KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

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97°30'
98°00'
about:
20 KM
N
HIGHT IN FEET
BURMA
CHIANGMAI
THAILAND
RANGOON
BANGKOK
WEAGYI
MAEYEHTA
U DA HTA
KYAUKNYA
MAESARIENG
KHLOPA
MAESAKUP
SALA
KHUN MAE KONG KHA
PAPUN
DAGWIN
MAESAMLEB
18° 00'
THAILAND
PAWHTA
Sob Moei
MAERAMALUANG
Maepolin
Maelaw
KADANGTI
BAN-THASONGYAN
Bawnaw
MAETAWOW
17° 30'
Maesalit
SHOKLO
MAESEIK
KAMAMAUNG
Klerkho
THASONGYAN
MAETAN
Kamawlaykho
BILIN
SHWEGUN
HLAINBWE
MAELA
17° 00'
PAINGKYONE
MAERAMAD
DON PA KIANG
THATON
PA-AN
WANGKHA
NABU
MAESOT
BURMA
KYONDOE
MYAWADEE
KAWKAREIK
MARTATABAN
16° 30'
POPPHRA
MOULMEIN
MAWKER
MUDON
WALAY
TAHRPOO
NOPADOH
KYAIKKAMI
KYAINSEIKKYI
KYAIKDON
NOH PAH TAW WAH
UMPANG
16° 00'
another southern part, Paklar & Sankraburi area
MAE TA RAW KHEE
HTEE HTA BAW
T'KWEE KLAW
97°30'
98°00'
98°30'
RIVER
HIGH-HILL
ROAD
RAILWAY
TOWN
VILLAGE
STRATEGIC -POINT
REFUGEE -CAMP
EX-REFUGEE -CAMP

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We, the Karen Refugee Committee, would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all the Thai authorities concerned for their kind permission to the Karen refugees to take refuge in the border area, and for taking measures to provide security as necessary. Our gratitude is also due to the various international agencies and organizations that have been providing help to meet the basic needs of the refugees such as food, health care and education of children and youths.

Acts of terrorism by the so-called Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) had subsided until the morning of August 24, when a group numbering about 17, crossed the Thai-Burma border and murdered an elderly refugee in Don Pa Kiang refugee camp, with a threat of more violence. Again, on August 27, a group of about 30 DKBA crossed the border near the Thai village of Mae U Su with the intention, apparently, of perpetrating acts of terror against the refugees as well as the Thai villagers. However, a timely reaction by the Thai security guards drove them back.

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	1924	2278	670	628	600	562	6662
	Don Pa Kiang	754	1248	1149	341	339	375	368	3820
	Mae La	3888	8771	7885	3109	2791	1338	1352	25246
	Sho Klo (Mae Song)	1126	1732	2116	1158	1552	349	329	7236
	Maw Ker	1286	2741	2376	607	579	714	700	7717
		8270	**16416**	**15804**	**5885**	**5889**	**3376**	**3311**	**50681**
NORTH	Mae Ra Ma Luang	773	1443	1353	482	421	362	313	4374
	Khun Mae Kong Kha	451	729	817	348	352	228	245	2719
	Sa La	294	638	545	200	159	97	115	1754
	Mae Sa Kup	315	606	598	216	195	134	157	1906
	Khlo Pa	242	506	460	183	170	119	112	1550
	U Da Hta	267	585	493	189	195	123	130	1715
	Mae Ye Hta	276	577	477	204	165	125	106	1654
		2618	**5084**	**4743**	**1822**	**1657**	**1188**	**1178**	**15672**
SOUTH	Ta Per Poo	431	886	623	258	233	120	129	2249
	No Pa Doh (Nong Luang)	144	279	217	104	88	55	67	810
	NohPaHtawWah	378	752	639	171	203	182	190	2137
	Mae Ta Raw Khee	225	505	516	303	237	61	100	1722
	Le Po Hta	145	334	304	242	204	50	63	1197
	Ta La Ku	45	78	78	29	34	12	16	247
	Htee Hta Baw	409	687	663	335	312	166	143	2306
	T' Kwee Klaw	162	250	270	85	102	73	58	838
		1939	**3771**	**3310**	**1527**	**1413**	**719**	**766**	**11506**
	Total	**12827**	**25271**	**23857**	**9234**	**8959**	**5283**	**5255**	**77859**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	ITEMS								
	Rice sacks	Salt kgs.	F.Paste tins.	Sweater Bales	Pressed Sawdust 91ogs/bundle	Track Suit sets	Cloth rolls	T. Shirt Pcs	Sarong Pcs
BBC	7,588	16,600	3,177	400	# 14,000	-	-	-	-
COERR	350	-	-	-	-	-	##63	-	-
ICS	-	-	-	-	-	*6715	-	**560	**560

Mae La 11700 + Sho Klo 2300 Bundles.
* For Students at Wang Ka + Mae La camp schools.
* * For schools teachers in the various refugee camps schools
For school uniform at Don Pa Kiang + Maw Ker camp school.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F.Paste	Sweater / bales
Wang Kha	1055	2450	420	44
Don Pa Kiang	588	1500	237	25
Mae La	3940 SMRU 13	7800	1580	170
Sho Klo	1150 SMRU 6	2300	460	48
Maw Ker	1186	2550	480	52
Ta Per Poo	-	-	-	16
No Pa Don/ Nong Luang	-	-	-	6
Noh Pa Htaw Wah	. .	-	-	15
Mae Ta Raw Khee	-	-	-	24
Total	7938	16,600	3,177	400

* School supplies from COERR

Reneo Paper 30 reams
Chalk (100 pk/box) 10 boxes
Big sharpener 1 dozen
School supplies set 670sets
A set/ person contains
- 12 note book (80pages)
- 12 pencils
- 4 color pencils
- 2 drawing books
- 1 ruler
- 5 ball pens (3 blue; 2 red)
- 1 pencil eraser
- 1 pen eraser

* School supplies from InterAid Thailand, supplies set - 500 sets

A set/ person contains
- 4 note books (80pages)
- 1 drawing book
- 12 pencils
- 5 ball pens (3 blue, 2 red)
- 1 pencil eraser
- 16 crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler
- 1 ball pen eraser

* Distributed to Don Pa Kiang and Maw Ker camp Schools

School supplies received from ICS-Asia
For Wang Ka + Mae La camps

Teaching Material

1. ABC charts 110 pcs.
2. Picture book of animal and fruit 264 pcs.
3. World map 132 pcs.
4. Black board eraser 273 pcs
5. Wax paper 53 pks.
6. correcting fluid 80 bots.
7. Stylus 14 bx.
3. chalk 795 pks
   colour chalk 88 pks.
9. Roneo paper 292 reans
10. Gestetner ink 106 tubes
11. Big sharpener 73 pcs.
12. Card board paper 704 pcs
13. Color magic pen (assorted color) 143 pcs
14. Cello tape 31 pcs
15. Paper liquid 31 pcs
16. Volley ball 29 balls
17. Volley ball net 15 pcs
18. Cane ball 29 pcs
19. cane ball net 15 pcs
20. Football 29 balls
21. Skipping rope 72 pcs.
22. bell (for class room) 20 bells
23. Black board 90 pcs.

Learning Material

1. Pencil	6,664 doz	6. ABC drawing book	3,351 pcs
2. Note book (40 sheets)	48,903 pcs.	7. Ball pen	15,026 pcs
3. Color book	10.000 pcs	8. Ruler	3,685 pcs
4. Color pencil	3,351 pcs.	9. pencil eraser	3,726 pcs
5. Drawing book	5,213 pcs.	10. pen eraser	1,644 pcs

Increase in the refugee population in the month of August for all the camps is 117, which was manageable. Nevertheless, the increase could become dramatic in proportion to acts of terror by the DKBA in areas opposite Tak Province and Mae Sarieang district.

We earnestly hope that the authorities agencies, organizations and individuals would continue to provide help to the refugees so long as life for them is unsafe on the other side of the border.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee.