



The Karenni Human Rights Group Condemns the Airstrike on Bangkok IDP Camp in Pekon Township, southern Shan State

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In yet another senseless attack on innocent lives, the military junta deployed an airstrike on the evening of September 5th, targeting a camp for internally displaced persons called the Bangkok IDP camp in La Ei village. Two 500-pound bombs were dropped directly onto those living below, killing at least ten people, including women and children and injuring more than fourteen individuals. Several properties were damaged, and many locals remain missing in the aftermath of the attack.

The Karenni Human Rights Group (KnHRG) condemns the airstrike and demands immediate international intervention to hold the perpetrators of the Burmese military accountable for this attack - and the dozens of others that have killed and injured local people. Airstrikes are heavily deployed in areas with strongholds by the resistance groups and have been increasing in Karenni State following the visit of coup leader, Min Aung Hlaing to Loikaw, earlier this month.

The junta flew over the camp, dropping ammunition for over five hours. The camp that was targeted was housing over 600 people in 160 tents. Those seeking shelter and safety had fled ongoing attacks by the junta in their villages. It was the seventh airstrike on the camp this year.

KnHRG has documented a worrying rise in the number of airstrikes in Karenni State, with at least 30 [occurring](#) in March of this year alone. In a report [released](#) by the Karenni Interim Executive Council, nearly 50 people had been killed in Karenni State by the junta between January and June 2024. The majority of the victims were innocent children who died from artillery shelling and airstrikes.

The international community must recognize that military impunity, which continues to thrive in Burma, will only continue unless there is urgent and immediate intervention. This includes a referral of the situation of human rights in Burma to the International Criminal Court, targeted sanctions and a global arms

embargo. The supply and financing of aviation fuel is what the junta uses to kill and terrorize civilians from the air. There must be justice for the many victims and survivors who continue to suffer because of a lack of meaningful action by global actors.

The people's resilience of the people in Karenni State is a testament to their commitment to a federal democracy and their hopes for peace. KnHRG calls upon the international community to act with moral and political courage by ending all of their engagements with the terrorist junta and by choosing to stand on the right side of history.

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The Karenni Human Rights Group is a community organization dedicated to reporting on the current situation on the ground in Karenni State and the human rights abuses committed by the junta.