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DECEMBER CHRONOLOGY 2020



601

Individuals oppressed
due to political activity



196

Political prisoners
awaiting trial inside
prison



42

Political prisoners
serving sentences



363

Political prisoners
awaiting trial outside
prison



**Kyaukphyu school student
sentenced to five years
imprisonment under 2004
Electronic Transactions Law
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DECEMBER 2020 IN REVIEW

6 **ARRESTED**

7 **CHARGED**

3 **SENTENCED**

7 **RELEASED**

28 **ARRESTED
BY EAOS**

4 **RELEASED
BY EAOS**

2 **POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE IN BAD HEALTH**

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MONTH IN REVIEW

International Human Rights Day

December 10 is the International Human Rights Day, unfortunately in Burma the human rights situation has not improved and is deteriorating in many ways. The essence of democracy fades when the exercising of basic human rights is limited. In addition, the continued existence of political prisoners, internal conflicts have not yet ended, political activists, farmers, workers, students and civilians continue to fight for basic rights, the repression of these individuals and groups hinders national reconciliation. On the day of the International Human Rights Day, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) urges the government to uphold the genuine human rights of its people.

Freedom of Speech and Expression

The situation of freedom of speech and expression in Burma has not improved and is in severe decline. Those who exercise this right face various means of oppression. This has impeded democratization in Burma. In December, Zeyar Lwin, a peacock generation troupe group member, was sentenced under Section 66(d) of the Penal Code, Thinzar Than Min, daughter of a medical assistant at Infantry Battalion No. 235 in Pakokku Township of Magway Region, was sentenced under Section 505(a) of the Penal Code, Aung Cho Oo, a former political prisoner, Than Hla (alias Min Ba Chae), Naing Naing Tun and Khaing Myat Thu belong to the Rakhine New Generation Network, they were charged under Section 19 of PAPPL, Kyaw Sann and Thant Zin Htet, were charged under Section 505(a) of the Penal Code, Aung Kyaw Minn (a.k.a Kyaw Myo Aung), a reporter for DMG, was charged under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law.

Analyzing the year of 2020, freedom of speech and expression in Burma has declined month on month. Failure to protect basic rights indicates that human rights will continue to be restricted and is a worrying situation. Freedom of speech and expression must be promoted and enhanced so that it can be exercised unhindered. Instead, arrests, charges, imprisonments undermine the transition process. Therefore, measures must be taken as soon as possible to enhance freedom of expression under the new government. Laws which are used as a tool to oppress those who are exercising this right must be amended without delay. The essence of democracy can be restored if such measures are achieved.

Consequences of Ongoing Conflict in Ethnic Areas

Since the general election, conflict in Arakan State between the military and the Arakan Army (AA) has subsided, there were no armed clashes between the two forces in December. [The military and the Arakan Army](#) met for negotiations in the Wa capital of Pangsang on December 9. This marks the end to two years of fighting in Arakan State and shines a ray of hope for peace. On the other hand, torture and arbitrary imprisonment continue to occur. The following incidents in December show:

- [Tin Chan](#), a 19-year-old student, was sentenced to five years under Section 33(b) of the Electronic Transactions Law for allegedly posting information about Dhawadi naval base located near Kyaukphyu township from his phone.
- [Aung Nay Win](#), a 10th grade student in Arakan State's Kyauktaw Township, was detained and beaten by the two soldiers from Light Infantry Battalion 539.

- [Lone Chay and his younger brother Nga Mae Chay from A Pauk Wa Village](#) were beaten by soldiers when they returned to the village after collecting paddy. They were told they would be released if they gave two bags of rice, which they did.

Even though ethnic peoples were expected to be safe in part because of the absence of armed conflict, their safety and freedoms remain cause for serious concern as a result of past conflict. Therefore, we urge the government to implement serious peace as soon as possible and focus on national reconciliation to prevent serious human rights abuses against ethnic minorities.

Justice for disappeared people in Arakan State is a long way off. There is as yet no information regarding 21 villagers from Tinma Gyi Village and Tinma (New) Village from Arakan State's Kyauktaw Township, who have been missing since March 16. Reportedly they were arrested by 55th Division stationed at Taung Shay Mountain near the village. The families of the missing villagers reported the disappearance to the Kyauktaw Myoma Police Station in March and December, but no case was filed and on December 29, the Mrauk U District Police Station testified three eyewitnesses were released after being arrested. [Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun maintained the military does not know anything about the arrests at a press conference on December 30](#). Hla Myint, chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC), said his office has declined a request by concerned lawmakers from the area where the villagers were abducted because he and other members of the body accept as truthful [a Ministry of Defense statement on Oct. 22, denying the military had arrested and detained the civilians](#). Article 3 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#) and Article 9 of the [ICCPR](#) state "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person". These villagers not only lost these rights, but also access to justice and a complete lack of responsibility and accountability against the perpetrators. AAPP therefore urges an immediate free and fair investigation into the missing villagers, with respect human dignity, and recognizing the value of human existence by promoting human rights.

Furthermore in December clashes between ethnic armed groups affected many people;

Deaths/injuries caused by artillery shelling

- Four civilians including an 18-years-old youth were injured in artillery shelling in Namtu Township, Shan State.

Bullet injuries and fatalities

- One civilian was wounded and one civilian was also killed in shootings in Kyaukme Township, in Shan State.

Political Prisoners

Based on documentation by AAPP, from January to December 2020, the number of political prisoners continued to rise month on month. The increase is primarily due to workers and students activists, land disputes and confiscation, internal conflicts and peaceful protests. AAPP's moto is 'there can be no national reconciliation as long as there are political prisoners'. Therefore, on the occasion of the New Year, we urged the government to unconditionally release all incarcerated political prisoners and those who are facing trial inside and outside prisons for the sake of national reconciliation.

CHRONOLOGY

POLITICAL PRISONERS

CHARGES

Farmer Charged Under Counter-Terrorism Law In Mrauk-U Township

On November 20, a young boy who worked on a betel nut farm stepped on a landmine at 12:30p.m and was seriously injured. The young man was working on the farm of Aung Nyunt, a 56-year-old. The Military had set up camp for two nights on the betel farm in mid-November, villagers believe the Military placed the landmine there while at the farm. On November 20, the Military came and arrested Aung Nyunt, then transferred him to the Mrauk-Police. At the Mrauk-Police Station, a case was filed against Aung Nyunt, under Section 529(a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law. His court was on December 4.

Sole Protestor Charged under Section 19 of PAPPL

On December 7, Aung Cho Oo, a former political prisoner, was charged under Section 19 of PAPPL for staging a solo protest without permission. On December 7, Aung Cho Oo staged a protest in front of the Mahabandula Park calling for action against some MPs who use the name of the Prime Minister to benefit themselves beyond their authority. Aung Cho Oo was arrested and released on bail on that day.

Arkan Activists Arrested on Human Rights Day Event, Later Charged

On December 10, three Arakan activists were arrested for planning a demonstration in commemoration of internationally recognized Human Rights Day. The event addressed women's rights and human rights under Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with 30 participants attending the event. The three individuals, Min ba Chae, also known as Than Hla, Naing Naing Tun, and Ma Khaing Myat, are a part of the Youth New Generation Network. The organizers were arrested in Sittwe City by the police near the Sittwe Hotel. After integration on December 10, the three individuals were granted bail at 5 pm. Charges were filed by the head of Sittwe Police, Majar Zaw Naing on December 21. The charges are because the activist failed to receive approval for the event. They were charged under Section 19(a) of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law. The three face up to three month prison sentence and/or charge of kyat 30,000. A court date is intended for December 30.

DMG Reporter Charged Under Telecommunications Law

A case was filed by an engineer, Maung Win, against a reporter at Development Media Group, Aung Kyaw Min (a.k.a Kyaw Myo). The charges against Kyaw Myo were filed at the Myoma Police Station earlier in December, under the Telecommunications Law, Section 66(d). On December 11, Kyaw Myo published an article addressing the need to repair the Maungdaw 3 Mile bridge. The piece was posted on Facebook, and it quoted the engineer throughout the publication from a voluntary interview, but he later claimed the DMG misquoted him. DMG denies these accusations, saying they followed media ethics. The plaintiff and engineer of the bridge, Maung Win, is believed to be pressured by the local government into suing the reporter. On December 14, Kyaw Myo was interrogated by the Myoma Police Station and on the same day released on bail for K500,000.

Two Activists Arrested and Charged for Arranging Press Conference in Support of International Courts

On December 24, Kyaw San and Than Zin Htet, two activists, were arrested and charged for arranging a press conference in support of the prosecution of the military in international courts, the ICC and the ICJ. The two planned to hold the press conference on December 27 in Pyay Town and Major Wai Phyo Aung charged them at the Pyay Township Court for their action in defamation of the military. They are now being detained at the Pyay Prison. On December 30, the Pyay Township Court ordered the two to be released on bail.

TRIALS

Four Students Detained in Sittwe Prison Yet to Attend Court Hearing

Four students who led a protest in relation to the ongoing violence in Arakan state have never attended a court hearing and were due to stand trial on December 2. Instead, the four were given a 14-day remand. The four arrested students who are awaiting trial are Kyaw Naing Htay, Oo Than Naing, Myat Soe Win, and Kaung Tun. The individuals arrested were leaders in the Rakhine State Students Union. On October 19, the four led an anti-government protest in Sittwe, which caused their arrest and charges against them.

Win Hlaing, a judge of the Sittwe Township, said “due to the pandemic period, the prisons do not send people to court. The correctional department does not transfer the perpetrators to the courts. They have never testified due to the pandemic. If the pandemic is over, the suspects will be summoned for questioning. There are no trials in the court.”

Three Prosecution Witnesses Testify Against Four Accused of Relations with AA

On December 15, three witnesses testified against four individuals accused of having relations with the Arakan Army (AA) and providing food to an ethnic armed group. The Taungup Township court opened a case in June 2020 against the four men. The four accused individuals are facing charges under the Counter-Terrorism Law, Section 52(a). This case endured many delays. The defendants were arrested in May and since have been transported between custody in Rangoon and Arakan State. The four defendants include Wai Thung, Zwya Kyaw, Sithu Ktaw Zan, and San Ngwe.

Only three of the summoned four prosecution witnesses had time to testify on December 15, due to a lack of time for the fourth witness. These witnesses included the head of the Thandwe Police Station and two administrators who are civilian witnesses from wards, in Thandwe Township. The

next court date is intended for December 28. Throughout this case, there have been 12 witnesses who have testified, since December 15. In total, there are supposed to be 13 presented witnesses.

Young Man Released on Bail with Injuries

On December 10, a 14-year-old boy was released on bail after several family members sent letters to the police urging the boy's innocence. Maung Swan Htet Paing, also known as Nyi Nyi, from Ramree Kalapon village, Arakan State, was arrested by the Military on November 7 at 6.am. Maung Swan Htet was arrested with two others from his village, Tun Min Soe, and Soe Maung. They were accused of attacking a military boat on the Taznin River in Ramree Township and being members of the Arakan Army. They were charged under Section 50(a) and 50 (j), and Section 52(a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law. Court date is scheduled for December 29.

On December 10, Maung Swan Htet Paing was released and in need of medical treatment as he suffered from untreated or endured injuries while in custody. His family cannot afford the care he seeks. Family members claim his injuries were due to being beaten by security personnel while on a Military vessel, for a week before being transferred to a Kyaukphyu Myoma Police Station. Maung Swan Htet Paing's older brother was also arrested, Htun Min Soe, by Military Division 11 in the Rangoon region and had not been heard from since.

No Court Proceedings Conducted for Rice Mill Owner of Sabarhtar Village

Even though Rice Mill Owner Ye Kyaw Tun from Sabarhtar Village in Arakan State's Ponnagyun Township was arrested and charged under Section 50(j) of the Counter-Terrorism Law over three months ago, there have been no court proceedings conducted since. On September 1, security personnel arrested him after they found dozens of rice sacks at his rice mill, the rice was allegedly being stored for the Arakan Army (AA). Ye Kyaw Tun is now being detained at the Sittwe Prison.

Two Young Men Charged under Counter-Terrorism Law Denied Access to See their Families, One is in Bad Health

Soe Kyaw Linn and Tun Linn Zaw, living in Myoma Ward in Chin State's Paletwa Township, who were charged under Section 52(a)(b) of the Counterterrorism Law, accused of relations with the Arakan Army, have been denied access to see their families. Soe Kyaw Linn is not well, said his mother Daw Daung Ma Lay. Even though they appeared before the court five times, they were not allowed to see their families, she added. On September 24, they were arrested by Light Infantry Battalion 289 while they were going to build a bridge, located in Sein Sin Village, Paletwa Township.

SENTENCES

Facebook Post Created by Military Personnel Daughter, Leads to Nine Month Prison Sentence

In September, a daughter of a medical assistant from Infantry Battalion 235 in Pakokku Township, wrote a post on Facebook claiming her family was being pressured to vote for the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP). The daughter, Thinzar Than Min, 25-years-old, intended to vote for the National League of Democracy (NLD). As a result of her political preference, she received ultimatums threatening the status of her father's rank. A day after she shared this coercive

experience on Facebook, the Military investigated, arrested, and Lieutenant Colonel Aung Khaing Win filed a lawsuit against her under the Penal Code Article 505(a). Two more charges are being brought against her pending approval by the Ministry of Transport and Communications Department. These pending charges include Telecommunications Law, Article 66(d) and 68(a). The NLD tried to help provide the young lady with legal support but did not get the chance to meet with her. On December 4, the Pakokku Township Court found her guilty under Article 505(a) of the Penal Code. She will serve a 9-month prison sentence of hard labor. The judge openly stated he considered Thinzar Than Min's apology to the Military when providing her sentence.

Jailed Peacock Generation Member Sentenced to Additional Six Months

On December 15, a Peacock Generation member, Zayar Lwin, was sentenced to an additional six-month prison sentence given by the Maubin Township Court. On June 12, Zayar Lwin was sentenced to five and a half years by the Rangoon court and Ayeyarwady regional court. The Peacock Generation Group members are mostly student activists. They presented a dance in several townships, Yangon and Ayeyarwady townships, at the 2019 Thingyan water festival. The satirical dance criticized the Military, and the performance was filmed and posted online by Zayar Lwin, the troupe leader. The Military filed an additional charge against Zayar Lwin for posting the video on media, adding another six-months to his sentence. The Military filed their lawsuit under Article 66(d) of the Telecommunications Act. The Military filed approximately eight lawsuits against the Peacock Generation Group members since May and April 2019.

Student Sentenced to a Five-Year Sentence, Under Electronic Transactions Law

A 19-year-old school student, Maung Tin Chan, has been sentenced to a five-year prison sentence by Kyaukphyu Township Court. Maung Tin Chan was arrested on July 26, 2019, for posting from an alias account with a Japanese Rakhine theme, providing a naval base location. The captain of the naval base, Pyae Phyo Aung, filed the case at Kyaukphyu city police station. The captain claimed the individual was instigating attacks against Dhawaddy Naval Base and for inciting the Arakan Army. The defendant, a student who attended Sittaw High School, on December 23, was sentenced, after a year and five-month trial. The five-year sentence was under the 2004 Electronic Transactions law, Section 33(b). The parents of the defendant claim he did not know what he was posting. The defensive attorney believes he was wrongfully charged and punished, as five years imprisonment for an eleventh-grade school student is too extreme. The convict is located at the Kyaukphyu Prison while his parents seek to appeal his intense charges.

ARRESTS BY EAO

Continued Abductions by Ethnic Armed Group in Mogok

Two abductions took place in December in Mogok Township. On December 4, a Sanpya Bakery owner and jeweler, Kyaw Win, was taken by an armed group. The bakery owner was in his car near the town market, by the Zay Ka Law In Aung Chan Thar Ward, when a car stopped. Kyaw Win was forced into the vehicle of the abductors. The abductors were wearing masks and held weapons. The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) claimed responsibility for the abduction of Kyaw Win.

There was no reason given by the TNLA for the motive behind the abduction. A police investigation is underway, but details are scarce. At the Mogok police station, a case was opened by police under Section 364 of the Penal Code. Another individual was taken in Mogok Township, Ktaukatlonge village, on December 6. The 60-year-old woman was detained by the Shan State Army, the Shan State Progress Party (SSPP). The army claimed she was a drug dealer, and they arrested the woman because she refused to stop selling drugs. No further details were provided about her release.

The Shan State progressive Party/Shan State Army (SSPP/SSA) later announced they had arrested 16 locals from Mandalay Division's Mogok Township. Major Sai Than Aung, a spokesperson of SSPP, said "they arrested the drug dealers between December 3 and December 5 and involved six women and 10 men, the extent of their arrest depends on their offense."

Three Villagers Arrested By Militia in Tangyang Township

Three villagers were arrested on December 26 by the Mong Ha People's Militia. The three detained were from the village of Tat Lek, within the Tang Yang Township. The recently elected MP from Tangyang Township, Sow Phoe Han, claimed further details were not available yet. The militia came to the village with about 20 people in four cars.

SNA Arrests Five Village Administration Members

On December 27, Shani National Army (SNA) entered Sel Zin Village, Par Hote Gyi Village Tract in Kachin State's Hpakant Township and arrested five village administration members, said Sel Zin locals. They are Linn Khaing Phyo, village administration in-charge of Sel Zin Village, Aung Kyaw Soe, number 4 ward leader, Pe Than, number 1 ward leader, and village elders Maung Naing and Thet Lone. Maung Naing and Thet Lone, two of the five arrestees were released that same evening.

RELEASES BY EAO

Chin Youth Released by AA After Four Months in Custody

On July 29, four Chin men were abducted by the Arakan Army (AA) on suspicion of working in the Military media group and having ties with the Military. These four individuals, Salai Benjamin, Salai Kgin Maung Tun, and Salai Aung Tun, were traveling from Kyauktaw to Paletwa within the Rakhine State when abducted. The AA came by motorboat and blindfolded the individuals near Nga Tha Yine Village. Three of the detained were released on August 25. Salai Aung Soe was not released, and the AA denied his presence in custody. Despite the rejected allegations, he remained in custody with the AA until his release on December 15 at 2p.m. The family of Salai Aung Soe received a phone call from the AA on December 12. The phone call informed the family of his release and where they should pick him up. The Chin youth was in custody for four months and eight days before his release. When Aung Soe was released, he walked through the forest for three and a half hours then was picked up in Kandywa village. The police then questioned the young man for information about his detainment with the AA.

Muse Woman Taken for Ransom

A woman was abducted on December 6 by three men who spoke Chinese. The incident took place in the Northern Shan State border in downtown Muse. The individuals who abducted her on

December 6 drove a Toyota crown and took the woman at 9 am. The individuals demanded ransom for her release. On the same day, the abductors received the ransom of 50,000 Yuan, approximately \$7,646 US. She was released in the evening on the same day.

RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Military Denied Allegations of Raped Women, Eventually Sentences Perpetrators to 20 Years

A 36 year old woman from Uga village, Rathedaung Township, was raped by three Military personnel on June 29. The victim fled to Sittwe with her daughter after the incident, where she was helped by a women's advocacy group to file charges. On June 2, the military claimed the woman's story was fake and it was intended to spark increased discontent with the Military. The military later reported the three perpetrators admitted to the crimes, later that month. On December 11, the three soldiers were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, with hard labor.

Military Medical Student Detained for Facebook Post, Facing Charges

Over three months ago, in August, a Military medical student went missing. The Military has admitted to its detainment of Khaing Khant Kyaw for a Facebook post criticizing Ne Win and praising Aung San Suu Kyi. The second-year medical student will be charged under the Defense Services Act, General Zaw Min Tun claimed. Speculation by a former jailed Military major, Kyaw Swar Win, believes he will be charged under Section 65 of the Defense Act, a maximum seven-year sentence. The Military can also take action under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law if it so wishes. The former and the latter mentioned charges are speculations at this stage. One thing which is certain, the medical student will face charges for his media post brought against him by the Military.

No Monument Allowed on Site of the Student Union Building at Rangoon University

Student unions planned to erect a monument at the site of the student union building on the 100-year National Day anniversary in honor of fellow students who had fallen in the struggles against anti-authoritarian and anti-military dictatorship. However, they were denied permission. When student unions erected a monument on the site of the old union building in late November, authorities of the university closed the gate in December at the site of the monument per a regional government directive.

The students said “the authorities of the university had also banned entry to Rangoon University even though they planned to to erect the monument on December 9.”

Seventeen Missing Villagers Whereabouts Unknown, No Lead by Authorities

The Military Light Infantry Division 55 arrested ten villagers from Tinma Gyi on March 13 and eight villagers from Tinman Thit Villages on March 16. One individual, Maung Win, was found with bullet holes lying in a river on March 16. The 17 individuals were arrested on suspicion of having ties with the Arakan Army (AA). On March 23, many family members of the abducted tried to file missing persons' reports but were unable to by the Police.

Villagers in Kyauktaw Township, Arkan State, tried to file a second report about 17 missing individuals after the Military on December 8. The village administrator of Tinma Gyi, Maung Kyaw

Win, said approximately 20 relatives of the detained villagers went to the Kyautaw police station to file a second complaint. When he talked to the Police clerk, the clerk threatened to arrest him. The family members went to the station in high hopes, as last month the Military welcomed family members to file missing person complaints with the Police. Speculation has it that ten of the Tin Ma Villagers are serving hard labor with a Military Battalion. Some family members of the detained have reason to believe they are dead. The 17 individuals' whereabouts are still unknown by family members.

Four Lawmakers sent a complaint to the Myanmar National Human Rights Committee (MNHRC) asking for an investigation and accountability for the abductors' actions. The MNHRC failed to give a detailed answer to their requests and reiterated the Ministry of Defense's response. They have denied an investigation of the abducted villagers. Hla Myint, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission and committee, accepted the Ministry of Defence statement from October 22. The Ministry of Defence denied the Military's part in any arrests of these 17 missing individuals.

TNLA Threatens Mogok Residents into Paying Tribute

The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) has been sending messages via text to Mogok residents in Mandalay Division requesting tribute in recent days, said Mogok locals. They sent text messages asking to pay 15 lakhs or 16 lakhs for funds and they will take action, kidnapping and will do something to their families at home if these messages are leaked. As members of TNLA have been dispatched near the homes of locals which are being extorted, and also have monitoring them, the locals will be kidnapped if they did not pay tribute by the due date, said a resident who was asked for money. Family members were told to flee because they can not pay the money that is asked from TNLA and he also concerns for his own security, the resident added. Some of these messages (phone messages) sent by the TNLA were sent around mid-December and written under the name of Captain Tar Linn Yu from Revenue Troop 7 of TNLA.

Student Interrogated and Beaten by the Military, in Kyauktaw Township

On December 22, Military members detained and beat an eleventh-grade student in Kyauktaw Township, Arakan State. At 6pm, two Military personnel took Aung Nay Win, 18-years-old, from his home, in Apaukwa Village. When outside, the Military beat him, injuring his face and head. The interrogators demanded he tell them his service number. Aung Nay Win responded to the men he was just a student. The questioning of Aung Nay went on for more than an hour. He was released at 8pm the same day.

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[\(7 December 2020 - DVB/Burmese\)](#)
[\(07 December 2020- Irrawaddy\)](#)
[\(07 December 2020 - Myanmar Times\)](#)
[\(09 December 2020 - Myanmar Times\)](#)

Three Villagers Arrested By Militia in Tangyang Township

[\(17 December 2020 - Shan News/Burmese\)](#)
[\(18 December 2020 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#)
[\(19 December 2020 - Mizzima\)](#)

SNA Arrests Five Village Administration Members

[\(28 December 2020 - VOM/Burmese\)](#)

[\(29 December 2020 - RFA/Burmese\)](#)
[\(29 December 2020 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#)

RELEASES BY EAO

Chin Youth Released by AA After Four Months in Custody

[\(03 December 2020 - BNI\)](#)
[\(15 December 2020 - Narinjara/Burmese\)](#)
[\(16 December 2020 - Irrawaddy\)](#)
[\(17 December 2020 - BNI\)](#)
[\(18 December 2020 - Mizzima\)](#)

Muse Woman Taken for Ransom

[\(8 December 2020 - Shan News\)](#)
[\(7 December 2020 - DVB/Burmese\)](#)

RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Military Denied Allegations of Raped Women, Eventually Sentences Perpetrators to 20 Years

[\(04 December 2020 - BNI/Burmese\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020 - VOM/Burmese\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020- Narinjar/Burmese\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020 - DMG/ Burmese\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020 -VOA/Burmese\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020 BNI\)](#)
[\(04 December 2020 DMG\)](#)
[\(11 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)
[\(12 December 2020- Narinjar/Burmese\)](#)
[\(12 December 2020 - Myanmar Now\)](#)
[\(14 December 2020 - BNI/Burmese\)](#)
[\(24 December 2020 - Mizzima\)](#)

Military Medical Student Detained for Facebook Post, Facing Charges

[\(8 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)
[\(8 December 2020 - Myanmar Now\)](#)
[\(30 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)

No Monument Allowed on Site of the Student Union Building at Rangoon University

[\(9 December 2020 - RFA/Burmese\)](#)

Seventeen Missing Villagers Whereabouts Unknown, No Lead by Authorities

[\(09 December 2020 - DMG\)](#)

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[\(9 December 2020 - DMG/Burmese\)](#)
[\(9 December 2020 - Narinjara/Burmese\)](#)
[\(9 December 2020 - RFA/Burmese\)](#)
[\(10 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)
[\(10 December 2020 - BNI\)](#)
[\(17 December 2020 - Narinjara/Burmese\)](#)
[\(23 December 2020 - RFA/Burmese\)](#)
[\(23 December 2020 - RFA\)](#)
[\(28 December 2020 - Narinjara/Burmese\)](#)
[\(29 December 2020 - DMG/Burmese\)](#)
[\(30 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)
[\(30 December 2020 - DMG/Burmese\)](#)
[\(30 December 2020 - DMG\)](#)

TNLA Threatens Mogok Residents into Paying Tribute

[\(22 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)

Student Interrogated and Beaten by the Military, in Kyauktaw Township

[\(23 December 2020 - DMG\)](#)
[\(23 December 2020 - DMG/Burmese\)](#)
[\(23 December 2020 - VOM/Burmese\)](#)
[\(24 December 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese\)](#)
[\(25 December 2020 - Narinjara/Burmese\)](#)
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