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*Summary*

The present report, prepared by the Karen National Union (KNU)<sup>1</sup>, covers human rights violations perpetrated by the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC)<sup>2</sup> army and its proxy, the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA)<sup>3</sup> in Eastern Burma, in January 2010. In this report, Karen state means the present SPDC-defined Karen State, some parts of Pago (Pegu) Division and Taninthayi (Tenasserim) Division.

The Burmese military dictatorship in its war against the KNU is targeting Karen civilians in Karen state, Eastern Burma. The United Nations (UN) has described human rights violations by the military junta in Karen State as war crimes and crimes against humanity. This human rights update highlights some of the abuses, mainly **murder, forced labor, violence against women, extortion, pillage, and village attack and destruction**, based on information collected in the 7 districts of the KNU. This report is far from being comprehensive as there are large parts of Karen State where the KNU is unable to collect data on human rights abuses.

During this period, the predominant forms of human rights violations perpetrated by the SPDC and DKBA troops were forced labor and extortion. The 818 villagers and another unknown number were subjected to unpaid forced labor. The SPDC and DKBA troops extorted 1,470 bamboo poles, 42,600 pleats of roofing leaves, 270,000 Kyat (276.92 USD) and an unspecified quantity of timber from

<sup>1</sup> The KNU was officially founded on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1947 by merging the four Karen organizations, namely the Karen National Association (KNA), the Karen Central Organization (KCO), the Buddhist Karen National Association (BKNA) and the Karen Youth Organization (KYO), to unify the Karen people's struggle for their rights.

<sup>2</sup> The SPDC is the military dictatorship of Burma.

<sup>3</sup> The DKBA, a splinter group from the KNU, was founded in January 1995 and is a proxy of the SPDC.

villagers. Other forms of human rights violations include, but not limited to, 1 rape, 3 murders and the destruction of 11 houses, 1 school, 1 major irrigation system and 58 farms.

The KNU hopes that the present report will assist the international community in its endeavor to ensure the implementation of the aims and objectives of the international bill of rights – i.e. the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) – and of subsequent various other human rights agreements. Specifically, it hopes that this report will assist the international community in its effort to bring about a social order that respects, promotes, and protects universal human rights in Burma, where various ethnic groups reside. As a democratic organization genuinely committed to peace, freedom, justice, democracy, human rights and federalism, the KNU is also willing and ready to cooperate with the world community and at the same time, welcomes its cooperation in this regard.

**Word and Abbreviation:** *KNU = Karen National Union (Political wing of the Karen resistance); KNLA = Karen National Liberation Army (Military wing of the Karen resistance); SPDC = State Peace and Development Council (Military dictatorship of Burma); DKBA = Democratic Kayin Buddhist Army (A puppet army of the SPDC); MOC = Military Operations Command, IB = Infantry Battalion, LIB = Light Infantry Battalion, Baht = Name of Thai currency; Kyat = Name of Burmese currency; Viss = 1.6 Kg; A Pyi of rice = 2 Kg; A Tin of rice = 16 Kg or 4 gallons in volume; A Basket of rice = 32 Kg or 8 gallons in volume; A sack of rice = 48 Kg.*

## **Key abuses:**

### **1. Arbitrary arrest, torture and murder**

- 3 villagers were killed and 1 wounded.

### **2. Extortion**

- 42,600 pleats of roofing leaves were demanded.
- 1,470 bamboo poles were demanded.
- 270,000 Kyat (approximately 276.92 USD) were extorted.
- An unspecified quantity of timber was demanded.

### **3. Forced labor**

- The 818 villagers and another unknown number were subjected to forced labor.

### **4. Pillage**

- 12 tins of rice, 50 Viss of salt, 10 Viss of cooking oil, 15 Viss of fish-paste, 2 Viss of long beans, 1 gold ring, 13,000 Kyat, 7 ducks, 13 chicken, 2 goats, 1 fishing net, 1 hammock, 1 machete, and 1 Karen traditional basket were looted from villagers.

## 5. Village attack and destruction

- 10 baskets of paddy were burnt.
- 11 houses, 1 school and 3 hut-cum-barns were burnt down.
- 1 major irrigation system and 58 farms were destroyed.
- 1 house was damaged.

## 6. Violence against women

- 1 woman was raped.

## 7. Other forms of human rights violations

- 11 villages were forced to buy 1,100 lottery-tickets.
- Restriction of movement, physical abuse, etc.

## 1. Arbitrary arrest, torture and murder

*Innocent civilians in Karen State, Eastern Burma, are often arbitrarily arrested, tortured, wounded or killed by SPDC or DKBA troops for no reason. While some were tortured or killed on accusation of working for or hiding KNU/KNLA personnel, others were simply killed by shooting on sight. During this month, 3 villagers were killed by SPDC troops, which is the violation of one of the fundamental human rights, being the right to life. While two of the three killings took place in Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District, the other one took place in Toungoo (Taw Oo) District. In Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District, 1 villager was also wounded by DKBA troops. For details, see the following situation reports and table on arbitrary arrest, torture and murder.*

### *Toungoo (Taw Oo) District*

- On 19 January 2010, SPDC troops, from LIB-427 under MOC-7 and based in Nau-soe army camp, shot dead Saw Htoo Nay Wah of Khaw-du village, aged 30, son of Saw Maung Shwe Khin, decapitated him and took his head to their base. On the same day, the same troops burnt to destroy 10 baskets of paddy owned by Naw Kay Lay of Khaw-du-htoo village. (Also see 5. Village attack and destruction)

### *Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District*

- On 17 January 2010, at 13:00 hours, SPDC troops from MOC-10 entered Kheh-der village, Kyaukkyi (Ler Doh) Township area of KNLA Brigade 9 and shot at the villagers, killing Saw Mya Kaw Htoo, aged 47. After the shooting, they burnt down 11 houses and 1 school at 14:15 hours. After burning down Kheh-der village, LIB-367 under MOC-10, on January 19, 2010, at 12:03 hours, entered Oo-keh-khee village and shot at the villagers, killing villager Saw Eh Moo. Saw Eh Moo is survived by his wife and 6 children. (Also see 5. Village attack and destruction)

***Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District***

- On 1 January 2010, DKBA troops led by Maung Nyo Shwe came to Kaw-ka-thaw village and shot at the villagers, injuring villager Saw Dar Lu from Ah-kyu village, aged 32, as a bullet went through his palm. Subsequently, they started shooting at the wall of a house owned by Thramu Ma Ohn Shwe, aged 28, in Kaw-ka-thaw village. (*Also see 5. Village attack and destruction*)

**TABLE 1: Statistics on arbitrary arrest, torture and murder**

| No.                | Name of victim   | Age | Report   | Report   | Perpetrator                      | Location                                      | Remark                                    |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|----------|----------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1                  | Saw Htoo Nay Wah | 30  | Killed   |          | LIB-427<br>under MOC-7           | Khaw-du village,<br>Toungoo District          | He was<br>decapitated                     |
| 2                  | Saw Mya Kaw Htoo | 47  | Killed   |          | SPDC MOC-10                      | Kheh-der village,<br>Nyaunglaybin<br>District |   |
|                    | Saw Eh Moo       | -   | Killed   |          | LIB-367<br>under MOC-10          | Oo-keh-khee,<br>Nyaunglaybin<br>District      | Survived by his<br>wife and 6<br>children |
| 3                  | Saw Dar Lu       | 32  |          | Injured  | DKBA led by<br>Maung Nyo<br>Shwe | Kaw-ka-thaw,<br>Kawkareik<br>District         | A bullet went<br>through his palm         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    |                  |     | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> |                                  |   |   |
| <b>Grand total</b> |                  |     | <b>4</b> |          |                                  |   |   |

**2. Extortion**

*Extortion is one of the two most dominant forms of human rights violations virtually taking place daily in the 7 districts of the KNU. During this period, extortion of pleats of roofing leaves<sup>4</sup>, bamboo poles, money, food and timber took place in Thaton (Doo Tha Htoo) District, Toungoo (Taw Oo) District, Papun (Mu Traw) District and Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District. However, the majority of the cases took place in Thaton (Doo Tha Htoo) District, and the principal perpetrators were the DKBA troops, belonging to a proxy army of SPDC. 42,600 pleats of roofing leaves, 1,470 bamboo poles, 270,000 Kyat, 3 Viss of chicken, an unknown quantity of timber and an unspecified number of loh<sup>5</sup> leaves were extorted from villagers. For detailed information, see the following situation reports and table on extortion.*

***Thaton (Doo Tha Htoo) District***

<sup>4</sup> Roofing leaves are a special type of leaves native to tropical countries, and they are known in Karen as *La-terr* and in Burmese as *In-pet*. Using shaved bamboo, these leaves are woven into pleats of roofing leaves, approximately 6 and a half feet long.

<sup>5</sup> *Loh* is a type of palm tree native to tropical countries, and its leaves are used for roofing. *Loh* leaves are very wide and resemble the leaves of toddy palms.

- On 1 January 2010, Kyaw Min from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded 1,500 pleats of roofing leaves from Naw-ber-baw village and 1,000 pleats from Lar-kyoe-khaw-hti village, Bi-lin Township, and ordered the villagers to deliver them at Ka-ter-ti motor road by January 2, 2010.
- On 10 January 2010, Poe Law Eh from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded 2,000 pleats of roofing leaves from Pa-dut-daung village and 1,500 pleats from See-koe and Nyar-hsu-hta villages for the construction of a military camp in Pa-dut-daung. At the same time, he demanded 1,000 pleats of roofing leaves from Tar-u-khee village and 2,000 pleats from Tar-u-ni village, and ordered the villagers to deliver them at Taung-tat military camp in Ohn-taw.
- Maung Chit Thu from the DKBA Brigade 999 is setting up his army camp in Kyeh-gaw-hta village, Mae-lay-khee village tract, Kyaikhto Township. He has demanded timber from Mae-naw-gaw-hta, Bi-lin Township for the construction of structures and ordered that the timber should be sent to him by January 21, 2010.
- On 13 January 2010, Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded pleats of roofing leaves from Mae-naw-thur village tract: (1) 500 pleats from Mae-naw-thur-khee, (2) 1,000 pleats from Peh-wa-hta, (3) 1,000 pleats from Khaw-htee-khee, (4) 1,000 pleats from Khaw-htee-hta , (5) 500 pleats from Paw-gee-khee, (6) 2,500 pleats from Pet-let-noh, and (7) 1,000 pleats from Noh-kheh, which is 7,5000 pleats in total. He ordered the villagers to deliver them to Nut-kyi by March 1, 2010.
- On 14 January 2010, Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded pleats of roofing leaves from villages in Pa-yar-raw village tract, Bi-lin Township: (1) 3,000 pleats from Lay-kay, (2) 2,000 pleats from Ler-khlaw, (3) 1,000 pleats from Pa-yar-raw, (4) 1,000 pleats from Thoo-ka-hbee, and (5) 1,000 pleats from Ler-poe. He ordered the villagers to deliver them to Ohn-taw by February 1, 2010.
- On 18 January 2010, Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded 1,000 shingles of roofing leaves from Mae-naw-gaw-hta and 3,000 shingles from Lar-kyaw-hta in Bi-lin Township, and ordered the villagers to deliver them to Nut-kyi village by March 1, 2010.
- On 18 January 2010, Captain Khin Myint Lwin, the camp commander of Ta-paw military camp of LIB-706, demanded 500 *Wa-mae*<sup>6</sup> bamboo poles in Ha-ta-ret village tract, Pa-an Township, and ordered the villagers to deliver them to Ta-paw army camp by January 22, 2010.

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<sup>6</sup> *Wa-mae* is the Karen name for a type of bamboo.

- On 19 January 2010, Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded pleats of roofing leaves from Htee-pha-doh-hta village tract, Bi-lin Township: (1) 2,500 pleats of roofing leaves from Htee-pha-doh-hta village, (2) 1,000 pleats from Kawk-poe-kho, (3) 1,000 pleats from Htawt-klawt-hta village, (4) 1,000 pleats from Htee-pha-doh-khee, and (5) 1,000 pleats from Lay-khaw-hti. He ordered the villagers to deliver them to Taung-tat army camp by January 19, 2010.
- On 20 January 2010, Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 demanded pleats of roofing leaves for the renovation of his army camp and for the households of his troops: (1) 1,500 pleats from Ha-ta-ret village tract and (2) 1,500 pleats from Ta-kaw-boe village tract. He ordered the villagers to deliver them to Law-bu army camp by January 22, 2010.
- On 28 January 2010, Company Commander Myo Nyunt from LIB-206 demanded 1 Viss of chicken from Dar Koot of Net-paw-kho village and 2 Viss of chicken from Saw Maw Kyoo of Wa-bu village in Thanton Township.

#### ***Toungoo (Taw Oo) District***

- On 7 January 2010, SPDC troops, from IB-20 and based in Shar-si-bo, Htan-ta-bin Township, ordered Shar-si-bo villagers to cut 100 bamboo poles and deliver them to them for the construction of their army camp.
- On 25 January 2010, SPDC LIB-421, under MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, ordered Klaw-mee-der villagers to cut 70 four-yard-long *Wa-doh*<sup>7</sup> bamboo poles for the renovation of their army camp. At the same time, they imposed restriction on the movement of the villagers of Klaw-mee-der, Hoo-mu-der, and Ler-klah-der by ordering them to get testimonials from them before they go to work outside their villages, and to come back and sleep in their respective villages after sunset. If the villagers do not comply with the order, they will be shot dead on sight. (*Also see 2. Other forms of human rights violations*)
- On 28 January 2010, SPDC LIB-261, under MOC-7 and based in Play-hsa-lo army camp, forced each household in Play-hsa-lo village, Htan-ta-bin Township to cut 3 *loh* leaves and deliver them to them.

#### ***Papu (Mu Traw) District***

- On 15 January 2010, Maung Kyi, the commander of DKBA security battalion, demanded 200 bamboo poles and 2,000 pleats of roofing leaves from Mae-nyu and Mae-khu villages, and 600

<sup>7</sup> *Wa-doh* is the Karen name for giant bamboo. In Burmese, it is known as *Wa-boe-wah*.

bamboo poles and 2,600 pleats of roofing leaves from Htee-doh-hta, Do-mu and Mae-khu-khee villages, and ordered the villagers to deliver them to Ta-ri-hta where Bo Maung Kyi is based.

***Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District***

- On 26 January 2010, DKBA Platoon Commander Di Boe from Battalion 901 extorted (1) 50,000 Kyat from Ka-toe-hta village, (2) 50,000 Kyat from Au-ler village and (3) 100,000 Kyat from Kya-ka-wa village in Kawkareik Township.
- On 29 January 2010, Pah Na Kya, under the command of Saw Thoo Ler of DKBA Battalion 907, demanded 70,000 Kyat from Kya-ka-wa villagers who requested anonymity.

**TABLE 2: Statistics on extortion**

| No. | Name of person or village | Items extorted           | Number of unit | Perpetrator                                  | Township and/or districts                   | Remark   |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|---|--|
| 1   | Naw-ber-baw               | Pleats of roofing leaves | 1,500          | Kyaw Min from the DKBA Brigade 333           | Bi-lin Township, Thaton District            | To be delivered to Ka-ter-ti motor road                      |
|     | Lar-kyoe-khaw-hti         |                          | 1,000          |  |   |  |
| 2   | Pa-dut-daung              | Pleats of roofing leaves | 2,000          | Poe Law Eh from the DKBA Brigade 333         | Thaton District                             | For the construction of a military camp                      |
|     | See-Koe and Nyar-hsu-hta  |                          | 1,500          |  |   |  |
|     | Tar-u-khee                | Pleats of roofing leaves | 1,000          | Poe Law Eh from the DKBA Brigade 333         | Thaton District                             | To be delivered to Taung-tat army camp based in Ohn-taw      |
|     | Tar-u-ni                  |                          | 2,000          |  |   |  |
| 3   | Mae-naw-gaw-hta           | Timber                   | Unknown        | DKBA Brigade 999                             | Kyaikhto Township, Thaton District          | For the construction of an army camp in Kyeh-gaw-hta village |
| 4   | Mae-naw-thur-khee         | Pleats of roofing leaves | 500            | Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333 | Mae-naw-thur village tract, Thaton District | To be delivered to Nut-kyi village                           |
|     | Peh-wa-hta                |                          | 1,000          |  |   |  |
|     | Khaw-htee-khee            |                          | 1,000          |  |   |  |
|     | Khaw-htee-hta             |                          | 1,000          |  |   |  |
|     | Paw-gee-khee              |                          | 500            |  |   |  |
|     | Pet-let-noh               |                          | 2,500          |  |   |  |
|     | Noh-kheh                  |                          | 1,000          |  |   |  |

|    |                                 |                                    |                         |  |   |   |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| 5  | Lay-kay                         | Pleats of roofing leaves           | 3,000                   | Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 33                                | Pa-yar-raw village tract, Thaton District | To be delivered to Ohn-taw                |
|    | Ler-khlaw                       |                                    | 2,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Pa-yar-raw                      |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Thoo-ka-hbee                    |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Ler-poe                         |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
| 6  | Mae-naw-gaw-hta                 | Pleats of roofing leaves           | 1,000                   | Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333                               | Thaton District                           | To be delivered to Nut-kyi                |
|    | Lar-kyaw-hta                    |                                    | 3,000                   |  |   |   |
| 7  | Ha-ta-ret                       | Bamboo poles                       | 500                     | Captain Khin Myint Lwin, the commander of Ta-paw military camp of LIB-706. | Pa-an Township Thaton District            | To be delivered to Ta-paw army camp       |
| 8  | Htee-pha-doh-hta                | Pleats of roofing leaves           | 2,500                   | Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333                               | Bi-lin Township, Thaton District          | To be delivered to Taung-tat army camp    |
|    | Kawt-poe-kho                    |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Htawt-klawt-hta                 |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Htee-pha-doh-khee               |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
|    | Lay-khaw-hti                    |                                    | 1,000                   |  |   |   |
| 9  | Ha-ta-ret village tract         | Pleats of roofing leaves           | 1,500                   | Adjutant Sein Aung from the DKBA Brigade 333                               | Thaton District                           | To be delivered to Law-bu army camp       |
|    | Ta-kaw-boe village tract        |                                    | 1,500                   |  |   |   |
| 10 | Dar Koot of Net-paw-kho village | Chicken                            | 1 Viss                  | Company commander Myo Nyunt from LIB-206                                   | Thaton Township, Thaton District          |   |
|    | Saw Maw Kyoo of Wa-bu village   | Chicken                            | 2 Viss                  |  |   |   |
| 11 | Shar-si-bo                      | Bamboo poles                       | 100                     | Troops from IB-20  | Toungoo District                          | For the construction of the military camp |
| 12 | Klaw-mee-der                    | Four-yard-long Bamboo poles        | 70                      | LIB-421 under MOC-7  | Toungoo District                          | For the renovation of their army camp     |
| 13 | Play-hsa-lo                     | Loh leaves (similar to the leaves) | 3 leaves each household | LIB- 261 under MOC-7   | Htan-ta-bin Township, Toungoo             |   |



|   |                                   | of toddy palms)          |                     |   | District           |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| <b>14</b>                               | Mae-nyu and Mae-khu               | Bamboo poles             | 200                 | Maung Kyi, the commander of DKBA security battalion.  | Papun District     | To be delivered to Bo Maung Kyi's base in Ta-ri-hta |
|   |                                   | Pleats of roofing leaves | 2,000               |   |                    |   |
|   | Htee-doh-hta, Do-mu, Mae-khu-khee | Bamboo poles             | 600                 |   |                    |   |
|   |                                   | Pleats of roofing leaves | 2,600               |   |                    |   |
| <b>15</b>                               | Ka-toe-hta                        | Money                    | 50,000              | DKBA Platoon Commander Di Boe from Battalion 901  | Kawkareik District |   |
|   | Au-ler                            | Money                    | 50,000              |   |                    |   |
|   | Kya-ka-wa                         | Money                    | 100,000             |   |                    |   |
| <b>16</b>                               | Kya-ka-wa                         | Money                    | 70,000              | Pah Na Kya from the DKBA Battalion 907  | Kawkareik District |   |
| <b>Total (pleats of roofing leaves)</b> |                                   |                          | <b>42,600</b>       | Note: each household in Play-hsa-lo village was forced to provide 3 loh leaves, and Mae-naw-gaw-hta had to provide an unspecified quantity of timber. |                    |   |
| <b>Total (bamboo poles)</b>             |                                   |                          | <b>1,470</b>        |   |                    |   |
| <b>Total (money)</b>                    |                                   |                          | <b>270,000 Kyat</b> |   |                    |   |
| <b>Total (chicken)</b>                  |                                   |                          | <b>3 Viss</b>       |   |                    |   |

### 3. Forced labor

*Unpaid forced labor is another most dominant form of human rights violations taking place in Karen State. Villagers are forced to transport supplies, clear landmines, build barracks, bunkers, roads, bridges, etc. virtually every day. For the month of January 2010, forced labor mainly took place in Toungoo (Taw Oo) District. The 818 villagers were subjected to forced labor, in addition to another unknown number. Of the 818 villagers, 184 were female, 251 were male, and the gender of the rest was unknown. All these villagers were forced to transport supplies, military or otherwise, and the perpetrator was the SPDC. For detailed information, see the following situation reports and table on forced labor.*

#### *Toungoo (Taw Oo) District*

- On 1 January 2010, SPDC troops, from MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, forced 20 female and 10 male Klaw-mee-der villagers to transport their food supplies from Pa-let-wa army camp to Klaw-mee-der army camp. On the same day, Kyaw Aye, the commander of MOC-7 and based in

Kler-la, forced one person from each household in Kler-la, Kaw-thay-der, Kau-soe-kho and Klay-soe-khee villages to transport food supplies from Koe-day to Tha-aye-hta army camp.

- On 4 January 2010, SPDC troops, from MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, Htan-ta-bin (Htaw-ta-htoo) Township, forced 30 female and 40 male Klaw-mee-der villagers to transport supplies from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der army camp.
- On 5 January 2010, the same SPDC troops, from MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, forced 40 male and 30 female Klaw-mee-der villagers, 40 male Maw-pah-der villagers and 18 others arrested on the way, to transport their food supplies from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der army camp.
- On 8 January 2010, Kyaw Aye, the commander of MOC-7, forced 80 Peh-kaw-der villagers, 30 Maw-koe-der villagers, 30 Der-doh villagers and 10 Naw-thay-der villagers to transport supplies from Maw-koe-der military camp to Kler-la military base, in Daw-pha-kho Township.
- On 9 January 2010, SPDC LIB-424 led by Htun Htun Naing forced 58 villagers from Peh-kaw-der, 30 from Maw-koe-der, 20 from Der-doh and 7 from Naw-thay-der to transport food supplies from Kler-la to Maw-koe-der military camp.
- On 11 January 2010, Battalion Commander Htun Htun Naing, from LIB-424 and based in Maw-koe-der, forced one person from each household in Maw-koe-der village, Daw-pha-kho Township to build structures in Maw-koe-der military camp.
- On 11 January 2010, SPDC troops, from LIB-421 under MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, Htan-ta-bin Township, forced 30 female and 40 male Klaw-mee-der villagers to transport supplies for them from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der military camp.
- On 12 January 2010, SPDC LIB-261, under MOC-7 and based in Play-hsa-lo, forced 2 female and 5 male Plaw-baw-der villagers, 30 female and 27 male Play-hsa-lo villagers, 10 female and 10 male Yer-lo villagers, and 15 female and 5 male Lay-goh-lo-baw-pha villagers to transport supplies from Yu-lo area to Play-hsa-lo military camp.
- On 15 January 2010, SPDC troops, from LIB-261 under MOC-7 and based in Play-hsa-lo military camp, Htan-ta-bin Township, forced 11 female and 24 male Play-hsa-lo villagers, 2 female and 5 male Yer-lo villagers, and 4 female and 5 male Plaw-baw-der villagers to transport supplies for them from Yu-lo area to Play-hsa-lo military camp.
- On 23 January 2010, SPDC troops from MOC-7 forced 100 Klay-soe-khee villagers to transport cooking oil and other food supplies for them to Tha-aye-hta.

- On 28 January 2010, SPDC IB-264 led by Nyunt Hlaing forced villagers to transport rice, cooking oil and other food supplies for them from Phar-der-kah to Kher-weh army camp. The villages subjected to forced labor were:

1. Kher-weh 100 sacks of rice
2. Ka-thaw-bwe 50 sacks of rice
3. Thu-geh-der 40 sacks of rice
4. Htee-ta-bu 40 sacks of rice
5. Khu-thay-der 40 sacks of rice
6. Khau-lau-kah 30 sacks of rice
7. Sa-bah-law-khee 30 sacks of rice
8. Ler-gee-kho-der-kah 30 sacks of rice and 10 tins of cooking oil
9. Ler-gee-kho-der-kho 40 sacks of rice and 10 tins of cooking oil

**TABLE 3: Statistics on forced labor**

| No.           | Name of village | Number of villagers   |        | Perpetrator                       | Township and/or District               | Remark  |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
|               |                 | Male  | Female |                                   |  |   |
| 1             | Klaw-mee-der    | 10  | 20     | MOC-7                             | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies from Pa-let-wa military camp to Klaw-mee-der military camp |
|               | Kler-la         | Unknown<br>(1 person from each household in the 4 villages) |        | Kyaw Aye, the commander of MOC-7. | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies from Koe-day to Tha-aye-ha military camp                   |
|               | Kaw-thay-der    |   |        |                                   |  |   |
|               | Kau-soe-kho     |   |        |                                   |  |   |
| Klay-soe-khee |                 |   |        |                                   |  |   |
| 2             | Klaw-mee-der    | 40  | 30     | MOC-7                             | Htan-ta-bin Township, Toungoo District | To transport supplies from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der military camp                    |
| 3             | Klaw-mee-der    | 40  | 30     | MOC-7                             | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der military camp               |
|               | Maw-pah-der     | 40  | -      |                                   |  |   |
|               | Unknown         | 18  |        |                                   |  |   |
| 4             | Peh-kaw-der     | 80  |        | Kyaw Aye, the commander of MOC-7. | Daw-pha-kho Township, Toungoo District | To transport things from Maw-koe-der military camp to Kler-la military camp           |
|               | Maw-koe-der     | 30  |        |                                   |  |   |
|               | Der-doh         | 30  |        |                                   |  |   |
|               | Naw-thay-der    | 10  |        |                                   |  |   |
| 5             | Peh-kaw-der     | 58  |        | Htun Htun Naing from LIB-424      | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies from Kler-la to Maw-koe-der                                |
|               | Maw-koe-der     | 30  |        |                                   |  |   |
|               | Der-doh         | 20  |        |                                   |  |   |

|                     |                     |  |                |   |  |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|----------------|---|--|--|
|                     | Naw-thay-der        | 7  |                |   |  | military camp  |
| 6                   | Maw-koe-der         | Unknown<br>(1 person from each household in the village) |                | Htun Htun Naing, Battalion Commander of LIB-424.  | Daw-pha-kho Township, Toungoo District | For construction of structures in Maw-koe-der military camp        |
| 7                   | Klaw-mee-der        | 40   | 30             | LIB-421 under MOC-7   | Htan-ta-bin Township, Toungoo District | To transport supplies from Pa-let-wa to Klaw-mee-der military camp |
| 8                   | Plaw-baw-der        | 5  | 2              | LIB-261 under MOC-7   | Toungoo District                       | To transport supplies from Yu-lo area to Play-hsa-lo military camp |
|                     | Play-hsa-lo         | 27   | 30             |   |  |  |
|                     | Yer-lo              | 10   | 10             |   |  |  |
|                     | Lay-goh-lo-baw-pha  | 5  | 15             |   |  |  |
| 9                   | Play-hsa-lo         | 24   | 11             | LIB-261 under MOC-7   | Htan-ta-bin Township, Toungoo District | To transport supplies from Yu-lo area to Play-hsa-lo military camp |
|                     | Yer-lo              | 5  | 2              |   |  |  |
|                     | Plaw-baw-der        | 5  | 4              |   |  |  |
| 10                  | Klay-soe-khee       | 100  |                | MOC-7   | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies to Tha-aye-ha                           |
| 11                  | Kher-weh            | Unknown (whole villages were subjected to forced labor.) |                | IB-264  | Toungoo District                       | To transport food supplies from Pharder-kah to Kher-weh army camp  |
|                     | Ka-thaw-bwe         |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Thu-geh-der         |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Htee-ta-bu          |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Khu-thay-der        |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Khau-lau-kah        |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Sa-bah-law-khee     |  |                |   |  |  |
|                     | Ler-gee-kho-der-kah |  |                |   |  |  |
| Ler-gee-kho-der-kho |                     |  |                |   |  |  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>     |                     | <b>251 (M)</b>   | <b>184 (F)</b> | <b>Note:</b> 1 person from each household in 5 villages and 9 whole villages were also subjected to forced labor, which is not included in grand total. |  |  |
|                     |                     | <b>383 (sex unknown)</b>                                 |                |   |  |  |
| <b>Grand total</b>  |                     | <b>818</b>   |                |   |  |  |

#### 4. Pillage

*Pillage is another form of human rights abuses taking place in this period, and it took place in Thaton (Doo Tha Htoo) District, Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District and Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District. 13,000 Kyat, 1 gold ring, 2 goats, 7 ducks, 13 chickens, 12 tins of rice, 50 Viss of salt, 10 Viss of cooking oil, 15 Viss of fish-paste, 2 Viss of long beans, 1 fishing net, 1*

*hammock, 1 machete and 1 basket were looted from villagers, and both the SPDC and DKBA troops were the perpetrators of the abuse. For details, see the following situation reports and table on looting.*

***Thaton (Doo Tha Thoo) District***

- On 26 January 2010, SPDC Column 2 Commander Thein Htun Aung from LIB-703 entered Ler-Khlaw village, Bi-lin Township and (1) looted 1 fishing net and 2 Viss of long beans from Kyaw Win, aged 40, (2) ordered Maung Ngo, aged 26, to show him the location of KNU/KNLA personnel and subsequently, slapped him across the face once for not knowing their location, and (3) ransacked Kyaw Na Gah's house and looted 10,000 Kyat, 1 hammock, 1 machete, and 1 Karen traditional basket from him. *(Also see 7. Other forms of human rights violations)*

***Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District***

- On 18 December 2009, at 3:30 p.m., a corporal under the command of LIB-599 Commander Tin Bo Aung raped Ma Mya Mya of Kyauk-sa-yit village, aged 34; subsequently, he looted 1 gold ring and 3,000 Kyat from her. *(Also see 6. Violence against women)*
- On 18 January 2010, at 13:15 hours, LIB-362 attacked a hut owned by Saw Bwe Say, looted 12 tins of rice, 50 Viss of salt, 10 Viss of cooking oil and 15 Viss of fish-paste, and then burnt down the entire hut in Baw-hsi-lo, Hsaw-hti (Shwe Gyin) Township. *(Also see 5. Village attack and destruction)*

***Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District***

- On 3 January 2010, Maung Nyo Shwe and Myint Zaw Oo from the DKBA Battalion 908 shot domestic animals owned by Ah-kyu villagers for food in Kawkareik Township: (1) 4 ducks owned by Ma Kyi Aye, (2) 1 duck owned by Ma Nyein Thay, (3) 2 ducks owned by Moo Yar Khin, and (4) 1 chicken owned by Naw Moo Aye.
- On 30 January 2010, Maung Nyo Shwe (aka) Pha Htaw from the DKBA Battalion 908 looted 11 chickens and 2 goats from Ah Nyein, aged 47, and 1 chicken from Maung Nay Sein, aged 50, in Kaw-ka-thaw village.

**TABLE 4: Statistics on pillage**

| No. | Name of victim | Type of loot | Number of unit/Amount | Perpetrator | Location | Remark |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------|

|        |                |             |             |   |   |  |
|--------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| 1      | Kyaw Win       | Fishing net | 1           | Column 2 commander Thein Htun Aung from LIB-703               | Ler-khlaw village, Bi-lin Township, Thaton District   |  |
|        |                | Long beans  | 2 Viss      |   |   |  |
|        | Kyaw Na Gah    | Money       | 10,000 Kyat |   |   |  |
|        |                | Hammock     | 1           |   |   |  |
|        |                | Machete     | 1           |   |   |  |
| Basket | 1              |             |             |   |   |  |
| 2      | Ma Mya Mya     | Golden ring | 1           | A corporal under the command of LIB-599 Commander Tin Bo Aung | Kyauk-sa-yit village, Nyaunglaybin District           | Committed the crime after raping her                           |
|        |                | Money       | 3,000 Kyat  |   |   |  |
| 3      | Saw Bwe Say    | Rice        | 12 tins     | LIB-362   | Baw-hsi-lo, Shwe Gyin Township, Nyaunglaybin District | Committed the crime after attacking and before burning the hut |
|        |                | Salt        | 50 Viss     |   |   |  |
|        |                | Cooking oil | 10 Viss     |   |   |  |
|        |                | Fish-paste  | 15 Viss     |   |   |  |
| 4      | Ma Kyi Aye     | Duck        | 4           | Maung Nyo Shwe and Myint Zaw Oo from the DKBA Battalion 908   | Ah-kyu village, Kawkareik Township, Dooplaya District | Committed the crime by shooting the poultry for food           |
|        | Ma Nyein Thay  | Duck        | 1           |   |   |  |
|        | Moo Yar Khin   | Duck        | 2           |   |   |  |
|        | Naw Moo Aye    | Chicken     | 1           |   |   |  |
| 5      | Ah Nyein       | Chicken     | 11          | Maung Nyo Shwe (aka) Pha Htaw from DKBA Battalion 908         | Kaw-ka-thaw Village, Dooplaya District                |  |
|        |                | Goat        | 2           |   |   |  |
|        | Maung Nay Sein | Chicken     | 1           |   |   |  |

## 5. Village attack and destruction

*In this period, village attack and destruction of civilian property took place in Toungoo (Taw Oo) District, Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District, Papun (Mu Traw) District and Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District. 11 houses, 1 school, 1 hut, and 3 hut-cum-barns were burnt down. 1 major irrigation system and 58 farms were destroyed. 1 house was damaged, and 10 baskets of paddy were burnt. The destruction of the major irrigation system was the direct result of the construction of a road by the DKBA to engage in gold mining, which in turn resulted in the destruction of 58 farms as the farms relied on the irrigation system. For detailed information, see the following situation reports and table on village attack and destruction.*

### ***Toungoo (Taw Oo) District***

- On 19 January 2010, SPDC troops, from LIB-427 under MOC-7 and based in Nau-soe military camp, shot dead Saw Htoo Nay Wah of Khaw-du village, aged 30, son of Saw Maung Shwe Khin, decapitated him and took his head to their base. On the same day, the same troops burnt to destroy 10 baskets of paddy owned by Naw Kay Lay of Khaw-du-htoe village. *(Also see 1. Arbitrary arrest, torture and murder)*

### ***Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District***

- On 17 January 2010, at 13:00 hours, SPDC troops from MOC-10 entered Kheh-der village, Kyaukkyi Township area of KNLA Brigade 9 and shot at the villagers, killing Saw Mya Kaw Htoo, aged 47. After the shooting, they burnt down 11 houses and 1 school at 14:15 hours. After burning down Kheh-der village, LIB-367 of MCO-10, on January 19, 2010, at 12:03 hours, entered Oo-keh-khee village and shot at the villagers, killing villager Saw Eh Moo. Saw Eh Moo is survived by his wife and 6 children. *(Also see 1. Arbitrary arrest, torture and murder)*
- On 18 January 2010, at 13:15 hours, LIB-362 attacked a hut owned by Saw Bwe Say, looted 12 tins of rice, 50 Viss of salt, 10 Viss of cooking oil, and 15 Viss of fish-paste, and then burnt down the entire hut in Baw-hsi-lo, Hsaw-hti (Shwe Gyin) Township. *(Also 4. Pillage)*

### ***Papun (Mu Traw) District***

- On 25 October 2009, DKBA troops started their activities in Waw-mu village tract, Dwe-loe Township and started building a road to engage in gold mining, which destroyed a major irrigation system and 58 farms which depended on the irrigation system.
- On 11 January 2010, due to a recent fighting, DKBA commander Bo Lweh burnt down 3 hut-cum-barns in Mae-ta-ru-hta, Mae-wei village tract. The owners of the hut-cum-barns are: (1) Saw Boh Htoo, (2) Saw Maw Pei, and (3) Saw Maw Ka.

### ***Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District***

- On 1 January 2010, DKBA troops led by Maung Nyo Shwe went to Kaw-ka-thaw village and shot at the villagers, injuring 1 villager by the name of Saw Dar Lu of Ah-kyu village, aged 32, as a bullet went through his palm. Subsequently, they started shooting at the wall of a house owned by Thramu Ma Ohn Shwe, aged 28, in Kaw-ka-thaw village. *(Also see 1. Arbitrary arrest, torture and murder)*

**TABLE 5: Statistics on village attack and destruction**

| No. | Name of Village      | Property attacked or destroyed | Number of property | Perpetrator                       | Location                              | Remark  |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1   | Khaw-du-htoe         | Paddy                          | 10 baskets         | LIB-427 under MOC-7               | Toungoo District                      | Paddy owned by Naw Kay Lay  |
| 2   | Kheh-der             | House                          | 11                 | SPDC MOC-10                       | Kyaukkyi, Nyaunglaybin District       | Also shot at villagers in Kheh-der and Oo-keh-khee                |
|     |                      | School                         | 1                  |                                   |                                       |   |
| 3   | Not in the village   | Hut                            | 1                  | LIB-362                           | Nyaunglaybin District                 | Committed the crime after looting                                 |
| 4   | Waw-mu village tract | Irrigation system              | 1                  | DKBA troops                       | Dwe-loe Township, Papun District      | Destruction through building roads for the purpose of gold mining |
|     |                      | Farm                           | 58                 |                                   |                                       |   |
| 5   | Mae-ta-ru-hta        | Hut-cum-barn                   | 3                  | DKBA Commander Bo Lweh            | Mae-wei village tract, Papun District |   |
| 6   | Kaw-ka-thaw          | House                          | 1                  | DKBA troops led by Maung Nyo Shwe | Kawkareik District                    | Shot at the wall of a house owned by Thramu Ma Ohn Shwe           |

## 6. Violence against women

*In the present report, violence against women is defined as “any act of gender-based violence that result in or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life”.<sup>8</sup> During this period, one sexual violation took place in Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District. Naw Mya Mya of Kyauk-sa-yit village was raped by an SPDC corporal from LIB-599. The perpetrator also looted 1 gold ring and 3,000 Kyat from her.*

<sup>8</sup> The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women General Assembly Resolution 48/104 of 20 December 1993  
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*Nyaunglaybin (Kler Lwee Htoo) District*

- On 18 December 2009, at 03:30 hours, a corporal under the command of LIB-599 Commander Tin Bo Aung raped Ma Mya Mya of Kyauk-sa-yit village, aged 34; subsequently, he looted a ring and 3,000 Kyat from her. (*Also see 4. Pillage*)

**TABLE 6: Statistics on violence against women**

| No. | Name of victim | Age | Perpetrator   | Location                            | Remark  |
|-----|----------------|-----|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1   | Ma Mya Mya     | -   | A corporal under the command of LIB-599 Commander Tin Bo Aung | Kyauk-sa-yit, Nyaunglaybin District | The offender also looted a ring and 3,000 Kyat from the victim. |

**7. Other forms of human rights violations**

*In Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District, SPDC Column 2 Commander Thein Htun Aung from LIB-703 slapped Ler-khlaw villager Maung Ngo, aged 26, across the face once for not knowing the location of KNU/KNLA personnel subsequent to questioning him. In Toungoo (Taw Oo) District, SPDC LIB-421 has imposed restriction on the movement of the villagers of Klaw-mee-der, Hoo-mu-der and Ler-klah-der. The villagers are now required to get testimonials from the troops before they go to work in their plantations, forage for vegetables and fruits, etc., and banned from overnighing outside their respective villages. If they fail to comply with the order, they will be shot dead on sight. In Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District, 2 SPDC officers forced the villagers of 11 villages to buy a total of 1,100 lottery-tickets, each of which costs 1,000 Kyat. Although the villagers are aware of the fact that the two officers came to cheat them out of their money, they have no choice but will have to do what they were told. Otherwise, they would risk getting into any kinds of trouble. For further information, see the following situation reports.*

*Thaton (Doo Tha Htoo) District*

- On 26 January 2010, SPDC Column 2 Commander Thein Htun Aung from LIB-703 entered Ler-Khlaw village, Bi-lin Township and (1) looted 1 fishing net and 2 Viss of long beans from Kyaw Win, age 40, (2) ordered Maung Ngo, age 26, to show him the location of KNU/KNLA personnel and subsequently slapped him across the face once for not knowing their location, and (3) ransacked Kyaw Na Gah's house and looted 10,000 Kyat, 1 hammock, 1 machete, and 1 Karen traditional basket from him. (*Also see 4. Pillage*)
- On 26 January 2010, DKBA Battalion 907 under Brigade 999 planted landmines around a village; subsequently, 2 buffalos owned by Naw Ma Mya hit the landmines and were killed.

***Toungoo (Taw Oo) District***

- On 25 January 2010, SPDC LIB-421, under MOC-7 and based in Klaw-mee-der, ordered Klaw-mee-der villagers to cut 70 four-yard-long *Wa-doh* bamboo poles for the renovation of their army camp. At the same time, they imposed restriction on the movement of the villagers of Klaw-mee-der, Hoo-mu-der, and Ler-klah-der by ordering them to get testimonials from them before they go to work outside their villages, and to come back and sleep in their respective villages after sunset. If the villagers do not comply with the order, they will be shot dead on sight. (*Also see 2. Extortion*)

***Kawkareik (Dooplaya) District***

- On 2 January 2010, Tin Maung Htun and Doctor Sein Win (Kyo-doe) of the SPDC Military Affairs Security Service came to meet with village headmen and ordered them to sell lottery-tickets for them to buy a fire-engine. They gave each village a book of 100 lottery-tickets, each of which to be sold for 1,000 Kyats. All the tickets must be sold, no matter how many households there are in each village. Because of this, the village headmen are faced with a lot of difficulties as no villagers want to buy them. The villagers knew that they came to cheat them out of their money. The villages are: (1) Nwah-gyan-gone, (2) Kawk-war-leh, (3) Ywa-ka-lay, (4) Kawk-hto-ki, (5) Kawk-kya, (6) Kayin-kyauk-phyar, (7) Kala-kyauk-phyar, (8) Mi-ni-gone, (9) Pah-pu, (10) Yay-po-kyi, and (11) Mee-ka-lo.

\*See maps of Burma, Karen State and districts below

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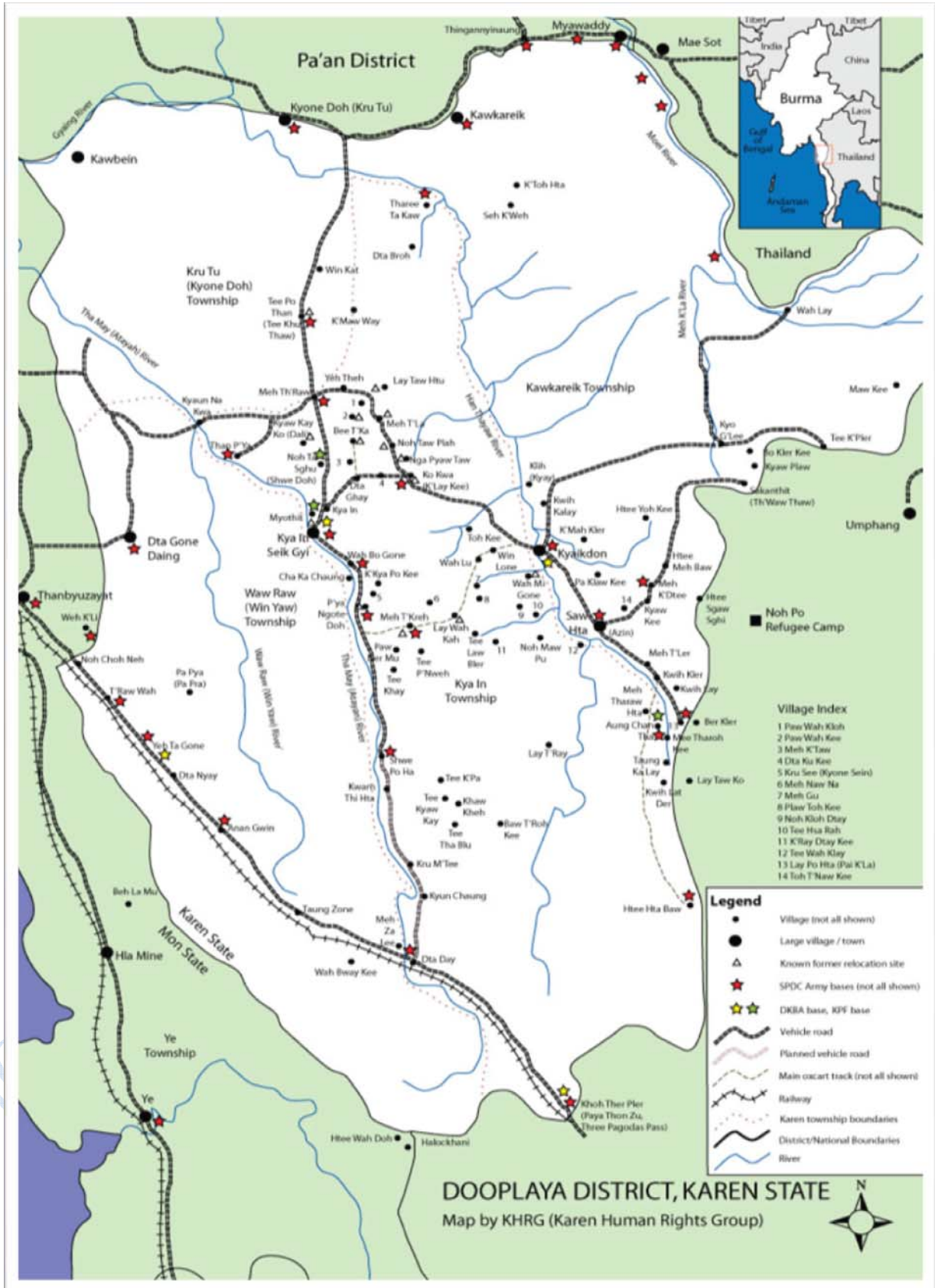
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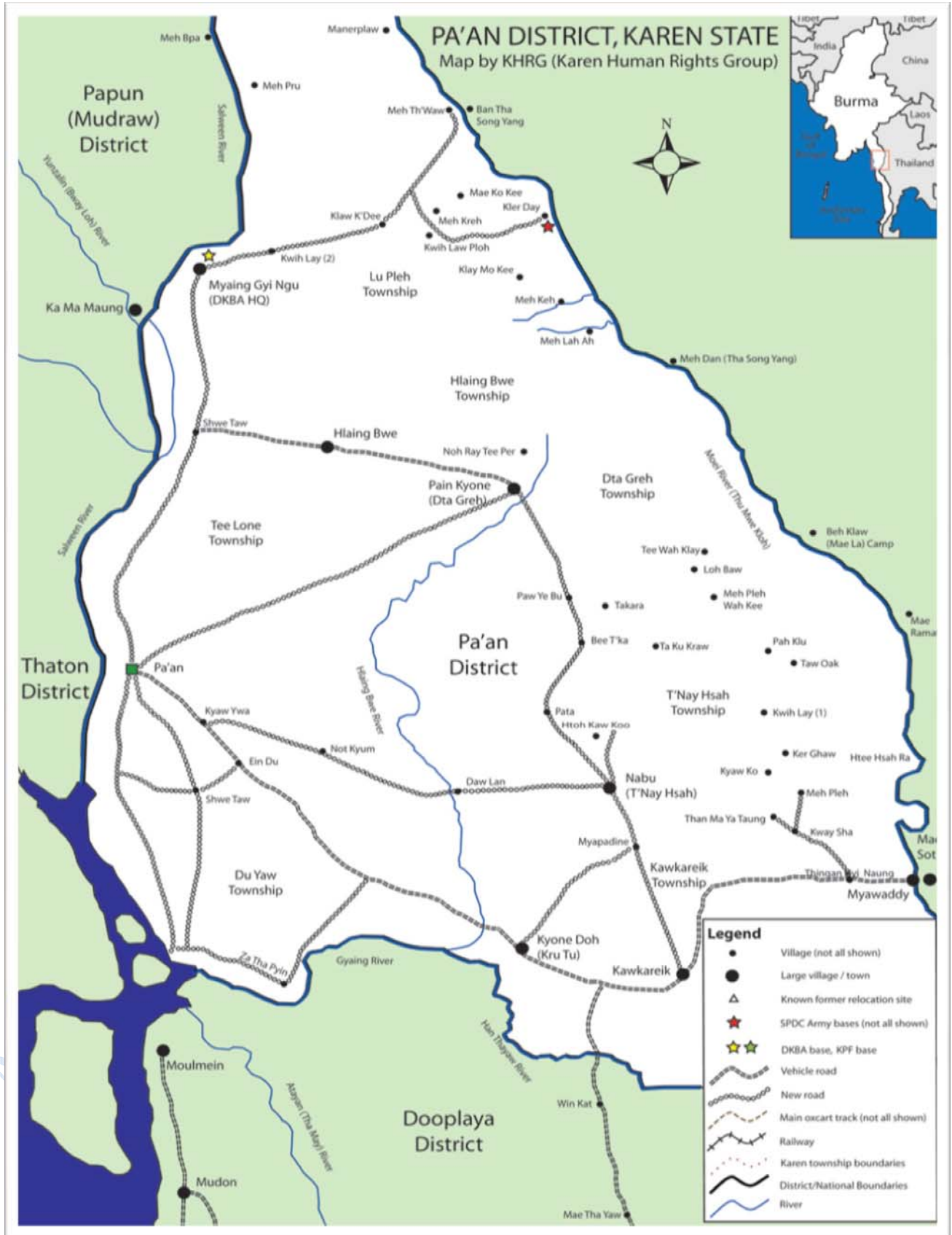


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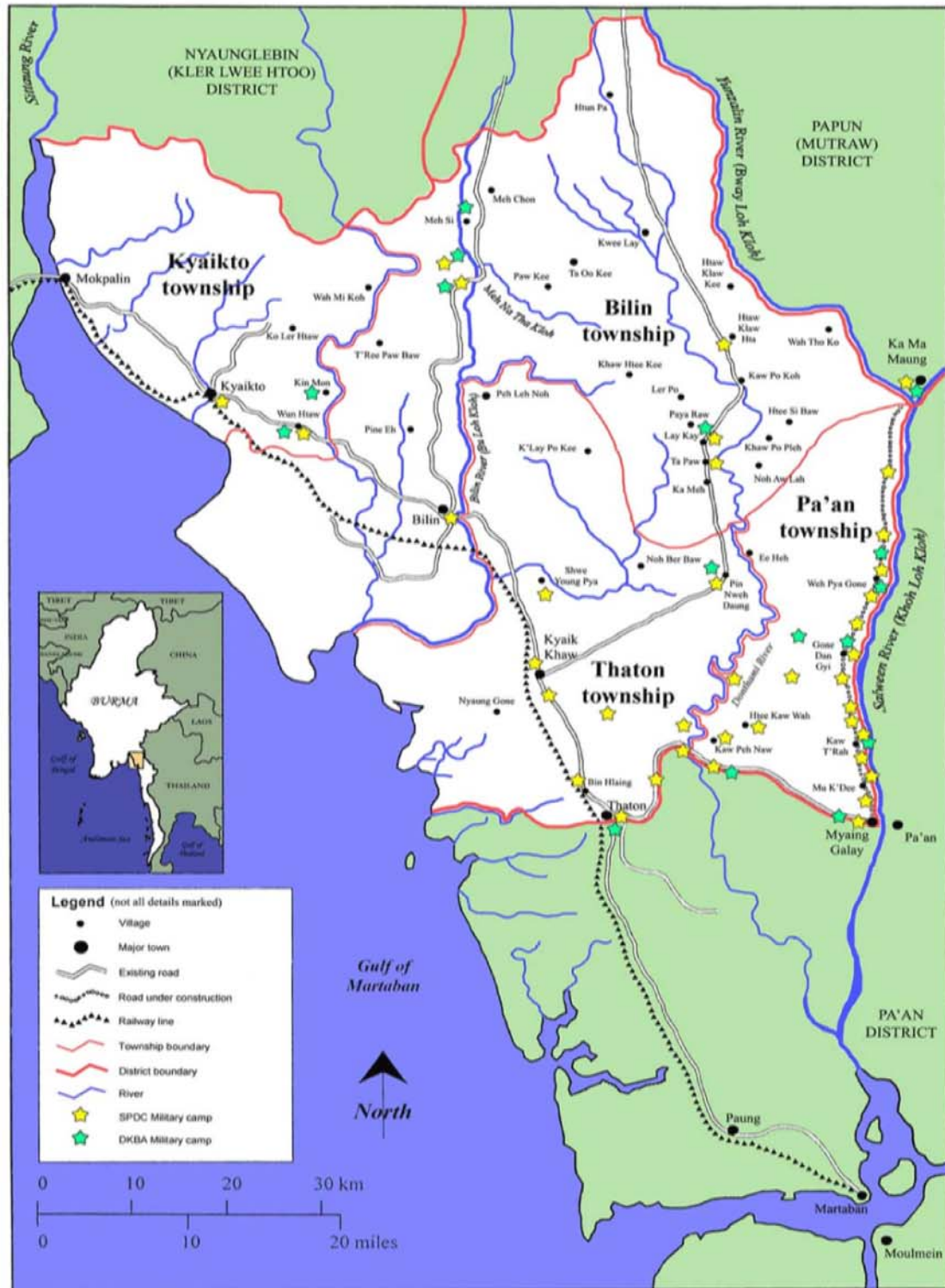








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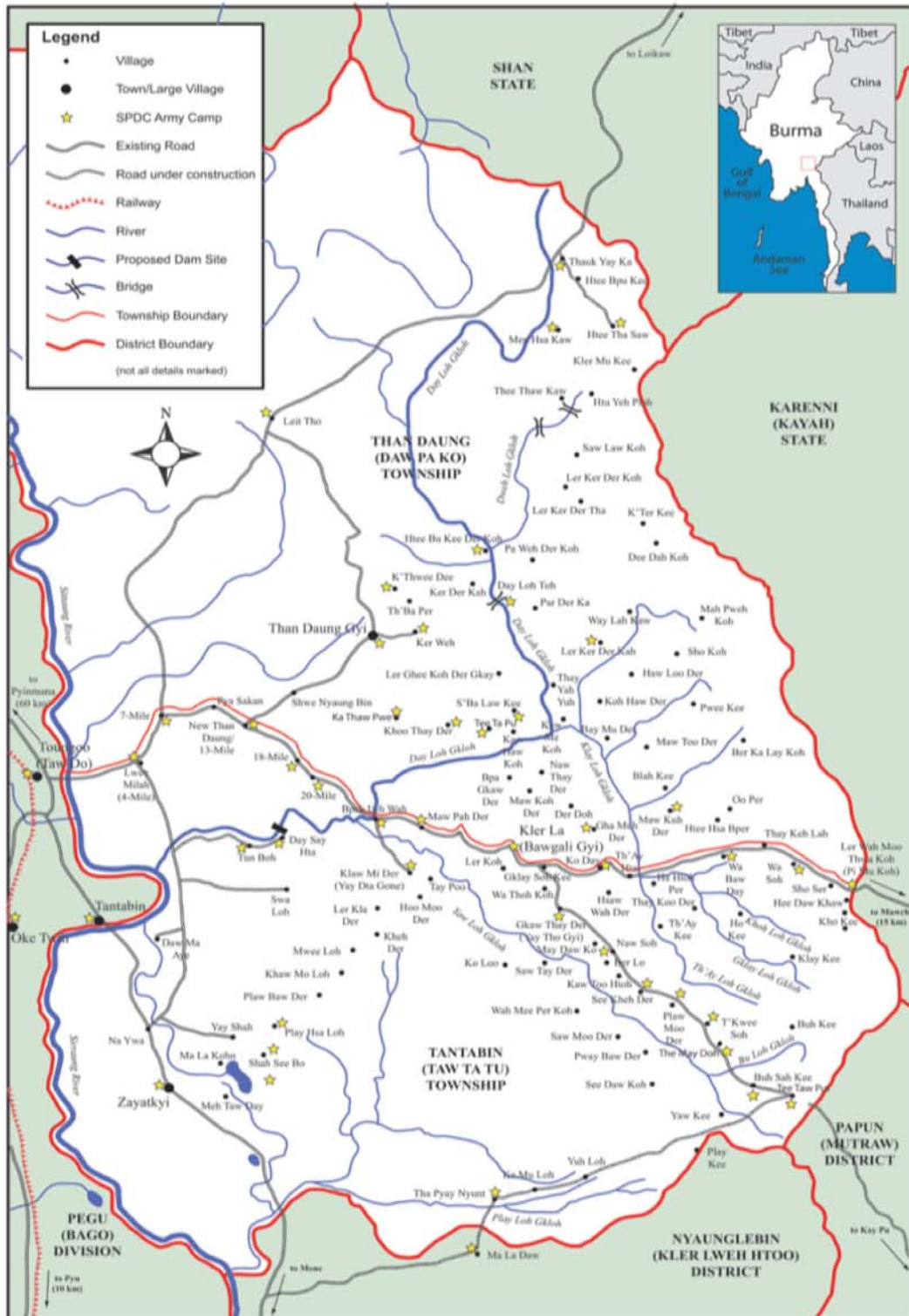
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