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With the arrival of June, the rainy season seems to have begun in earnest in this region giving relief from the hot weather and fear of fire hazards.

The number of refugee population in the camp would not be much different from that of May 1997, through some (319) families at Maw Ker camp are being relocated to a site on the eastern side of the motor road. The relocation process is being aided by the BBC. and the K.R.C.

With the passage of time, there has been increase in the number of camp population So does the number of children of school age.

It looks as if the situation along the border will be quiet through the rainy season, though sporadic fighting is reportedly going on in some places inside the Burma border. But what is most worrying is the plight of internally displaced persons inside the border, as a result of whole sale relocation and dislocations of the local population. The onslaught by the SLORC on the Karen area was most savage resulting in widespread destructions of villages, homes and properties.

According to incomplete reports, there are about 10,000. Displaced people's in Toungoo, 8000 in Nyaung Lay Bin, 5000 in Thaton, 15000 in Papun + 4000 in Tavoy-Mergue Districts. With SLORC troops blocking escape routes, these people had to take refuge in deep jungles and inaccessible mountains, surviving on leaves, fruits stems, barks, roots, shoots and tubers. Without benefit of proper shelter, food and medicine, each with a back-pack or pannier always at the ready for instant flight, these displaced people's including the old, the young, the infirm, the pregnant had to flee from place to place. Some reportedly made it to Mae Hong Song district in the north.

Compared to them, the refugees in the camps are faring quite well, as they are being well protected by the Thai security personnel while receiving material support from various aid organizations and agencies.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

MAE SOT AREA	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS		5- 12 YRS		Under 5 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1689	3021	2964	799	766	614	603	8767
	Mae La	4044	8765	7881	3261	2515	1517	1331	25270
	Sho Klo (Mae Song)	1026	2235	2139	978	952	319	320	6943
	Maw Ker	1499	3258	2692	878	762	808	730	9128
		8258	17279	15676	5916	4995	3258	2984	50108
N O R T H	Mae Ra Ma Luang	782	1569	1431	595	473	353	318	4730
	Khun Mae Kong Kha	533	868	978	390	395	263	290	3187
	Sa La	345	713	624	249	239	94	104	2023
	Mae Sa Kup	415	806	803	294	257	121	176	2457
	KhloPa	436	833	815	314	272	196	204	2634
	U Da Hta	535	1196	1001	323	280	236	247	2383
	Mae Ye Hta	302	645	549	261	208	80	79	1822
		3348	6630	6201	2426	2124	1343	1418	19245
S O U T H	Noh Po	1836	3474	2803	1037	978	840	831	9963
	Ban Don Yang	306	342	379	268	233	126	114	1462
	Kanchanaburi Province	1661	1625	2155	994	1039	873	926	7612
		3803	5441	5337	2299	2250	1839	1871	19037
	Grand Total	15409	29350	27214	10641	9369	6440	6273	88390

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	ITEMS			
	Rice sacks	Salt kgs	F. Paste tins	Pressed Sawdust bundle
BBC	7500	16,350	3,091	14,000
COERR	350	-	-	-
ICS	-	-	-	-

Remarks!

ICS school supplies and sport equipment to Wang Ka and Mae La camps.
 Wang Ka school 1707 students and 43 teachers
 Mae La school 5850 students and 197 teachers.
 COERR school supplies and sport equipment to Maw Ker school
 Maw Ker school 1481 students and 50 teachers.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND 01 HER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	Rice	Salt	F.Paste
Wang Ka	1,376	3,400	553
Mae La	3928	7,850	1,533
	SMRU 13		
Sho Klo	1,113	2,150	445
	SMRU 6		
Maw Ker	1,394	2,950	560
KRC/ MSF	20	-	-
	7850	16350	3091

So, we the Karen Refugee Committee would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to the Thai authorities for the provision of refuge for the displaced persons and for permitting the NGOs and Aid organizations to provide basic needs for the refugees.

We are also much indebted to the Non-Government Organizations, Aid Organizations and Agencies, the international communities including the UNHCR and the E.U. for providing assistance and raising concerns whenever necessary.

We also thank our friends far and near for their help and advice in times of need.

May God bless all of you.

I beg to remain

Yours faithfully,



(Robert Htwe)
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee.