



Weekly Report

Burma (Myanmar)

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Communal Violence

- New rounds of communal violence in Thandwe. It is being reported that 60-70 homes have been burnt down, and five people killed. 45 have been detained, a large majority of which belong to members of local nationalist groups.
- <http://www.dvb.no/uncategorized/45-detained-in-connection-with-sandowav-riots-burma-myanmar/33151>

Torture

- Three villagers have reportedly been killed last month after being detained by Burmese Army soldiers in the Putao district of northern Kachin. Eight others were allegedly tortured in the local church before their release. Those who remain in the village are being prevented from leaving. Some suspect the Burma Army is keeping them there as a defense mechanism against future attacks by the Kachin Independence Army.
- <http://www.bnionline.net/index.php/news/kng/16307-civilians-killed-and-tortured-in-putao-district.html>

“Church officials suspect that the villagers are being kept there as human shields against a likely counterattack by the opposing Kachin Independence Army (KIA).”

State of Refugees

- Illness has been on the rise in IDP camps. Cases of infection have increased significantly and there is a shortage of medicine. Government restrictions have made it difficult for the UN and other international aid groups to provide regular support.
- <http://www.bnionline.net/index.php/news/kaladan/16288-illnesses-on-the-rise-in-kachin-idp-camp.html>