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Summary of Human Rights Violations Committed by Military Junta in Karenni State in 2024

Summary

Since the illegal military coup began in February 2021, the terrorist junta has committed widespread and numerous human rights violations across the country, including in Karenni State. In 2024, the terrorist military committed at least 108 human rights violations across Karenni State. These violations were intentionally and systematic targeting to civilians, specifically targeting civilians and causing psychological and physical harm to women, children, pregnant mothers, and the elderly. These human rights violations even include airstrikes on civilians who are living far from the battlefield, as well as shelling and bombings using heavy artillery and drop bombs. As a result, civilians have lost their right to self-protection and are facing daily arrests and executions, leading to the continuous loss of their lives.

This report has been jointly compiled based on the monitored, researched, and documented data by the Karenni State Interim Executive Council (IEC) and the Karenni Human Rights Group (KnHRG).

Human Rights Violations Committed by Military Junta during 2024 in Karenni State



Case of airstrike on two schools in the villages of Loi Nan Hpa and Daw Si Ei in Demoso Township

On February 5th, 2024, the terrorist military junta forces conducted airstrike attacks on two schools in Loi Nan Hpa and Daw Si Ei. The attacks carried out with a MIG-29 fighter jet, dropping 500-pound bomb fell on school in Daw Si Ei's, resulted in the deaths of 4 students and injuries to 23 others, including kindergarten students. Four teachers and one civilian were also wounded. Additionally, two school buildings, two teachers' residences, one monastery, and eight houses were damaged.



On the same day, the second attack, which targeted Loi Nan Pha School attacked with MIG 29 Fighter Jet, dropping a 500-pound bomb once and multiple 100-pound bombs, six rounds were fired with 120mm artillery. As a result, one displaced civilian was killed, while two civilians and one female student were injured. Three school buildings, two

teachers' residences, three monastery buildings, and nine houses were damaged.

These military junta intentional targeting attacks to schools not only violate children of their right to education but also violates their right to live and grow up freely.



"After the incident, the child didn't even eat. It took one or two days before the child started to have food again. Since it happened, the child did not even speak anymore. Instead looking around with wide eyes. I think they were scared. Now, whenever they hear the sound of heavy weapon, they get scared. One of his sisters, doesn't even go outside anymore."

Statement by the mother of a pre-school child and a third-grade child who were injured during an airstrike in Daw Si Ei

ARRESTING AND EXECUTIONS,
INJURIES AND DEATHS CAUSED BY
LANDMINE EXPLOSIONS

26+ cases

FIRING A LARGE WEAPON

46+ cases

Case of forcing civilians to serve as human shields and executing in Somo Preh So Leh (Shadaw)

On February 5, 2024, while carrying out a military operation with 60 troops from Mine Pyin Township-based Infantry Battalion (249), seven locals were captured and forced to serve as human shields and after that they were executed. Those who were executed were a pregnant woman, two disabled women, two boys aged 3 and 5, a 7-year-old girl, and a man. The total number of those killed is 8, which one of the victims was a pregnant woman.



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Human rights violations cases have been reported 48 cases in Phekon township, which was the township with the highest number of incidents. The townships of Loi Nan Pha, Nan Mekhon, Dee Baung Khu, Loikaw, Bawlake, Lo Pwar Kho District (Hpa Hsaung) and Somo Preh So Leh (Shadaw) also had human right violation incidents.



Airstrike to the Bangkok IDP camp in Phekhon Township

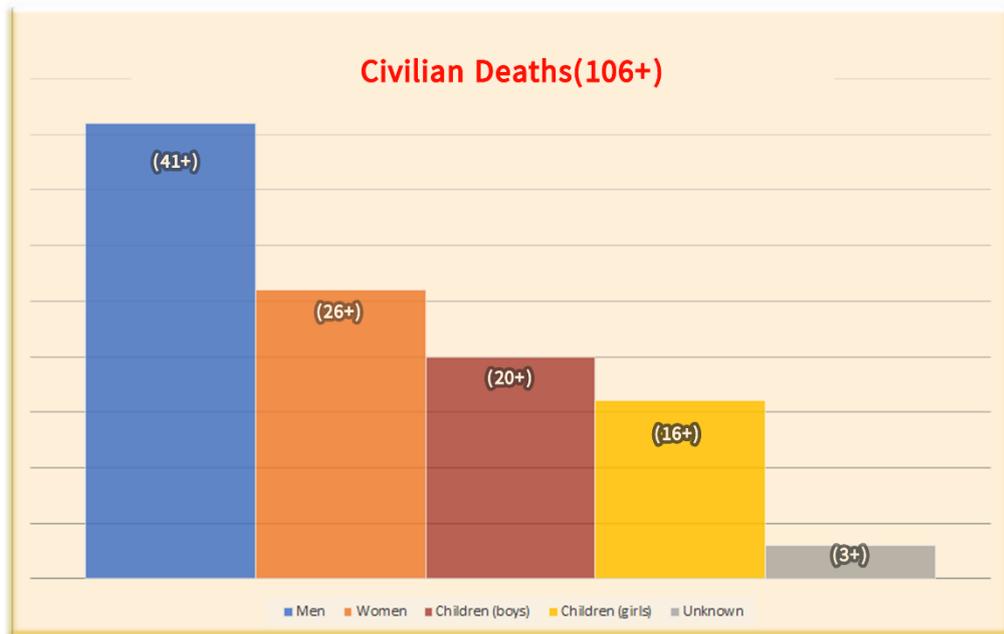
On September 5, 2024, the terrorist military junta conducted an airstrike on the Bangkok IDP camp in Phekhon Township, using of two 500-pound bombs. The attack resulted in the deaths of 9 and 10 others were injured. Among the 9 people who died, 6 were family members. Among the 9 dead incident, 6 were children under the age of 18. Among the 10 injured, one was an 81-year-old elderly person, and 3 were children under the age of 18.



"As soon as the plane flew away, I saw my wife had her head blown off all at once. My wife had wrapped our son in blanket, so we had to carefully remove him. He died after arriving to the hospital. Our daughter was hit on the right leg and my knee was also injured. They said the neighboring family of six people was asleep when the bomb hit on their hut. But by the time we notice, they had all already died."

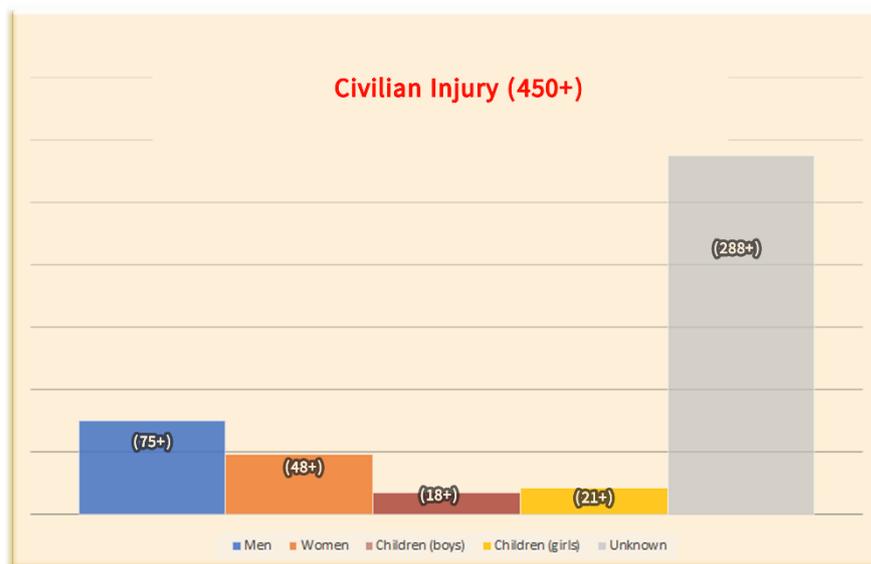
A statement by the father who lost his wife and young son due to an airstrike

Civilian deaths



Deaths and injuries are primarily caused by artillery strikes and airstrikes, with injuries also resulting from drone strikes, executions, indiscriminate shooting, and landmine explosions.

Civilian Injury



On November 11th 2024, around 200 civilians returning from harvesting in Puchae village, Phekhon Township were arrested and took away by the military troops. Additionally, on May 12, 2024, 38 civilians from Loilin Lay village were taken and used as human shields. There are also people who have enforced disappeared on the way. The exact condition of those who were arrested, taken away, or who are still missing remains unknown.

The information above is only a summary of human rights violations committed by the terrorist military within the year 2024. The terrorist military continues to target and commit atrocities against civilians every year. Although various forces within Karenni State, along with the Interim Executive Council (IEC), are actively cooperating to prevent such brutal and inhumane acts, the international community is urged to act based on the following recommendations to put an end to the terrorist military's human rights violations and atrocities.

The Recommendation to International Community

- ❖ To refrain from the export, sale of jet fuel to the terrorist army
- ❖ To pressure the military junta to stop the targeting and destruction of innocent civilians and public infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, clinics, and religious buildings.
- ❖ To stop provide military equipment, infrastructure and technological assistance to the terrorist military
- ❖ Cease inviting representatives of the terrorist military to any international meetings or events
- ❖ Completely reject and refuse to recognize the results of any election conducted under the military-drafted 2008 Constitution, which is designed to prolong military rule, without a political agreement among relevant organizations
- ❖ Take action to prevent and combat cross-border drug trade, human trafficking, and tackle online financial fraud schemes, as they are directly linked to the terrorist military and its groups
- ❖ To continue supporting on the humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation programs



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