



## Part F : Recent BLC Activities

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### BLC Lawyers and Staff Provide Legal Training to Karenni Refugees

From November 6 – 8, the BLC offered training on fair trial, criminal law, criminal procedure and administrative matters to Karenni refugees in Karenni Camp, Lansue Village, Mae Hong Song District, Thailand. The training was in response to a request by the Karenni Camp Committee, which was notified by Thai authorities that they could implement their own justice system so long as it was consistent with Thai laws.

A total of 18 people attended the trainings, including members of the Karenni Camp Committee, camp judiciary, camp security, camp educators, KnYO (Karenni Youth Organization), KnWO (Karenni Women's Organization), as well as staff of the camp hospital and the IRC (International Rescue Committee).

On the first day, BLC General Secretary U Aung Htoo presented the fundamental concepts of a criminal code. On the second day, BLC Executive Board Members U Myint Thein and U Hkun Okker gave presentations on fair trial and criminal procedure. On the last day, all participants discussed the camp administration manual. The KnWO asked the BLC General Secretary about BLC activities and the General Secretary's experiences. They also requested that U Myint Thein and U Hkun Okker discuss the Burma Constitution and political background of Burma. Naw Ku, Coordinator of BLC's Legal Aid Section, discussed the activities of the Legal Aid Section and BLC office staff member U Htun Htun talked about how to cooperate with other NGOs.



The attendees gained knowledge from the BLC about rule of law and fair trial concepts to improve camp law, identify and overcome difficulties, and learn how to create their own laws. The improvements are a result of the combined cooperation among the BLC, IRC, camp NGOs and camp administrators.

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