KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

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97°30'
98°00'
about:
20 KM
N
HIGHT IN FEET
BURMA
CHIANGMAI
THAILAND
RANGOON
BANGKOK
WEAGYI
5115
4324
KYAUKNYA
3859
MAEYEHTA
U DA HTA
MAESARIENG
KHLOPA
MAESAKUP
SALA
KHUN MAE KONG KHA
6178
PAPUN
18° 00'
DAGWIN
MAESAMLEB
THAILAND
4879
PAWHTA
Sob Moei
4754
MAERAMALUANG
4044
Maepohta
4308
Maelaw
KADANGTI
3783
BAN-THASONGYAN
Bawnaw
MAETAWOW
17° 30'
Maesalit
SHOKLO
MAESEIK
3074
4839
KAMAMAUNG
Klerkho
THASONGYAN
MAETAN
Kamawlaykho
BILIN
SHWEGUN
HLAINBWE
5430
MAELA
6214
17° 00'
PAINGKYONE
6293
MAERAMAD
DON PA KIANG
THATON
PA-AN
3890
WANGKHA
NABU
MAESOT
BURMA
KYONDOE
MYAWADEE
KAWKAREIK
MARTATABAN
16° 30'
POPPHRA
5394
MOULMEIN
MAWKER
3983
MUDON
WALAY
6825
4888
5197
TAPERPOO
NOPADOH
KYAIKKAMI
KYAINSEIKKYI
KYAIKDON
NOH PAH TAW WAH
UMPANG
16° 00'
RIVER
HIGH-HILL
ROAD
RAILWAY
TOWN
VILLAGE
STRATEGIC -POINT
REFUGEE -CAMP
EX-REFUGEE -CAMP
another southern part, Paklar & Sankraburi area
MAE TA RAW KHEE
HTEE HTA BAW
T'KWEE KLAW
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With the advent of the dry season, our concern for the security of some refugee camps near the Moei River, under the threat of the so-called Democratic Kayin Buddhist Army (DKBA), has been heightened inevitably. Most of these camps are in the border area of Tak Province. The Thai authorities concerned have been doing their best, within the limited means available, to improve the security situation.

Reportedly, the power that be on the other side of the border has very little or no control over these lawless and fanatic elements.

So far as we know, acts of terrorism violence and human rights violations against the rural folks in the Karen areas have not lessened. Our other concern is the possibility of increased military activities in the dry season. If this happens, our estimate is that not less than 20,000 can cross the border into Thailand for refuge.

Before closing, we, the Karen Refugee Committee, would like to express our heart-felt appreciation and gratitude to the Thai authorities concerned for their kind permission to the Karen refugees to take refugee in the border areas of Thailand, for taking measures to provide security, as necessary, and for allowing the aid agencies and organizations to provide assistance to the refugees.

We are also much grateful to the international agencies and organizations that have been providing help and assistance to the refugees, year after year, without a hint of complaint or demoralization.

We earnestly hope that the authorities, agencies, organizations and individuals would continue to provide help and assistance to the refugees until they can return to safety and peace on the other side of the border.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of	Over 12 YRS		5- 12 YRS		Under 5 YRS		Total
		families	M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1231	1890	2311	673	638	622	595	6729
SOT	Don Pa Kiang	747	1349	1194	357	360	343	319	3922
AREA	Mae La	3921	8835	7809	2897	2710	1323	1316	24890
	Sho Klo (Mae Song)	1124	1728	2112	1154	1552	371	352	7269
	Maw Ker	1371	2903	2530	637	610	778	777	8235
	Total	**8394**	**16705**	**15956**	**5718**	**5870**	**3437**	**3359**	**51045**
N	Mae Ra Ma Luang	769	1472	1373	483	435	365	315	4443
O	Khun Mae Kong Kha	451	729	817	348	352	228	245	2719
R	Sa La	294	638	545	200	159	97	115	1754
T	Mae Sa Kup	315	606	598	216	195	134	157	1906
H	Khlo Pa	242	506	460	183	170	119	112	1550
	U Da Hta	267	585	493	189	195	123	130	1715
	Mae Ya Hta	276	577	477	204	165	125	106	1654
	Total	**2614**	**5113**	**4763**	**1823**	**1671**	**1191**	**1180**	**15741**
	Ta Poi Poo	432	890	627	259	233	132	137	2278
	No Pa Doh (Nong Luang)	155	291	230	117	108	52	64	862
S	Neh Pa Htaw Wah	378	766	654	175	210	173	176	2154
O	Mae Ta Raw Khee	176	408	407	173	151	58	44	1241
U	Le Po Kha	185	404	374	292	246	60	71	1447
T	Ta La Ku	44	89	75	32	27	8	10	241
H	Htee Hta Baw	381	628	663	360	287	141	132	2611
	T' Kwee Klaw	162	250	270	85	102	73	58	838
	Total	1913	3776	3300	1493	1364	697	692	11272
	Grand Total	**12921**	**25544**	**24019**	**9034**	**8905**	**5325**	**5231**	**78058**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	ITEMS						
	Rice sacks	Salt kgs.	F.Paste tins.	M.Nets 100 /bundle	clothing bales	Pressed Sawdust bundle	Clothing pallets
R.I.C	7,760	16,950	3,230	100	5916	A 12,150 B 2,300	7
B.B.C	1,385	3,050	540	-	-	-	-
COERR	350	-	-	-	-	-	-

A - 3 bundles/ family B - 2 bundles/ family.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F.Paste	Clothing bales	M,Nets 100/bundle	Clothing pallets
Wang Kha	1055	2450	420	13	-	-
Don Pa Klang	601	1500	245	7	-	-
Mae La	4013 SMRU 13	8100	1600	-	-	7
Sho Klo	1173 SMRU 6	2250	465	14	-	-
Maw Ker	1240	2650	500	15	100	-
Ta Per Poo	355	800	145	5	-	-
Nong Luang	130	300	55	1	-	-
Noh Pa Htaw Wah	400	800	140	4	-	-
Mae Ta Raw Khee	500	1150	200	6	-	-

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