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## **BHRN Denounces Junta Artillery Strike on the Mone Lai Khat IDP Camp in Kachin State**

Burma Human Rights Network offers our sincere condolences and sympathy to the victims and their families impacted by the heinous bombardment that took place on October 9, 2023, at approximately 11:30 PM on the Mone Lai Khat IDP (Internally Displaced People) camp in Kachin State, Myanmar. According to Reuters and BBC, the attack was an artillery shelling.

The Burmese junta's assault on the IDP camp killed 29 innocent people. Eleven of the victims were children under the age of 16. Fifty-seven more people have suffered severe injuries.

“The Junta continues to utilise cruelty against civilians as its weapon of choice. The regime's desire to maintain its illegitimate power forced these innocent people into camps, and now they have murdered them when they were most vulnerable. The international community must stand for the innocent lives lost in Burma and make every effort to protect them,” Said BHRN's Executive Director, Kyaw Win.

Such brutality against innocent individuals, especially towards children, is abhorrent and inexcusable. BHRN vehemently denounces the misery inflicted upon the Mone Lai Khat refugee camp residents and the regime's egregious disregard for human life.

When such atrocities occur, the international community must not remain silent. BHRN calls on the international community, governments, and humanitarian organisations to act immediately to investigate this incident, hold those accountable for their conduct, and give the survivors and their families the support they desperately need.

During this difficult period, our thoughts are with the victims and their loved ones. BHRN calls on the international community to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar as they continue to face hardships brought on by the military regime.

## **Background on the Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN)**

Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN) is based in London and operates across Burma/Myanmar works for human rights, minority rights and religious freedom in Burma. BHRN has played a crucial role advocating for human rights and religious freedom with politicians and world leaders.

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