Massacre Carried Out by the Military



Methodology

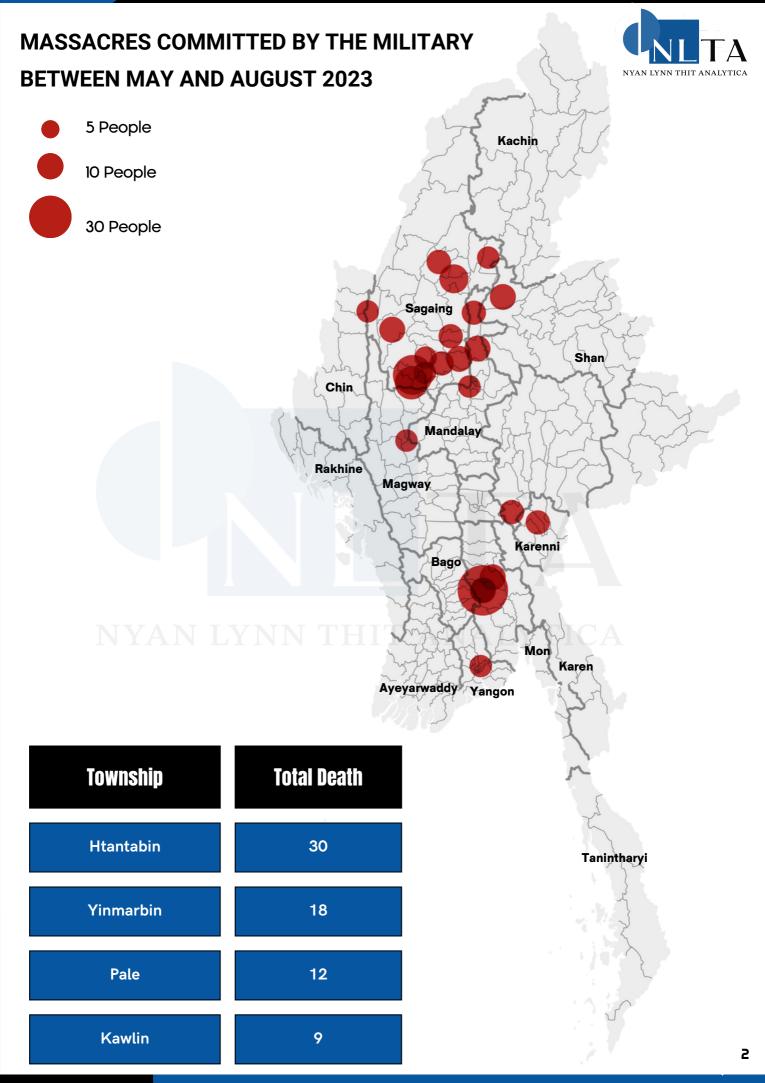
A massacre refers to the killing of large numbers of defenseless unarmed people, particularly innocent civilians. Such killings are committed by a group within a specific place or region during a certain period of time. This report also examines the various patterns in which civilians are killed by these groups. The focus of this report is the massacres involving the military, where at least 5 civilians were killed in each incident. The information is derived from press releases of revolutionary organizations and reports from a total of 53 independent media outlets.

Massacres Committed by the Military between May and August 2023

From May to August 2023, within a span of 4 months, there were at least 27 incidents of massacres carried out by the military, resulting in a total of 188 civilian deaths. The military's involvement in these massacres included actions during battles and clearance operations, airstrikes, arbitrary arrests, and the use of heavy weapons.







(1) Massacre during Battles and Clearance Operations

Between May and August 2023, the military was responsible for the highest number of incidents and civilian deaths in this category. At least 13 massacres occurred during battles and clearance operations, resulting in the deaths of 91 civilians. These incidents were concentrated in Sagaing (8), Bago (2), Mandalay (2), and Magway (1). The military committed various atrocities during these operations, such as the arrest, torture, and killing of civilians, as well as burning their bodies and houses in villages near conflicts with the People's Defence Forces.

(2) Massacre by Airstrikes

Airstrikes also contributed to several massacres carried out by the military. There were at least 7 incidents of massacres resulting from airstrikes, causing the deaths of 53 civilians. These aerial attacks resulted in 24 civilian deaths in Sagaing, 12 in Karenni, 10 in Bago and 7 in Shan (North).

(3) Unreasonable Arrest and Murder

The military not only arrested civilians to use them as guides but also took hostages and, in some cases, murdered them without apparent reason. Additionally, they reportedly apprehended civilians passing by their docking stations and allegedly executed them, falsely labeling them as PDFs (People's Defence Forces). On May 24, 2023, the military arrested and murdered 5 civilian youths near the University of Economics, Ywar Thar Gyi, Yangon, accusing them of being PDFs. On June 3, 2023, the military abducted a total of 11 civilians who were traveling from the Kyaukpahtoe gold mine to Thitpuhla hill in Kawlin Township, Sagaing. This group consisted of 6 individuals from Mokwa village, 2 from Chakkone village, 2 from Innyar Chaung, and 1 from Hpetkharkone village. Tragically, 7 of these abductees were later found dead in a jungle area. From May to August 2023, the military conducted 5 incidents of indiscriminate arrests and murders, resulting in the deaths of 32 civilians.

(4) Massacre by Heavy Weapons

The military's use of heavy weapons led to numerous casualties, including children, and the destruction of civilian homes. Heavy weapons were responsible for 6 civilian deaths in Bago, as well as 6 civilian deaths in Sagaing.



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