

## Update of human rights abuses committed by Burma Army reported in northern and central Shan State during Burma Army offensive

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Date	Burma Army Battalions committing abuses	Location	Human Rights abuses
11-4-2011	Burma Army	Kawng Tark Led, Wan Pong, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Mortars fired at farmers</b></p> <p>On 11.04.2011, over 100 Burma Army troops from Wan Loi were patrolling to Parnng Nawng and Kawng Tark Led. When they saw villagers who were working on their plantation, they shot three mortar shells at the villagers. They continued to Wan Pong and seized pork and chicken from the villagers at that village. Then they continued to Loi Laan.</p>
12-4-2011	Troops under Maj. Lar Win, Battalion commander of LIB151	Wan Nawng Nguen, Kali tract, Kun Hing township.	<p><b>Buddhist ordination shelled, injuring novice and many villagers</b></p> <p>Burma Army troops shot at and shelled a “Poi Sang Long” (novice ordination ceremony) at Nawng Nguen village.</p> <p>Many villagers were injured and a seriously injured novice has been sent to Taunggyi hospital. The Burma Army troops were from a new battalion near Wan Nawng Nguen, about 400 meters from the ceremony, over a mile from Kali.</p> <p>These troops confiscated approx 300 acres of land from the villagers of Wan Nawng Nguen at the beginning of 2011, when they started to build their military base.</p>
14-4-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Tueng Kio, Nar Khar tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Fisherman killed for possession of fishing explosive</b></p> <p>Burma Army troops arrested 5 fishermen. One called Sai Shwe had some explosive used for fishing in his basket, so he was accused of being a Shan soldiers and killed by being pushed off a cliff.</p>

15.4.2011	IB 22 Hsipaw	Wan Poang, Nar Khar tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Beaten to death</b></p> <p>Sai Shwe, a 25-yr-old man was beaten and interrogated by the Burma Army about the Shan soldiers. He was killed by the Burma Army at Harng Nar Peu near Wan Poang.</p>
18-4-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Ho Ngar village, Nar Khar tract, Tangyan township	<p><b>Farmer tortured and killed on suspicion of being Shan soldier</b></p> <p>60 Burma Army troops arrested a 40-year-old farmer called Sai Kar Wi and accused him of being a Shan State Army soldier and of harbouring weapons. They beat him and his wife. Then they tied a rope around his neck and pulled him along the road for 10 minutes. He was carried away, and beaten again, and then finally killed on 20 April.</p>
22.4.2011	Pro-regime militia (Mong Gao) around 20 troops led by Jar Nyee and Jar Kaw	Hko Toom village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Two villagers tied up and beaten, motorbike burned, and funds extorted</b></p> <p>Loong Murng Mawng and Loong Kaw Ling were tied up, beaten and interrogated about the Shan soldiers by the militia. They burned the motorbike of Loong Kaw Ling and asked for 2,000,000 kyat from Beng Nim village and 1,500,000 kyat from Wan Hko Toom.</p>
24-4-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Wan Kyawng village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township.	<p><b>Villagers tied up and beaten</b></p> <p>Sai Ba, a 30-year-old man in Wan Kyawng was arrested, tied up and beaten by Burma Army troops until late at night.</p>
25.4.2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nam Paad village, Nam Lab tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Looting</b></p> <p>The Burma Army troops seized 8 rice sacks, 18 packs of battery, 5 boxes of noodles, 110 packs of candle, 2 pigs, 200 chickens, 1 gun and other property totaling 1,371,000 kyat.</p>
28-4-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Mong Od village, Mong Od tract, Mong Su township	<p><b>2 villagers shot dead for no reason</b></p> <p>2 villagers from Mong Od went to work and were shot dead by Burma Army troops for no reason. Their employer was told not to tell others about this.</p>
30-4-2011	Burma Army	Wan Tong Hio-Wan	<p><b>Looting, destruction and burning down of</b></p>

	(Battalion unknown)	Paad, Nam Lab tract, Tang Yan Township	<p><b>villagers' houses and food supplies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Troops seized villagers' possessions: 11 rice sacks, 6 pigs, as much as chicken they could bring and cut open the remaining rice sacks.</li> <li>2. Destroyed and burned down 2 villagers' houses.</li> <li>3. Troops also seized other villagers' belongings, as much as they could, then cut open and burnt whatever they could not carry.</li> </ol>
2-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nar Hae, Tang Yan	<p><b>4 villagers tied up and tortured</b></p> <p>Four villagers from Nar Hae village went to work in the jungle and met with a group of Burma Army troops. The Burma Army accused them of bringing food to the Shan soldiers. They were tied up and beaten up and interrogated. After they were released, their relatives sent them to the hospital in Tang Yan and they were told not to let other people at the hospital know that they were beaten by the Burma army but to blame the Shan soldiers. If they said that it was the Burma army troops they would be killed.</p>
2-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nam Lab, Mung Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Looting</b></p> <p>Troops seized 8 sacks of rice, 8 pigs, 4 old Buddha statues, 1 gold ring, 2 silver rings, 4 raincoats, and other valuable properties from the villagers of Nam Lab.</p>
2-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Loi Jong	<p><b>Looting, torture and forced portering</b></p> <p>Troops seized 2 rice sacks from Loong Sarm Karn and seized valuable things from Nang Mae Oo. Then they beat, arrested and forced two villagers called Sai Hsar Kaew and Loong Juek to be their porters.</p>
2-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nar Kar village, Tang Yan township	<p><b>3 villagers accused of being Shan soldiers and shot dead</b></p> <p>An innocent family in Nar Khar village was shot dead because they were accused of being a news source for SSA-N/SSPP and being SSA-N soldiers by the Burma Army.</p>
2-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nam Lab village, Mung Gao tract,	<p><b>Villagers' shops were destroyed and looted,</b></p>

	unknown)	Tang Yan township	<p><b>villagers beaten up</b></p> <p>The shops of Nang Kham Awn and other villagers in Nam Lab have been destroyed and their properties seized by the Burma Army. The troops just took what they wanted and destroyed all of the things that they couldn't bring with them. When the villagers asked them to stop destroying things, they not only ignored them, but also beat up those who tried to stop them.</p>
3-5-2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Nam Lab, Murg Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Looting</b></p> <p>Troops seized 2 rice sacks, 1 pig and 2 old swords from the villagers of Nam Lab</p>
6-5-2011	Pro-regime militia (under Burma Army)	Wan Ho Toom and Wan Jam, Tang Yan	<p><b>Extortion under threat of death</b></p> <p>Militia ordered the villagers of Wan Ho Toom and Wan Jam to give them 5 million Kyats from each village, because many members of their militia died in the fighting of the Burma army and the SSA-N. If any village could not give them that much money, they would arrest 10 people from that village and shoot them dead.</p>
7-5-2011	Burma Army Mong Gao battalion	Mong Gao, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Headman's son tied up and beaten to death</b></p> <p>Around 9.00 pm., the Burma army arrested Sai Sarng La, a 32-year-old man, the son of the village headman of Mong Gao. They accused him and his father of helping the SSA-N soldiers. He was tied up and interrogated, but they did not get any information from him, so they beat him again until he died.</p>
7-5-2011	LIB 513	Mong Od and Tong Hio tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>12 villagers detained in army base</b></p> <p>On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Burma Army troops from LIB 513 patrolling around Mong Od surrounded 10 villagers from Wan Nawng Tzarng and 2 villagers from Wan Nam Look while they were working on the farm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sai Soi, aged 25 yrs old</li> <li>2. Kham Aung, 30 yrs old</li> <li>3. Aung Win, 18 yrs old</li> <li>4. Saw Seu, 20 yrs old</li> <li>5. Sai Lao, 18 yrs old</li> <li>6. Sai Hsar, 7 yrs old</li> <li>7. Sarng Lek, 17 yrs old</li> <li>8. Loong Laeng, 50 yrs old</li> <li>9. Sarng Su, 19 yrs old</li> <li>10. Hsar Aung, 25 yrs old</li> <li>11. Laai Hsai, 25 yrs old, Wan Nam Look</li> </ol>

			<p>12. Loong Bor Aung, 50, Wan Nam Look, he was several beaten and seriously injured.</p> <p>The Burma Army arrested them and detained them at Tong Hio base. Until mid-May they still had not been released.</p>
7-5-2011	LIB 513	Nam Look/Nawng Zaang, Tong Hio tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Looting</b></p> <p>Burma Army troops seized 3 radios, 6 baskets of rice, 3 packs of MSG, 1 Buddha statue, 1 silver ring, 1 camera, 1 watch (worth 20,000 Kyats), a silver case worth 450,000 Kyats, 6 rain coats, 8 chickens and clothes from 8 villagers in Nam Look.</p>
8-5-2011	Burma Army at Mong Gao battalion and their militia	Wan Kyawng, Nar Khar tract, Tang Yan township	<p><b>Villager arrested, interrogated and beaten until unconscious.</b></p> <p>Over 30 troops arrested Sai Sarng Pong, a 33-year-old man from Wan Kyawng. He was interrogated about the SSA-North soldiers and accused of being in contact with them. He was beaten up and tortured until he was unconscious. When he was released, he was told by the Burma Army and the militia not to tell others about this incident. If he did, he would be killed and if other people asked him he was to tell them he had been beaten by Shan soldiers.</p>
12-5-2011	IB 22 Wan Pad, Mong Yai battalion	Wan Parng New, Wan Pad tract, Mong Yai township	<p><b>Farmer arrested and detained</b></p> <p>A Palaung farmer called Sai Nguen, from Wan Parng New, Wan Pad tract, Tang Yan township was arrested and detained by the Burma Army troops from IB 22 (Wan Pad battalion) since 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 until now and has not been released yet.</p>
3-7/5/2011	Burma Army and their militia	Wan Kawng Ling, Nar Khar tract, Tang Yan township, near by the Salween river.	<p><b>Looting causes entire village (38 people) to flee</b></p> <p>All of the villagers from Kawng Ling village have fled from their village because the Burma Army and the Lahu militia have been coming to their village and seizing cows, pigs, chickens and other properties.</p> <p>The villagers have fled to the east of the Salween. Some are staying in the jungle, and some have moved to neighboring villages. It is difficult for them to bring their livestock, and to find new places to farm.</p> <p>Kawng Ling village was built 21 years ago. There were 12 houses, 38 people (19 female and 19</p>

			male). There are 14 children below 14 years old (9 boys and 5 girls)
15-21.05.2011	Major Aung Myint Thein Battalion 33	Pak Koom, Nam Laan and Lar Yuu village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<b>Forced labor</b>  40 villagers were forced to plant corn in the military base from 15-21 May 2011. Troops then used 42 of the villagers' buffalo to work on the plantation.
18.05.2011	Major Aye Aung LIB 578 Larng Khur	Loi Yoi village, Wan Waab tract, Ke See Township	<b>Novices ordered to lead military patrol</b>  Burma Army troops asked for 5 novices to lead their patrol to Barng Jae, but the monk there refused to comply, saying this was not the job of monks or novices.
19-20.05.2011	Jar Nyee, Burma Army Murng Kao militia	Nam Lao village, Murng Kao tract, Tang Yan Township	<b>Livestock stolen</b>  20 militia led by Jar Nyee near Nam Lao shot Sao Shwe Oo's buffalo at Kong Mark Larng village and took it for food without paying.  On 20 May, the same group militia shot 2 cows of a Pa Yong villager at Nam Lao village. They seized one cow for their food and another cow was injured so the villager had to sell it at a low price.
21.05.2011	Burma Army from Battalions 33 and 291 led by Major Aung Mint Teng	Nam Lao village, Murn Kao tract, Tang Yan Township	<b>Livestock stolen</b>  Troops shot and seized a cow belonging to Hsarng Lu.
22.05.2011	Burma Army IB 67 Mong Yai and Bo Mone pro-regime militia group (70 troops)	Wan Nawng village, Mong Jid tract, Mong Yai township	<b>6 villagers arrested, tied up and beaten with rifle-butts</b>  The troops came to Wan Nawng and arrested Sai Htoon Kyaw, Sai Te Wing, Nang Aung, Hsarng Oo, Sai Shwe and Sai Long.  The villagers were tied up, beaten and interrogated about the Shan soldiers. The troops beat them with rifle-butts. Then the troops went in to Sai Htoon Hla and Nang Aung's house and seized 50,000 kyats from them.
22.05.2011	IB 67 Mong Yai and Bo Mone pro-regime militia (70 troops)	Wan Barng Hoong, Mong Jid tract, Mong Yai Township	<b>Village secretary arrested and beaten</b>  Troops went from Wan Nawng to Wan Barng Hoong and surrounded the house of Sai Ing Dar, the village secretary, and accused him of being an informer for the Shan soldiers. They arrested, beat and tied him up, then searched his house but found

			nothing. Then village and township leaders went and complained to the local Burma Army commander, who told them that he would tell his subordinates not to do this again and gave them 10,000 kyat.
23.5.2011	IB 67 Mong Yai and Bo Mone pro-regime militia	Nar Saai village, Ho Due tract, Mong Yai Township	<b>Two villagers tied up and tortured</b>  Troops tied up Sai Zarm Hsar and Sai Ing Dar and beat them till their teeth were knocked out, as they questioned them about the Shan soldiers. Then they were taken to Saeng Kaew battalion. They were released only after two days (25.05.2011), when the head of the village came to appeal to the battalion commander.
24.5.2011	LIB 291 Major Aung Nyein Zaw	Lao village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<b>Villager detained and money extorted for his release</b>  Sai Aung, Loong Saw's son, was detained by the Burma Army at the Southern Nam Lao village and taken to Nam Lao battalion. They then demanded money from the villagers of Nam Lao. He was released on 1.06.2011 only when they had got 540,000 kyat from the villagers.
27.5.2011	IB 33 and Burma Army Militia	Nam Lao village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<b>Looting of thatch</b>  Troops seized 15,000 pieces of thatch, costing about 75,000 kyats, from villagers.
27.5.2011	pro-regime militia (Mong Gao) led by Jar Nye	Kho Toom, Beng Saai and Beng Nim village, Nam Lao tract, Tang Yan township	<b>Looting of thatch</b>  Troops seized 450 pieces of thatch from villagers.
27.5.2011	IB 33 led by Major Aung Myint Thein	Nam Lao village, Mong Gao tract, Tang Yan township	<b>Villagers forbidden from letting livestock graze near battalion</b>  Major Aung Myint Thein sent a letter to all the villages in Mong Gao tract, ordering them not to let their cows, buffalos and horses go near their battalion. Any livestock found nearby would be seized. So far, three of the villagers' horses which went near IB 33 have been seized in this way.
2.6.2011	Burma Army IB 9, based in Loi Hsai (south of Mong Nong)	Wan Nar Karng, Mong Nong	<b>Disabled woman stripped naked and gang-raped</b>  5 troops stripped naked and gang raped a 35-year-old disabled woman tending buffaloes south of Wan Loi Zarng. The troops threatened to kill her if she dared to tell anyone. They also threatened other villagers not to talk about this rape incident.

4-5.6.2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Mong Gao, Tang Yan	<p><b>Villagers' vehicles seized to transport wounded soldiers</b></p> <p>Troops seized about ten vehicles from villagers to carry injured soldiers to the hospital in Tang Yan. As well as to carry their food supplies and weapons.</p>
13.6.2011	Burma Army, battalion (L)IB 504 Nawng Khio and (L)IB 243 Nam Lan under MOC 1	Wan Nar Jong, Saai Laeng, Wan Baan tract, Hsipaw township	<p><b>Farmers shot at, one injured</b></p> <p>Troops shot at 5 farmers who were returning from their fields, injuring one of them.</p>
13.6.2011	Burma Army (unknown battalion)	Wan Taab village,	<p><b>Headman arrested arbitrarily</b></p> <p>The Burma Army troops arrested the 56-year-old headman of Wan Taab. He has not been released until now.</p>
14.6.2011	Burma Army LIB 67	Wan Karng, Wan Maw tract, Hsipaw township	<p><b>70-yr-old woman and 13-yr-old girl shot dead</b></p> <p>Troops entered Wan Karng village and shot dead an old woman, 70 yrs old and her granddaughter, Nang Te, 13 yrs old, for no reason.</p>
21.6.2011	Burma Army IB 325, led by Cap. Neing Woon Oo	Wan Poong, Wan Poong tract, Mong Yai township	<p><b>Villager shot and wounded, but blocked from going to hospital by the Burma Army</b></p> <p>33-year-old Sai Pang from Wan Poong was shot by Burma Army troops while coming back from a tea factory. He was injured in his neck, left cheek and right arm. His family wanted to take him to hospital in Mongyai, but the troops stopped them, apparently afraid that news of the incident would spread.</p>
29.6.2011	Burma Army LIB 506 Nam Lan	Wan Koong New, Nam Lan, Hsipaw township	<p><b>Mute farmer arrested and beaten</b></p> <p>A mute farmer, 35 years old, from Wan Koong New met with Burma Army troops while coming back from his farm. The troops stopped him and interrogated him, but as he was mute he could not answer them. The troops then implied that he didn't want to tell and beat his legs so badly he needed stitches.</p>
30.6.2011	Burma Army IB 243	Ho Dong village, Mong Hlar tract, Hsipaw township	<p><b>Looting</b></p> <p>Troops seized chickens, cooking oil, camera and MP3 from villagers of Ho Do village.</p>
3.7.2011	Burma Army LIB 577 and IB 64	Wan Nar Pe, Wan Nong Ked, Hai Par tract, Mong Su township.	<p><b>Rice and livestock looted</b></p> <p>Troops seized 14 baskets of rice, 82 chickens, 24 bottles of cooking oil, clothes and other property from 16 villagers at Nar Pe village.</p> <p>Troops seized pigs, rice, chickens, cooking oil,</p>

			<p>radios, blankets, clothes and other property from the villagers of Wan Nong Ked.</p> <p>Troops seized 15 chickens and 1 pig from villagers at Loi Poi village.</p>
3.07.2011	Mong Ord Commander	Wan Long Kong Moo, Nong Ab tract, Mong Su township	<p><b>Blockage of rice transport; villager forbidden from buying rice for family</b></p> <p>The commander of Mong Ord called all of the headmen from Nong Ab tract, Mong Su township for a meeting and issued the following orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 5 baskets of rice are not allowed to be transported outside villages</li> <li>- It is not permitted to buy or sell a sack of rice unless there is a special reason, such as a ceremony.</li> <li>- If any villagers disobey these orders, the headmen will be punished. (Photos were taken of the headmen attending the meeting)</li> </ul> <p>On the same day, a villager called Loong Kong Hla from Wan Long Kong Moo, Nong Ab tract, tried to buy 5 sacks of rice for his family at Mong Ord, but was not allowed to by local troops.</p>
3.7.2011	Burma Army (Battalion unknown)	Koong Nim-Mong Kharng tract, Mong Su township	<p><b>Extortion of villagers' property and money</b></p> <p>Troops seized cash, rice and property worth 383,000 kyats from 14 families. Koong Nim village.</p>
5.7.2011	Burma Army LIB 513 from Pang Long	"Wan Loi", Ke See township	<p><b>Rape of 4 women and girls</b></p> <p>Troops entered the village, looted livestock, and raped 3 women and one 12-yr-old girl. 1 woman was 9 months pregnant. 1 woman was beaten, stripped naked and raped outside the village</p> <p>After this incident, the troops went to Wan Huay Mong and arrested 16 Lisu villagers (both men and women) ordering them to accompany them and, threatening that they would all be killed if fighting occurred.</p>
6.7.2011	IB 64 and LIB 515	Kiu Ma Yui, Mongnawng Sub-township, Ke See township	<p><b>12 villagers forced to wear Burma Army uniforms and walk in front of troops</b></p> <p>12 villagers were forced to wear Burma Army</p>

			uniforms and lead the advance guard after a joint patrol of IB 64 and LIB 515 were ambushed by the Shan State Army (SSA) North on 2 July at Kiu Ma Yui, Mongnawng Sub-township, Kehsi township.
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