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Burmese military airstrike kills 5 children in Mon State

Five children have been killed and ten people injured by a Burmese military airstrike on Htee Hpa Doh Hta village, eastern Mon State, at 10.10 pm on 9th October 2025.

The explosion from the airstrike also destroyed and damaged homes, killed livestock and left a deep crater in the ground.

The village is in an area controlled by the Karen National Union (KNU) but had no soldiers or military presence and no fighting was taking place nearby. The village has homes, a school, a health clinic and a monastery. The Burmese military deliberately targeted a civilian village. This is a violation of international law.

Medics from the Karen Health and Welfare Department of the KNU provided emergency medical assistance to those injured. Heavy rain prevented the immediate evacuation of those injured to hospitals.

The use of airstrikes against civilian villages and camps for internally displaced people is a deliberate strategy to maximise casualties by bombing at a time when families are all likely to be in their homes or shelters.

Htee Hpa Doh Hta village is located in the Htee Hpa Doh Hta tract of Belin township, Doo Tha Htu district. Note: As part of their Burmanisation policies Burmese authorities tried to erase local Karen names and call Doo Tha Htu district Thaton district in Burmese.

- The names of the children are:
- Saw Tun Tun Min, a boy, age 6
- Saw Lin Htet, a boy, age 7
- Naw Meh Kala Paw, a girl, age 9
- Naw Mu Hsi Hsi, a girl, age 10
- Naw Ma Po Lo a girl, age 12

The Burmese military have been escalating airstrikes and military offensives across KNU controlled areas in recent weeks, in line with a nationwide escalation of attacks and offensives ahead of sham elections the Burmese military are planning at the end of December.

“The international community is failing to impose sanctions to limit the ability of the Burmese military to carry out airstrikes and is now cutting aid to those forced to flee their homes because of airstrikes,” said Naw Wahku Shee, Director of Karen Peace Support Network. “The Burmese military could not survive without international support and more must be done to cut that support.”

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