearance.

Two young Muslims were arbitrarily arrested after a bomb blast in the park. Police brought them to the police station.

Three civilians were arrested by security troops at midnight in Mudon, Mon State: "Ko Ko Oo, the NLD member, and Yee Yee Htay, CDM school teacher, were grabbed in a night raid in their houses by a group of 15 soldiers and police," a friend of Koko Oo confirmed.

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One of the student leaders from Dawei University of Technology Union (DTU), Myo Min Oo, was arrested by the Dawei's junta. Troops are trying to find another three students from the DTU. All of them are in hiding.

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Ten tutors from 5 faculties of Mawlamyine Technology University were fired for their involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM): "We are preparing the worst. We don't care and we don't want to be the slave of this bloody regime," said a CDM education staff from Mawlamyine University.

The junta's Ministry of Education dismissed 126 tutors and education staff from 12 faculties in Mawlamyine because of their involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement.

About 500 youth in Dawei continued to protest against the military regime. They welcomed the People's Force Defense formed by the National Unity Government of Myanmar.

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According to one of the motorcycle shop owners located in Out-Larn, a large amount of two wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles were confiscated by the Mawlamyine junta authorities, stating they were taken for not having licenses: “Over the last week, including today, they seized approximately 240 motos. The majority are two wheeled motos and there are about 40 with three wheels motos from seven shops here in Mawlamyine. Usually, the process of applying for the licenses starts when a customer purchases the moto. Then, from the company shop, we levy selling (income) taxes to the Land & Transportation Department and apply for the licenses for each vehicle. But now, the junta came and checked the claims and confiscated them. This act is the destruction of our business and is unlawful.”

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Reporters from Dawei received cases of junta troops forcibly confiscating money and extorting motos from showrooms in Dawei: “Joint forces of police and soldiers inspected 3 moto showrooms and confiscated at least 100 motos for not having vehicle licenses,” a witness from Lon Lone, Dawei said. They confiscated 10 new motos and a list of motos applying for licenses. Some are big bikes, imported from Thailand, and some are equivalent to 20,000 USD. Shop owners claimed they already levied imports taxes.

Moto businesses from Paung, said junta troops confiscated motos from their shops, and extorted money for not having vehicle licenses: “The officers said they don’t recognize the taxation system from the previous government. But we levied imports taxes to the NLD. Our business collapsed.”

Wai Yan Min Khant, 11, and Htet Htet Saung Oo, 13, were abducted from their homes in Hpa An at 11 PM by the junta.

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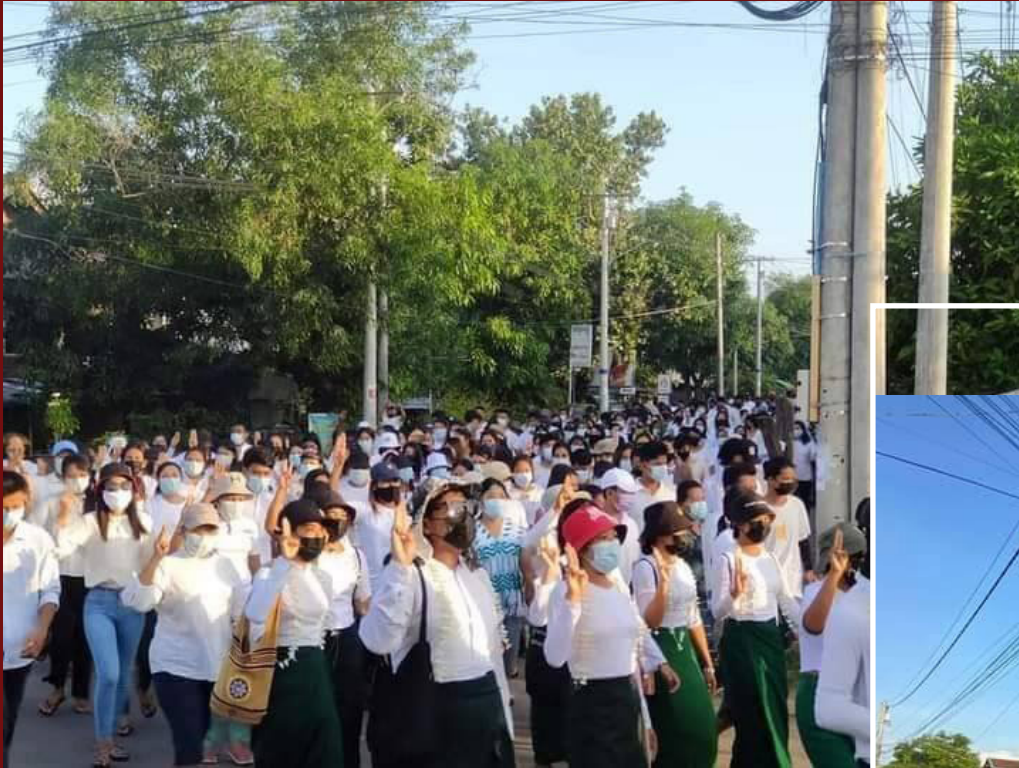
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Thai border police arrested over 40 migrants who attempted to cross the border to Thailand: “We know the Thailand Covid measures and restrictions, but we faced complicated lives amid the political crisis,” said an arrested young Karen woman.

Warrantless evening abductions continue to target young protestors as support for the Civil Disobedience Movement grows in Tanintharyi Region. Two brothers were arrested at their house at midnight in Myeik. Another two Civil Disobedience Movement activists were also abducted.

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Daweians launched the "White Shirt" movement and marched with approximately 1,000 forces and staged a protest against the junta.



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At least 32 civilians were charged with Penal Code section 505 and issued arrest warrants in Mudon. Mon State. Most of the listed persons are young protestors who actively participated in protests. The raids and destruction of properties are ongoing in Mudon. They came and arrested Member of Parliament Ma Khin Kyawt Phyu, but she was in hiding. Then they destroyed the house. Police are raiding the homes of high-profile politicians and activists. Families are interrogated as well.

Security forces arrested people with at least three full police trucks, including motos near Zarni Bwar Private Clinic last night. “I saw 8 police trucks parked near the Zarni Bwar Clinic, and later on three trucks departed full of people arrested some motos were carried in trucks as well”, a witness added

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Mudon Township police arrested nine women, who lined up outside the bank to get the first ticket to withdraw their accounts. The police force claimed that these women violated the curfew imposed in March:

“There are time conflicts between the SAC’s curfew law and the banking system. So the bank starts providing the “queue” ticket as ‘first come, first serve.’ And many people, including these women, came and lined up since last midnight to receive first queue tickets the police found them and arrested them,” said a Mudon resident. Police troops also confiscated four motos.

The 8888 Memorial Monument was destroyed and removed by junta troops in Bago: “They came with 100 soldiers and police and destroyed the monument,” a witness said. U Hla Phone, a committee member of the 88 Memorial, was also arrested at 11 PM.

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Daweians mass strikes were dispersed violently by the riot police, and 13 protesters were arrested: “The protests were broken up by the security forces in Bhome-Maw Ward at 8:30 AM by tear gas and rubber bullets,” said a resident. The arrests continued in many wards downtown Dawei. A protestor ran into a house and was caught by police later. There was blood in the bathroom.



12 youth arrested:

**3 in Paung
2 in Kyaik Hto
3 in Mudon
3 in Thanbyuzayat
1 in Ye
1 in Mawlamyine**

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At least 13 youth from Dawei and Thayetchaung were arrested after riot police dispersed mass protests. The Dawei regime announced that they seized some weapons from these young detainees. The parents and friends claimed that the junta forces are fabricating evidence to charge their children.

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A teacher from a government technical high school and two Civil Servants and Civil Disobedience Movement leaders were abducted yesterday in their hiding places: “Sithu Htwe, 40, was arrested by soldiers and police joint-forces from his house in the school compound. He is the third teacher who the military government has arrested.”

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Family members and colleagues said they were unable to access any information about U Myint Aung, 50, an environmental activist arbitrarily arrested by special forces from a tea shop in Paung.

Residents from Nabule, Dawei confirmed four protestors were abducted during a crackdown by security forces who violently dispersed their pre-dawn strike: “Soldiers and police opened fire.”

The SAC Court sentenced Government Tech High School Principal, Dr. Cho Yu Mon, to two years imprisonment in Hpa-An. She was charged with Penal Code Section 505(b) in April.

Two high school students from Thayet Chaung, Dawei, were abducted from their homes by security police.



Photo: U Myint Aung

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Residents in Kanbauk, Dawei claimed their motos were confiscated by the police. Some of them disappeared at local police stations, according to owners who lost their motos during the protests in April, where at least 350 motos were confiscated in Kanbauk.

Junta forces raided the home of a Civil Disobedience Movement activist and arrested two women in Three Pagodas Town: “Ma Zinmar Oo, Naw Wagay Htoo are high profile activists. But they did not hide,” said a friend.

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The numbers of dismissed educational staff and teachers are increasing rise in Mon townships. According to official documents by the Ministry of Education, approximately 1,239 staff from Mudon, Paung and Kyaik Hto two were dismissed from their positions because of their involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement. As of May 15 there were 1,688 more education staff from Mawlamyine, Kyaikmayaw, Chaung Sone and Thayet Chaung Townships who were fired for anti coup activities: “Thayet Chaung has the highest numbers; 896 staff dismissed in one township alone,” said a teacher. On top of that, 13 school principals also dropped out, according to the military’s document.

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A 22-year-old, Ma Aye Su, resident of Mudon Mon was abducted from her hiding place by security forces and charged with 505(a) penal code. The junta accused her of supporting the Civil Disobedience Movement activists and school teachers.

At least three protestors were abducted at mass protests in Dawei after security forces violently dispersed the crowd: “They arrived with two police trucks, opened fire, and tried to break up the protestors who all immediately split into groups and ran.”

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Eight students from Mawlamyine University were abducted from their hiding place in Zayarmyine ward, as confirmed by a member of the Student Union: “The special forces raided their homes and abducted them. Three are seniors from Mawlamyine University, and five are from GTI,” said a colleague.

The official documents of the dismissed education staff by Karen State’s junta was released yesterday. The list included 920 education staff, teachers, admins and 8 school principals from the whole Kawkareik township.

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Three protest organizers were arrested in Shangone quarter. A few hours before the abduction, a bomb exploded in two places downtown Mawlamyine.

U Than Swe, a member of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, was arrested by junta forces in Dawei, for reasons unknown. He is also a known social worker in Dawei.

Two protest organizers, including Soe Thet Maung, 22, were arrested at their temporary home in Taung Kalay at midnight. Another activist was grabbed by Special Forces a few hours earlier.

Security forces arrested six civilians, including two doctors in Paung Township. Another doctor and four villagers who are residents of Yin Nyein, Katon, and Paung. They are believed to be linked with the Civil Disobedience Movement and the bike protests.

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EDUCATION STAFF

7

FACULTIES

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LECTURERS, SENIOR
ACADEMICS,
STAFF HAVE BEEN
DISMISSED

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The junta Ministry of Education dismissed another 44 educational staff, including senior lecturers and academics, from seven faculties of the Mawlamyine Technology University. At least 55 lecturers, senior academics, and staff have been dismissed from their position, according to the statistics.

A 17 year old boy, Minn Myat Htut Thu, who lives in Kyaing housing of Hpa-An, was abducted from his home in a raid: “Soldiers accompanied with special police came to arrest him. There were two men in their truck. It seemed like more detainees.”

At least four Civil Disobedience Movement activists and a local villager were arrested in Se Eain Su village, Hpa-an. Plainclothes police and their informers came with arrest warrants, knocked on everyone’s doors in the village: “Ko He Khaung was arrested on the football field.”

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A group of 10 junta forces raided the home of a former village Administrator searching for weapons. They arrested him arbitrarily on accusations of being linked with the People's Defense Force. They destroyed, and looted the property and took gold, phones and 3,000,000 MMK.

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According to an official document by the junta's Higher Education Department of Ministry of Education in Karen State, another 24 high-rank academics, lecturers, and professors from six faculties of the University of Computer Studies were dismissed from their positions.

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Nwe Ni Aung, a mother and a teacher, was abducted by security troops in Kwan Hlar village, Chaung Sone Township. Soldiers came to arrest her brother but couldn't find him so they arrested her. On the same day another two civilians were abducted from Tawkapu village, accused them of making illegal weapons. When the police took photos, they prearranged evidence.

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U Tin Htun, a local tea shop owner in Dawei, was abducted by the junta at 9 AM. He is a strong supporter of the spring revolution. The officer said he was on the arrest warrant list because he always hosts and allows his customers to protest in his tea shop.

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Several bombs were found at a school in Paung, Mawlamyine, and other cities across Mon State. Non Civil Disobedience teachers said this is a massive challenge for them: “I would rather keep my children at home. I don’t want to worry about him all the time,” said a 48 year old woman who shared her thoughts on her son returning to school.

A 40 year old Dawei resident was shot to death around 9PM during indiscriminate firing by the junta in Kyet-Sar-Pyin ward, Dawei. A group of 20 soldiers fired several gunshots. Ko E Zar, the victim, died in front of his house. The body was taken away.

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A family confirmed they still haven't received the body of Ko E Zar, 40, who was executed by SAC soldiers in Kyet Sar Pyin ward, Dawei. About 20 soldiers fired several gunshots for no reason. The victim who was sweeping in front of his house on May 27 was killed. His body was taken away.

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A young man was arrested for owning a pro-NLD shirt and 2 Chinese fireworks in Myeik, according to his family: “At first, they entered my house and said they want to inspect the guest registration and family lists. Then, they entered the room of my nephew, Thet Lwin .and found an NLD T-shirt and two fireworks. These fireworks are not illegal. We can purchase in the market legally. But they abducted him and myself. They released me yesterday but my nephew has been detained since he was arrested on May 26,” said the uncle of the victim.

The junta’s Ministry of Education dismissed another 434 educational staff, including administrators and office staff in Paung Township, Mon, according to the order dated on May 27.

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According to the Democracy Movement Strike Committee in Dawei, junta forces abducted at least 12 students on May 29, 2021. The arrests started at 3PM on May 29 in the restaurant called Mickey located in Dawei, and special forces grabbed the following students:

Ma Htet Htet Zaw
Ma Ei Thandar
Ma San Myat Myat Htoo
Ko Aye Soe Pai
Ko Aung Kyaw Moe
Ko Ye Min Kyaw
Ko Kyaw Zaya
Ko Aung Myo Hein
Ma Nyo Mar Oo
Ko Thura Zaw
Ko Soe Thet Zaw
Ko Khant Nyi Nyi Thant

Some of the students were abducted from their houses at night in Kyauk Maw Ward, Dawei. But, according to a strike committee member, the arrests seem more targeted to the daily strike organizers and leaders in Dawei Township.

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At 10:20 PM, while a group of 20 soldiers, police and newly recruited Administrators take duty in the village of Hmyaw Yit (Eastern Band), Pyin Gyi Village, Long Lone Township, Dawei, they indiscriminately fired several gunshots and killed a 30-year-old woman and injured another 5-year-old boy and a 40-year-old mother. A villager confirmed a woman killed named name is Ma Aye Aye Cho, a resident of Pyin Gyi Village.

Ma San Po and her 5-year-old son were injured in a left hand and a boy's leg. According to a witness, the incident happened very quickly. Troops arrived in the village and did the sentry duty just after the young men finished the night strike in the village.

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Junta forces abducted four strike leaders and demonstrators from Kyet-Sar-Pyin Ward, including Ko Waiyan Phyoe and Ko Nyan Win. They both suffered from injuries due to soldiers opening fires at the hut they were hiding in. According to a strike committee member, when the Interior Ministry announced the arrests, they forced the detainees, Ko Waiyan and Ko Nyan Win to take a photograph with pre-arranged evidence.

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“It seems like the SAC appointed Administrators informed the security troops about the night guerrilla strike that was held by the village. An hour later, a troop of 20 soldiers with motos entered the village and started shooting indiscriminately. They took all three injured villagers, including the children. Later on, we heard Ma Cho Cho Aye passed away with the wound of the gunshot.”

OPEN LETTERS, STATEMENTS, ENDORSEMENTS



5 MAY

HURFOM joins the voices of human rights organizations in our calls for #NotOneBulletMore to the UNSC & to impose a global arms embargo.



6 MAY

HURFOM joins calls for the South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum to suspend the MNHRC's membership.



20 MAY

HURFOM joins Burma civil society and the Asian NGO Network on NHRIs in calls to The Asia Pacific Forum on National Human Rights Institutions to temporarily suspend the MNHCR membership and recognize the National Unity Government of Myanmar.



ANALYSIS

In May, the oppression faced by the people in HRUFOM target areas increased. The junta is continuing to instill fear in the people by arresting and abducting innocent civilians. Since the army overthrew the democratically elected party on 1 February, the armed forces have killed eight people in Mon State, including an 11-year-old. Over 200 people have been charged, and evidence is being fabricated to justify the regime's harsh crackdown. Children are no exception – they too are being targeted and becoming political prisoners. Subsequently, rural people are seeking more secure places, but there is nowhere safe to go under this illegitimate regime. HURFOM recorded seven cases of disappearances in Hpa-An, Karen State since March 2021. Most are young people. Parents have expressed fears as they have lost contact with their children. HURFOM received three cases of seven missing young protestors from Paung, Myeik, and Hpa-an. Many young protestors, who were listed on 'police wanted lists' are in also in hiding.

The junta's 'stop and frisk' policies are ongoing as they attempt to intimidate and extort possessions from civilians. Locals have said to 'check bags and back-up phones before leaving home.' Security forces are seeking any excuse to imprison civilians against the coup. Meanwhile, the dismissal of education staff is ongoing with over 1000 teachers being dismissed for their involvement or commitment to the Civil Disobedience Movement.

HURFOM emphasizes calls for a global arms embargo, targeted sanctions for international recognition of the National Unity Government of Myanmar,

ABOUT HURFOM

HURFOM was founded by exiled pro-democracy students from the 1988 uprisings, recent activists and Mon community leaders and youth. Its primary objective is the restoration of democracy, human rights and genuine peace in Burma. HURFOM is a non-profit organization, and all its members are volunteers with a shared vision for peace in the country.

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