

Highlights & Key Messages

Intensified armed clashes between the military junta and people's defence forces (PDFs) in Northern Shan State resulted in an increased number of IDPs. In January and February 2023, a total of 6 casualties were reported including: 4 men and 2 women, and a total of 13 injuries were reported including: 10 men and 3 women.

Northern Shan State

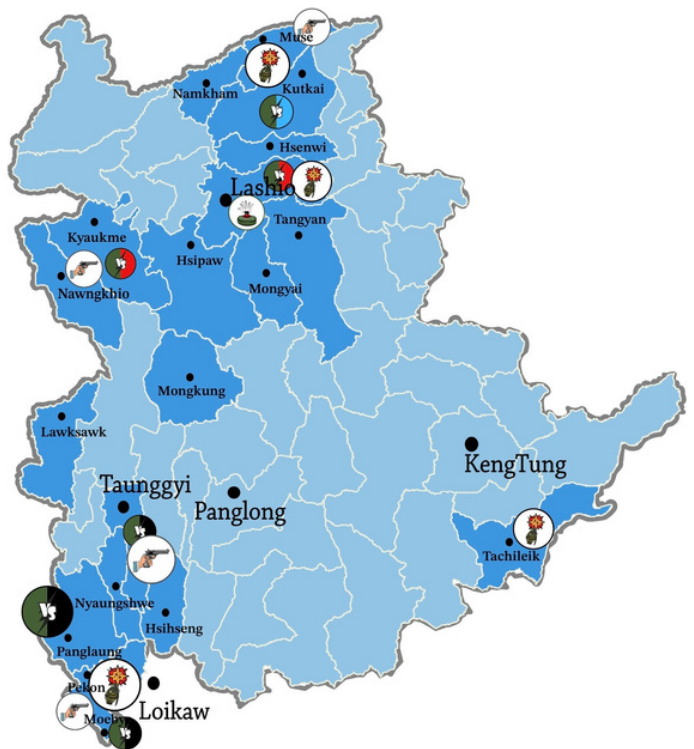
- The military junta and a PDF clashed in Kyaukme and Hsipaw Townships.
- Bomb blasts and explosions resulted in 2 casualties in Lashio Township, and 6 injuries in Lashio and Muse Townships.
- The military junta indiscriminately fired gunshots, resulting in 1 injury in Nawngkhio Township, and damaged civilian houses in Muse Township.

Southern Shan State

- The military junta indiscriminately fired gunshots, resulting in 1 casualty in Inlay, Taunggyi Township.
- The military junta indiscriminately fired gunshots and damaged a church in Pekhon Township.
- The military junta indiscriminately fired gunshots in Panglaung/Pinlaung and Moebye Townships, and more people were displaced.
- Bomb blasts and explosions resulted in 2 casualties and 2 injuries in Moebye Township.

Eastern Shan State

- Bomb blasts and explosions resulted in 5 injuries in Tachileik Township.



- Armed Clash - Military Junta vs MNDA
- Armed Clash - Military Junta vs KIA & PDF
- Armed Clash - Military Junta vs TNLA
- Indiscriminate shootings
- Destruction of Civilian Property
- Bomb blasts and explosions
- Landmines

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Casualties in Shan State between Jan - Feb 2023.

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Injuries in Shan State between Jan - Feb 2023.

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SGBV and domestic violence cases in Shan State between Jan - Feb 2023.

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Victims of Arbitrary detention in Shan State between Jan - Feb 2023.

Civilians Targeted: Arbitrary Detention, Forced Recruitment, and Tax Extortion

Northern Shan State

In Nawngkio Township, on 10 February, 7 men were arrested after a clash between the military junta and a local PDF.[1]

In Kyaukme Township, on 8 January, the Shan State Progressive Party (SSPP) forcibly recruited three young men and took them to their camp. They refused to serve in the SSPP, and they fled the area. Then on 11 January in Kyaukme, a doctor was abducted by a military junta affiliated group when she was going to the clinic, her place of work. Additionally, in Kyaukme Township, four incidents of tax extortion were reported to SWAN. Both the military junta and members of the Northern Alliance extorted tax from drivers, before they were allowed to pass their vehicles on main roads.

In Hsipaw Township, on 15 January, two civil disobedience movement (CDM) education staff were detained by the military junta.[2] Additionally, on 29 January at Baw Jo Market in Hsipaw, the headmaster of the primary school, a CDM staff, was arrested by the military junta. He was arrested while shopping at the market and initially tried to escape arrest by running into a nearby house. However, junta soldiers beat him and arrested him.[3]

Southern Shan State

In Hae Ywar Maw, Inlay, on 23 January, a 40-year-old woman was killed when the military junta arbitrarily fired gunshots in the village.[4] On the west side of Inlay Lake, Yawnghwe Township, residents reported that the military junta and the Pa-O National Organization/Pa-O National Army were extorting tax from local residents.[5]

In HsiHseng Township, on 7 January, two men were arrested by the military junta, as they allegedly supplied food to a local PDF.[6] Additionally, tax extortion was reported in HsiHseng Township. Travelers on the road between HsiHseng and Loikaw were charged tax at a military junta checkpoint.[7]

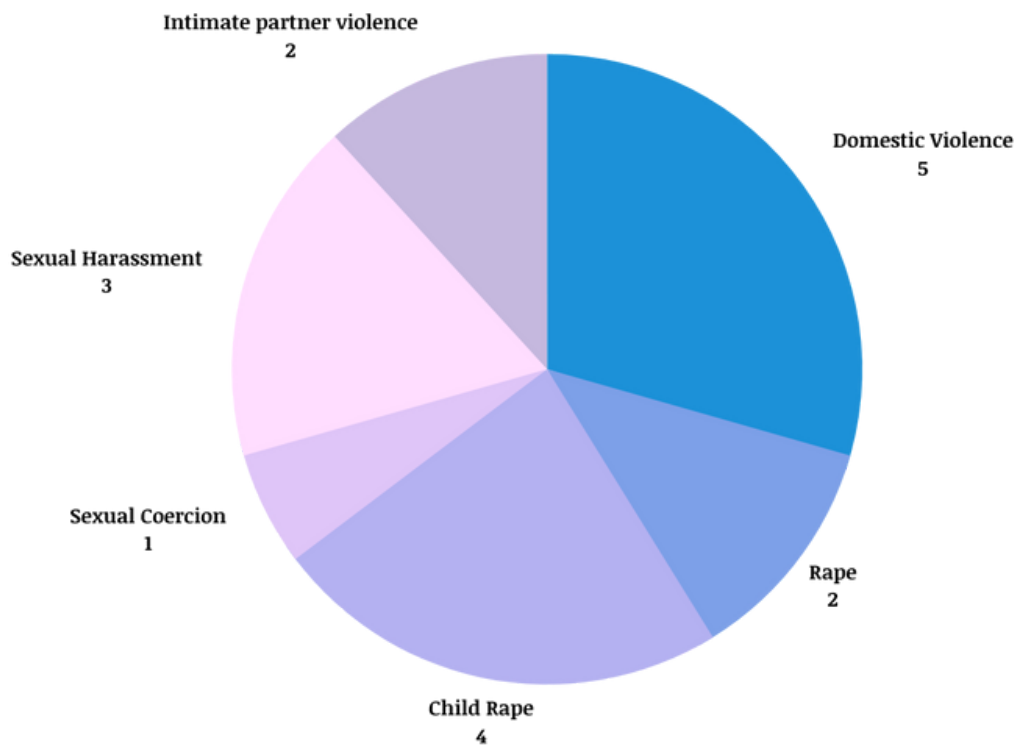
In Moebye Township, on 8 January, the military junta fired heavy weaponry into a residential area and a 66-year-old man was killed in an explosion.[8]

[1]<https://burmese.shannews.org/archives/33100>[2]<https://burmese.shannews.org/archives/32595>[3]<https://burmese.shannews.org/archives/32796>[4]<https://burmese.shannews.org/archives/32769>[5]<https://burmese.shannews.org/archives/32471>

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Prevalence of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

A total of 17 incidents of violence against women were reported to SWAN in January and February 2023: 5 incidents of domestic violence and 12 incidents of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) were reported. All incidents of domestic violence included physical assault and domestic violence, and perpetrators in these incidents were primarily the partners and family members of survivors. Survivors acknowledged that it was a common problem in their respective communities, and most cases were solved according to local customary rules and practices.



Prevalence of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

Location	Type of Violence	Survivor	Perpetrator	Action Taken
Mongyai Township	Child Rape	A 13-year-old girl	Her grandfather, a monk	No action taken since the perpetrator is a monk
Kyaukme Township	Child Rape	A 16-year-old girl	Her father	Punished to serve as a soldier for the rest of his life
Hsipaw Township	Child Rape	A 17-year-old girl	A 38-year-old man	Perpetrator ran away
Morkmai Township	Child Rape	A 10-year-old boy	A 40-year-old step father	No action taken
Kyaukme Township	Rape	A 42-year-old married woman	A SSPP soldier	Punished perpetrator to pay 4 lakhs to the general village fund
Hsipaw Township	Rape	A 30-year-old mentally disabled woman	Unknown	No action taken
Kyaukme Township	Domestic Violence	A 60-year-old woman	A 48-year-old son	No reporting
Hsipaw Township	Domestic Violence	A 50-year-old woman	A 52-year-old husband	No action taken
Hsipaw Township	Domestic Violence	A 24-year-old woman	A 29-year-old husband	In the process
Hsipaw Township	Domestic Violence	A 35-year-old woman	A 37-year-old husband	No action taken
Yawnghwe Township	Domestic Violence	A 23-year-old woman	A 27-year-old husband	No action taken
Yawnghwe Township	Sexual harassment	A woman	A Military Junta soldier	No action taken
Pindaya Township	Sexual harassment	A 19-year-old woman	A Military Junta soldier	No action taken
Pindaya Township	Sexual harassment	2 women	A Military Junta soldier	No action taken
Kyaukme Township	Sexual coercion	A 16-year-old girl	A 19-year-old man	No action taken
Monghsu Township	Intimate partner violence	A 21-year-old woman	A 21-year-old man	No action taken
Monghsu Township	Intimate partner violence	A 22-year-old woman	A 25-year-old man	No action taken



Access to Emergency Support Services for Survivors of SGBV

With regard to emergency support services for survivors of SGBV and domestic violence, access remains limited. The Burmese military's strategy of restricting and impeding the transport of supplies, targeting health care workers, as well as ongoing armed conflict blocked the transport of any goods and services. Despite these challenges, SWAN continued providing emergency services for survivors, including emergency transport to medical facilities, as well as financial and logistic support, and some psychosocial support services. SWAN continued coordinating with local network organizations to provide services to survivors and their families. During the reporting period, SWAN provided emergency support to two women in Northern Shan State: one rape survivor in Kyaukme, and a survivor of domestic violence in Hsipaw. Specifically, SWAN supported them with medication and legal service fees.

SWAN's CALLS to ACTION

- We call on all stakeholders, including armed groups, humanitarian organizations, and international organizations, to utilize cross-border networks to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to IDPs and host communities in Shan State.
- We call on humanitarian partners to provide financial support to local women's organizations implementing emergency support programs for survivors of SGBV.
- We call on community leaders and members to stop discrimination against women, especially survivors of domestic violence and SGBV, and to prevent victim-blaming in local communities.
- We call on media outlets to more systematically report on ongoing conflict-related violence occurring throughout Shan State.
- We call on the international community and INGOs to support local organizations who are providing emergency support services: including case support, support to health service providers, and women's rights defenders.

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