



The Karenni Human Rights Group Condemns Airstrikes Targeting Civilians and Calls for Immediate Action

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The Karenni Human Rights Group (KnHRG) is alarmed by the increase in frequency and scale of the airstrikes targeting civilians in Karenni State by the military junta. Halfway through July 2025, KnHRG has already documented six airstrikes which have killed 15 people, wounded 18 and destroyed 13 buildings, including three homes belonging to internally displaced people. In the last two weeks, the junta has carried out airstrikes in West Demoso, Maw Chee, and Saung Cherry IDP Camp, Phe Khong Township. These attacks are a serious violation of international norms and clearly show a disregard for the sanctity of human life.

KnHRG strongly condemns the aerial assaults, which have traumatized innocent civilians already suffering amid ongoing attacks by the regime. With airstrikes happening every day, there is an urgent call to the international community to respond with meaningful and coordinated action by immediately invoking a global arms embargo to stop the flow of aviation fuel to Burma and to impose sanctions.

According to the Karenni Interim Executive Council, from the start of the year until 9 July 2025, junta-deployed airstrikes have killed 33 people and injured an additional 94. Furthermore, data from Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica states there have been more than 3292 airstrikes since the attempted coup in February 2021, resulting in over 1,749 fatalities, including women and children. The ongoing series of attacks continues to endanger internally displaced people and conflict-affected communities, who lack protection and interference from the aerial bombs.

People in Karenni State live in constant uncertainty, unsure of when the next airstrike will occur or if they will survive. This has caused unprecedented fear and widespread trauma, worsened by the lack of action from global stakeholders in responding to the ongoing national crisis within Burma. KnHRG strongly urges international partners to break the cycle of violence by referring the human rights situation to the

International Criminal Court and working with locally-led organizations to seek accountability for the regime's decades of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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The Karenni Human Rights Group is a community organization dedicated to reporting on the current situation on the ground in Karenni State and the human rights abuses committed by the junta.