

Legal Perspective Information Sheet

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Preface

The purpose of publishing this information sheet is to increase the awareness of people over the Crimes Against Humanity committed by the military junta terrorists on a daily basis and to keep record of their brutal acts for future reference and proceedings. Committed crimes are selectively stated in this information sheet due to space limitations.

Arbitrary Detentions and Enforced Disappearances

On 27th May, Soe Linn Htet, a second year student majoring in Civil Engineering at the Technological University Meiktila, was arbitrarily detained at home at Pyawbwe Township in Mandalay Region. A village administrator, involved in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), was also arrested at Nayin Village, Yesagyo Township in Magway Region on 29th May.

On 30th May, a former member of All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU) in Monywa District and who is currently assisting IDPs was arrested at gunpoint by the junta troops wearing civilian attires. On 31st May, Khin Hmway Lwin, a member of Sagaing Region and elected regional parliamentary representative from Minkin Township constituency and Hein Win Latt, NLD executive member of Bhamo Town in Kachin State, were arrested respectively.

On 2nd June morning, former village administrator of Pan Lin Village in Pyaung Khaung Village Tract of Mogoke Township in Mandalay Region, was arrested by the junta troops. A lawyer who is representing pro-bono and arrested people for staging anti-dictatorship protests in Myittha, Kachin State was also arrested and on 3rd June, a leader of Sanay Charity Group, Bhamo Town in Kachin State, was arrested by the junta troops.

Murders

On 27th May, two youths from Demoso Township in Kayah State were shot to death by terrorist junta while they were delivering food to Karenni IDPs. On the same day, a 14 year old boy was shot dead in the head while running away from the junta forces in Thabyay Kone, in Loikaw Township, Kayah State. Later on 28th May, at Pauk Taw Wa in

Insein Township, Yangon Region, a youth was brutally killed when a military vehicle intentionally crashed into him for not being stop for checking.

In early morning, 30 May in Baganmyothit in Nyaung-U Township in Mandalay Region, Moe Myint Aung was shot and died when the junta raided the Yonetan Ward and Hman Cho Ward. Later, sources said that Moe Myint Aung was wrongfully shot while capturing others six youths. On 30th May, in Loikaw Township in Kayah State, a man was shot dead by the junta troops while riding a motorbike.

During the night of 4th June, Thaw Zin, who is a LGBT, was shot by the junta troops deployed at Township Education Office in Kyaukpadaung Town in Mandalay Region on his way back home with a motorcycle with two of his friends. Thaw Zin eventually died from not receiving medical treatment in time. While around 80 villagers in Ayeyarwady Region clashed with soldiers as they tried to prevent the arrest of a man accused of transporting weapons, at least three civilians were killed by the junta force.

The widespread and systematic murdering of the civilian population in Myanmar by the military shows no signs of stopping. In fact, it is evident that attacks against peaceful protesters across Myanmar have progressively intensified.

Intention to destroy the whole 'Kayan' tribes

The Kayan are a sub-group of Red Karen (Karenni people), Tibeto-Burman ethnic minority of Myanmar lives around Phekhone, Moebyel, Demoso, and Seebu. The estimated Kayan population is about 2 millions. In the early days of May, some young generations residing in these regions have been resisting against the military's repression with homemade guns. Since then, the military have been operating systematic and targeted attacks on the entire 'Kayan' people including civilians who are not directly taking part in the hostilities.

About 1 million of 'Kayan' are displaced directed towards Seebuu Township, due to the heavy artillery and Airstrikes of the military. Therefore, about 85% of the 'Kayan' people would become displaced persons and nowhere to hide since the geographical position of these regions are not interconnected with international borders, and if the military continues their strikes in Seebuu township.

Since the military have been cutting off humanitarian aids to this particular region, people urgently need foods, water and medicines. The Myanmar military has been violating the fundamental and peremptory norms of international law on a daily basis. In carrying out these atrocities, the military's conduct confirms that it does not and has no intention of

abiding the obligations laid under the international law. In a world governed by the rule of law, the military cannot legitimately represent Myanmar. The international community must act immediately to stop the military's indiscriminate attacks on civilians.

Violations on Freedom of Speech and Fundamental Human Rights

On 27th May, a reporter of Ayeyarwaddy Times News Agency based in Ayeyarwady Region was arrested and beaten while interrogating. Moreover, on the same day, Myo Thiha Kyaw, a photojournalist for the Myanmar Press Photo Agency, was arrested in Mandalay. Also in Kyaukse Township in Shan State, a photographer was arrested. To silence the widespread opposition against the military's actions since 1st February 2021, it has targeted, attacked and arbitrarily detained dozens of journalists reporting on the protests. As a result, most editors and reporters inside the country currently refrain from identifying themselves as members of the press. Indeed, the military has also revoked licenses of a number of independent media outlets.

Nevertheless, the National Unity Government planning to hand over documentary evidences of these crimes against humanity being committed by the military against the civilian population of Myanmar to relevant human rights bodies of the United Nations.

Ref : Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP)
: Myanmar Now