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Karen State: 7 Killed and 4 Injured by Burmese Military Heavy Artillery

Seven people were killed and four injured when the Burmese military fired heavy artillery at Klaw Day Village, Mae Klaw village tract, Bu Tho Township in Mu Traw District, Kawtholei, (Karen State) on 5th March.

Among those killed are three children, all girls, aged 2, 5 and 14. A 3 year-old boy and a 17 year old girl were among those injured. A pregnant woman was also killed.

The Burmese military knew the location of the village and that it was a civilian village. They deliberately targeted the village. This is a war crime and a crime against humanity. The attack came at 7.20pm, a time when the Burmese military know people are likely to be in their homes.

The Burmese military have been using long range heavy artillery based in Papun to attack civilians in Mu Traw.

Those killed are:

1. Naw Htoo Paw (5 yrs old)
2. Saw Day Poe (19yrs old)
3. Saw Kay (40 yrs old)
4. Naw Paw Wah (32 yrs old)
5. Naw Eh Moo (22 yrs old)
6. Naw Tin Ne La Win (14 yrs old)
7. Naw Ta Lu (2 yrs old)

Those injured are:

1. Saw Nyut Htoo(28 yrs old)
2. Naw Kri Hser (28 yrs old)
3. Naw S'baw (17 yrs old)
4. Saw kyaw Bi (3 yrs old)

The Burmese military attacks and kills our people using weapons bought internationally and which are paid for in part by international companies doing business with the military.

The Karen Peace Support Network calls for increased pressure on countries involved in supplying arms and equipment to the Burmese military, including on Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Belarus, India and Singapore.

The Karen Peace Support Network calls for targeted economic sanctions to be imposed at a much faster rate to cut the revenue to the military. Companies in business with the Burmese military are complicit in the international crimes being committed against us.

The Karen Peace Support Network calls for sanctions on the supply of aviation fuel to Burma. The majority of displaced people in Karen State are displaced by airstrikes or the threat of airstrikes, creating a humanitarian crisis. The Burmese military are using drones to identify targets such as villages and IDP camps, which they later attack using airstrikes or heavy artillery.

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