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Situation Overview

1,929+ KILLED

14,061+ ARRESTED

11,040+ DETAINED

1,979 EVADING ARREST



The Myanmar Military's Plans To Execute Four Civilians is Unlawful

At the beginning of June 2022, the military junta declared that they intended to follow through with the death penalty of four civilians, including two prominent pro-democracy activists, by hanging them. A lawmaker for the National League for Democracy, Phyo Zeya Thaw, and Ko Jimmy, a lifelong rights defender, are to be killed for exercising their fundamental rights to freedom of expression. As the sentencing looms, the military junta continues to carry out war crimes, and crimes against humanity with humanity.

The Network for Human Rights Documentation – Burma joined members including the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), the Human Rights Foundation of Monland, the Chin Human Rights Organization and others in condemning the decision to follow through with the executions. In a separate statement, AAPP called the council's statement on the execution of the political prisoners, "a violation of domestic and international law and a blatant attempt to audaciously murder."

Parliamentarians across Asia also denounced the announcement stating, "ASEAN and the international community must use every means at their disposal to prevent these executions from taking place."

It has been duly noted that all four men were denied a fair trial and their legal rights, including any legal counsel during the appeal process. The trials were also rushed. Myanmar has not carried out an execution in decades. The United Nations expressed concern with the decision calling it a 'blatant violation of the right to life, liberty and security of a person.' According to Human Rights Watch, 114 people have been sentenced to death since 1 February 2021, including 41 in abstention.

This decision ultimately signals the Myanmar military's fear of new ideas and pro-democracy views which are felt overwhelmingly throughout the country. The military wishes to safeguard its assets at all costs, even at the price of human lives. In an interview with Radio Free Asia, the wife of Ko Jimmy, asserted that there would be consequences for the junta and their lack of value for human life. The day for justice for victims, survivors and their families, she said, will come.



Human Rights Violations

TORTURE

FORCED DISPLACEMENT

RAIDS



Kan Pyar village, Myinmu township, Sagaing region: Eleven civilians were killed by the military junta while sheltering in a pagoda.

Mandalay: The military junta sentenced four medical professionals for joining the Civil Disobedience Movement and refusing to work under the regime.

Moebye Township, Southern Shan State: Two civilians were killed, and one was injured by more reckless, indiscriminate firing by the military junta.

Ye-U Township, Sagaing region: Over 100 houses were destroyed when the junta entered the village and began setting fire to the most 'expensive' looking homes.



Conflict in Myanmar

For the first time, the number of displaced men, women and children in Myanmar has exceeded one million.



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Places of worship in the majority Christian State have been targeted by the junta. Since October 2021, CHRO says that 11 churches have been destroyed in Thantlang township alone. The regime has also gunned down religious leaders, such as pastors. Civilians living in areas where there has been great success by opposition forces are living in limbo. Villagers have been threatened with their lives if they dare support local armed groups.

They remain on the run and in need of shelter and protection. Chin State represents over one-tenth of the now one-million IDPs inside Myanmar. Upon making calls to civil society for humanitarian assistance, ASEAN has partnered with the illegal junta to facilitate aid, and in doing so has excluded Chin State without any explanation. This is further evidence of the junta weaponizing aid and leveraging an agenda that only advances their interests.





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Included in KHRG's findings was overwhelming evidence of the multiple barriers civilians in Karen State are facing. Their fundamental human rights are at risk as internally displaced people lack access to energy aid due to road blocks by the junta.

Further, the increasing presence of the junta has forced villagers to flee on a regular basis. During this time, their homes are often looted or burned to the ground. They also are unable to tend to their livelihoods, such as farming, which they rely on to generate an income. The ongoing air and ground attacks have made survival a consistent challenge. KHRG also pointed out that COVID-19 remains a real threat to civilians who have been denied medical supplies. Health workers have also been targeted for supporting pro-democracy initiatives.

Many of these gaps have been filled by civil society organizations who are doing their best, despite the many limitations in Human Resources, funds and staff. Displaced Karen villagers are in urgent need of food, clothes and medicine.





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On 7 June 2022, junta soldiers found a small pistol civilians were keeping for their protection, in a pagoda where internally displaced people were seeking refuge. In response, the soldiers fired at eleven people who were shot or burned alive. Six were shot in the back following military orders to 'run' and others burned to death in the pagoda which was delicately set on fire. Before leaving the village, motorcycles were also scorched.

It was also reported that an elderly woman, age 78, was found dead after a raid by the junta in Thargaya village, Sagaing region. She was unable to flee as she was too sick. Indiscriminately firing and shelling has also killed civilians, including a child in recent weeks in Sagaing region.

Over 300,000 have fled the region where horrifying ends of met civilians caught in the crossfire of violence. Reports of 'fear' to live have become a constant as civilians are regularly abducted, tortured and killed.





Timeline of Events

SECOND WEEK OF JUNE
6 JUNE - 12 JUNE 2022

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The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar called for global condemnation of the military junta's plans to execute four civilians held in their custody.

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The Institute for Strategy and Policy - Myanmar reported that more than 22,000 homes have been torched since the attempted coup, amid mass destruction and death unlawfully perpetrated against innocent civilians.

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The Karen Human Rights Group released their latest report: "Denied and Deprived."

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The eleven year anniversary of the resumption of conflict in Kachin State is marked, following the end of a nearly 20 year ceasefire which was broken by the military junta.

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The military junta announced that detained Australian economist and advisor to the National League for Democracy, Sean Turnell, will be prosecuted.

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Five innocent civilians were tied up, and burned to death in Gangaw.

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12 June: The World Day Against Child Labour is recognized with calls for an end to human rights violations against children





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