KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 1996

97°30'
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about:
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BURMA
CHIANGMAI
THAILAND
RANGOON
BANGKOK
WEAGYI
MAEYEHTA
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SALA
KHUN MAE KONG KHA
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KYAUKNYA
PAPUN
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Sob Moei
MAERAMALUANG
Maepohta
Maelaw
KADANGTI
BAN-THASONGYAN
Bawnaw
MAETAWOW
Maesalit
SHOKLO
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KAMAMAUNG
Klerkho
THASONGYAN
MAETAN
Kamawlaykho
BILIN
SHWEGUN
HLAINBWE
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PAINGKYONE
MAERAMAD
DON PA KIANG
THATON
PA-AN
WANGKHA
NABU
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BURMA
KYONDOE
MYAWADEE
KAWKAREIK
MARTATABAN
POPPHRA
MOULMEIN
MAWKER
MUDON
WALAY
KYAIKKAMI
KYAINSHIKKYI
KYAIKDON
TAPERPOO
NOPADOH
NOH PAH TAW WAH
UMPANG
RIVER
HIGH-HILL
ROAD
RAILWAY
TOWN
VILLAGE
STRATEGIC -POINT
REFUGEE -CAMP
EX-REFUGEE -CAMP
4324
5115
3859
6178
4879
4754
4044
4308
3783
3074
4839
5430
6214
6293
3890
5394
3983
6825
4888
5197
18° 00'
17° 30'
17° 00'
16° 30'
16° 00'
another southern part, Pakiar & Sankraburi area
MAE TA RAW KHEE
HTEE HTA BAW
T'KWEE KLAW

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One must have thought that the rainy season would bring more stability to the situation here along the Thai-Burma border but, contrary to general assumption, the situation has grown turbulent once more. Armed clashes occurred sporadically on the Burma side of the border opposite to the Thai district of Tha Song Yang and in the early evening of June 13, 1996 eight rounds of mortar fired from across the border landed as targeted in Sho Klo camp. Two women were seriously wounded in the shelling. One of them died later. Sounds of gun fire can be heard off and on by people living along the border in Tha Song Yang district. Movement of troops is reported in other places along this stretch of the border as well.

The process of producing camp identification card for camp residents 12 years old and above of Sho Klo and Mae La camps in Tha Song Yang district began on the third of June and it is expected that the work will be completed by the beginning of July. The work has been carried out jointly by the district of Tha Song Yang and the Karen Refugee Committee with the help of representatives in the said camps.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS		5-12'YRS		Under 5 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE SOT AREA	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1216	2000	2296	670	628	600	562	6756
	Don Pa Kiang	733	1223	1123	338	337	349	342	3712
	Mae La	3820	8594	7983	3498	3360	1391	1412	26238
	Sho Klo (Mae Song)	1133	1742	2127	1166	1575	326	314	7250
	Maw Ker	1158	2250	2142	585	545	798	721	7041
		8060	**15809**	**15671**	**6257**	**6445**	**3464**	**3351**	**50997**
NORTH	Mae Ra Ma Luang	774	1444	1347	488	436	338	321	4374
	Khun Mae Kong Kha	437	712	791	343	343	224	241	2654
	SaLa	275	570	504	189	148	92	101	1604
	Mae Sa Kup	337	646	646	223	200	131	160	2006
	KhloPa	242	506	461	184	170	112	106	1539
	U Da Hta	265	581	491	189	194	118	124	1697
	Mae Ye Hta	299	632	519	228	184	138	115	1816
		2629	**5091**	**4759**	**1844**	**1675**	**1153**	**1168**	**15690**
SOUTH	Ta Per Poo	438	944	647	266	224	133	152	2366
	No Pa Don (Nong Luang)	139	272	211	102	87	54	64	790
	Noh Pa Htaw Wan	367	726	623	161	191	163	167	2031
	Mae Ta Raw Knee	230	510	521	303	237	61	100	1732
	Htee Hta Baw	409	687	663	J3D	312	166	143	2306
	T' Kwee Klaw	162	250	270	85	102	73	58	838
		1745	**3389**	**2935**	**1252**	**1153**	**650**	**684**	**10063**
Grand Total		**12434**	**24289**	**23365**	**9353**	**9273**	**5267**	**5203**	**76750**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	ITEMS				
	Rice/sacks	Salt/Kgs	F.Paste/tins	Pressed Saw Dust/bundles	Mosquito Nets (l00 Bundle)
B.B.C .	7,751	16,050	3,244	* 11,500	206
COERR	350				
Total					

* Mae La Camp only - 3bundles/ family

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F. Paste	Mosquito Nets
	SACKS	KGS	tins	100 pcs /bundle
Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1,065	2450	424	22
Don Pa Kiang	526	1350	212	11
Mae La (area)	4200	7650	1680	88
Sho Klo	1222	2300	490	26
Maw Ker	1086	2300	438	24
Ta Per Poo	-	-		8
No Pa Doh	-	-	-	3
Noh Pa Htaw Wah	-	-	-	7
Mae Ta Raw Khee	-	-	-	17
Total	**8101**	**16050**	**3244**	**206**

ZOA School supplies (set)

KG	PRI	MID	HIGH	TEACHER	CHALK/small boxes	SHARPENER/pcs
2,238	2,842	690	227	328	1,026	151

A Set / Person contains	KG	PRIMARY	MID/HIGH/TEACHER
Note Book (80 pages / 40 sheets	4	12	16
Pens	-	2 (Blue)	8 (6 blue, 2 red)
Pencils with eraser top	2	16	6
Color Pencils	1PK	-	-
Drawing Book	1	-	-
Coloring Book	1	-	-
Ruler (PVC)	-	1	1
Erasers (pencil)	-	1	-
Erasers (pen)	-	1	1

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED FROM ZOA

CAMP	KG	PRI.	MID.	HIGH.	TEACHER	SHARPENE	CHALK
	SETS						
Shoklo	740	458	125	46	55	29	190
Mae Ra Ma Luang	-	1237	296	64	107	60	48
Mae Kong Ka	166	196	58	44	24	7	50
Sa La	93	100	50	-	11	4	26
Mae Sa Kup	160	109	9	-	10	6	34
Klo Pa & U Da Hta	163	210	112	75	32	6	42
Mae Ye Hta	159	137	40	-	15	5	34
Ta Per Poo	175	-	-	-	5	7	14
Noh Pa Doh	120	45	-	-	3	6	30
Noh P' Htaw Wah	78	67	-	-	8	3	18
Mae Taraw Khi	152	81	-	-	9	6	36
Mae Gati	185	151	-	-	9	6	36
Baw Na Hta	47	33	-	-	4	6	36
Teacher Training	-	-	-	-	36	-	-

The Karen Refugee Committee expresses its sincere gratitude to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the kindness and understanding they have shown in granting refuge to the Karens and to the other displaced people from Burma who are in trouble and need. The committee is fully aware that, unless for this kindness and understanding manifested in the name of humanity, the refugees would not be able to survive. This noble gesture of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

The Karen Refugee Committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to the individuals and agencies concerned for their help and support in many ways and through the years to make life easier for the refugees. The commitment of all those involved in this mission of mercy is sincerely appreciated and will also be remembered by all of us.

The situation has become turbulent again at certain points along the border and the refugees are living in an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, But deep in their hearts flickers a faint ray of hope for better days to come. They long for peace, genuine and honourable peace to come back to their greatly troubled land. It is disturbing to note however that civilians in many parts of Burma continue to go through very difficult and perilous times. The world should not lose sight of this. The people of Burma are desperately crying out for help. They count on the help and support of all peace loving people around the world.

I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee.