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Statement on Burmese Military Junta’s Activities in Karenni State

Myanmar’s military junta, which has branded itself as caretaker government, has announced the extension of ceasefire with conditions. However, taking advantages of the unilateral ceasefire, the junta has deployed more troops across Karenni (Kayah) State who are threatening lives and properties daily as follow:

1. Claiming to pursue local people resistance forces, junta’s troops have entered villages and threatened residents, broken into their homes, and looted their properties including chicken and pigs.
2. Jungle patrols and searches in villages by junta’s troops pose increased danger to lives and safety of villagers who are in hiding from recent fighting and villagers who are farming, and cause further displacement.
3. Jungle patrols and attempts to control more areas by junta’s troops have also increased the number of daily armed clashes with Karenni Army.
4. Servaral incidents have also been reported on junta’s troops` orders to remove and prohibit Covid-19 prevention facilities and programs initiated and supported by locals in their communities.

Karenni National Progressive Party is very concerned over Burmese military junta’s activities that have endangered community peace, the rule of law, and public safety and have worsened the risk of starvation among the affected populations.

Therefore, Karenni National Progressive Party urges humanitarian assistance groups in the country as well as international governments and organizations to provide speedy assistance and take measures to protect the people.

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