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Children killed in bloodshed by the military junta

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Since the military seized power in February, it has been committing various crimes on a daily basis, including unlawful arrests, murder and torture. This brutality has even been targeted towards children and infants. According to AAPP's data, a total of 72 children, who were eighteen years old and under the age of eighteen, have now been killed since the coup. These are the deaths verified by AAPP, the actual number is likely to be much higher. The names and ages of children who were killed by military artillery and air strikes in the ethnic areas remain unconfirmed and are yet to have been added to the list. The military has killed children as young as one years old.

Below are the recorded deaths of children within 11 States and Divisions. Mandalay Division has recorded the highest number of child fatalities, with 24 children being confirmed to have been killed. The second highest was Yangon, with 20 confirmed child deaths. The junta murdered 48 children in March alone. 11 of the 72 children killed died from gunshot wounds to the head.

Mg Wai Yan Tun(16 years old)

On February 20, 16-years old, was protesting in Thinbawgyin, Mandalay against the detainment of workers involved in the anti-coup movement. The military regime cracked down on this strike, shooting and injuring a civilian with live ammunition. The injured civilian was rescued in a handcart by other protestors, including Maung Wai Yan Tun. Whilst pushing the handcart to help save this civilian, he was shot by junta forces. He died on the same day.



Wai Yan Tun

Mg Khant Nyar Hein (17 years old)

A 17-year old, first year medical university student, and a member of the defense team during a protest against the coup in Tamwe Township, Yangon Division on March 14. He was shot by junta troops, who then dragged him away. He died on the same day. Junta forces also beat and arrested a young woman who came to help him when he was shot.

Ma Aye Myat Thu (11 years old)

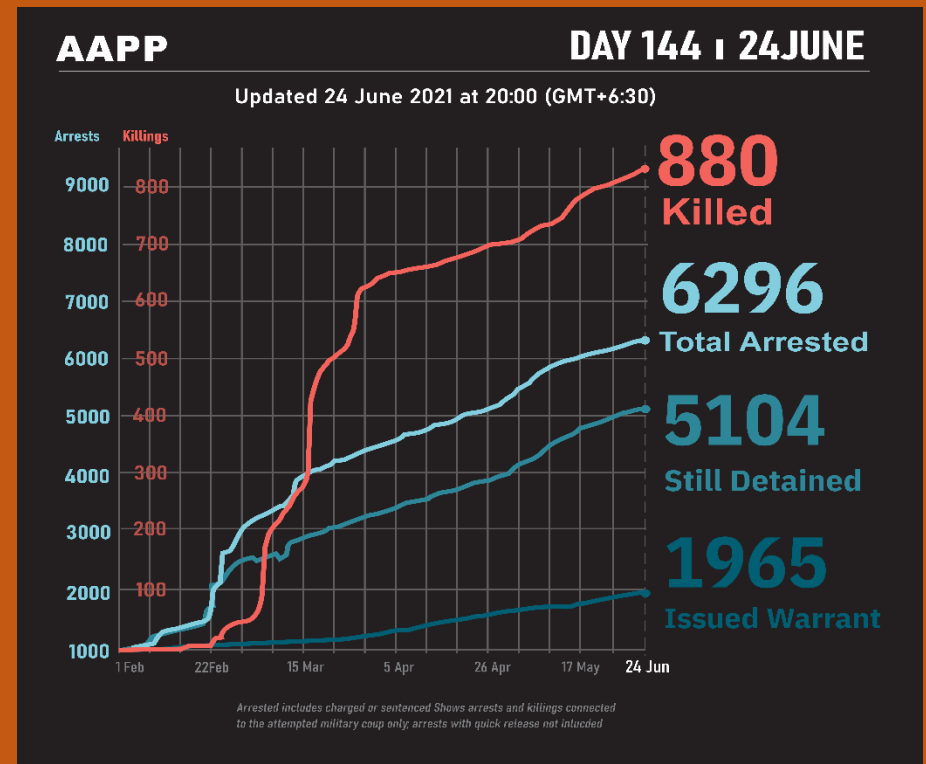
On March 27, a grade six student was shot unprovoked to the ear by junta troops as she played in front of her house. She died within the hour, in Thukhawadi Ward, Mawlamyine Township.

Mg Aung Kyaw Htwe (17 Years)

A 17-year old, and his friend were hit by a military vehicle, without reason as they rode a motorbike at the intersection of Pyigyitagon, Mandalay, and Chanmyathazi and Patheingyi Road on June 6. Both of them died that night. The dead body of Maung Aung Kyaw Htwe was recovered, however, his 18-year old friend was not identified, and the name could not be confirmed.

Ma Moe Thandar Aung (1 year and 6 months)

She was just 1-year and 6-months old, from Kengtung Township, Shan State. On June 19, she fell sick, so her father took her to the clinic at around 9 pm. On their way back, the military signaled to stop them, however because her father was carrying his daughter in his arms, he was unable to stop suddenly. Because of this, the deputy administrator of the General Administration Department from Kengtung Township hit the motorbike with his vehicle. Both father and daughter were severely injured, and his daughter, Ma Moe Thandar Aung, was pronounced dead within minutes.



The unprovoked shooting and killing of children are a grave violation of the law and of human ethics. This inhumane act committed by this brutal regime can have no justification. These horrific actions prove that the regime will stop at nothing to oppress civilians.

In 1991, Myanmar signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and in 2012 signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (CRC-OP-SC). The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (CRC-OP-AC) was first signed in 2015 and later ratified in 2019. The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (CRC-OP3-IC) has not yet been ratified. The infliction of bodily harm or killing of children during armed conflict has been defined as criminal under Myanmar's domestic child rights law.

The United Nations and its affiliates have regularly monitored Burma's human rights record. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) have adopted a number of resolutions towards furthering human rights in Burma. Since 1992, the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has been compiling data on human rights abuses in Burma. The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) has also made a number of recommendations concerning the condition of human rights in Burma.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has also compiled and released reports on children's rights in Burma. The United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission (IFFM),



48 children were killed in March

which formed in March 2001, and the Independent inquiry Mechanism (IIMM), established in 2018 also have collated data and records of children in Burma. As well as this, Amnesty International, the independent international Human Rights Watch (HRW) and ICRC have also documented reports on the abuse of children in Burma. Human rights organizations throughout Burma have also published reports and suggestions related to children's rights abuses in Burma. Despite the fact that Burma has signed both international, and domestic law, safety and security of children of Burma is under significant threat by the junta regime. The junta are now in part control of child protection mechanisms, including the courts. Children are now unprotected by the law and are in constant danger under the junta. This undermines all the vital work that has been done by international organizations, NGOs and domestic charities within Burma to ensure the rights of children. The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners urges international human rights organizations, including the United Nations, to take effective action against the military group, which commits horrific crimes upon children.