



# The Human Rights Foundation of Monland

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**October 2021  
Situation Overview**



**Monthly Overview  
of Violations in  
Target Areas**



**Overview and  
Field-Based  
Insights**



**Data Visualizations**

# October 2021

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**86+**

**MORE THAN 80% ARRESTED IN  
MON STATE, KAREN STATE  
AND DAWEI ARE YOUTH.**

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**STAFF DISMISSED FROM THEIR  
JOBS FOR THEIR  
ANTI-COUP ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING THE CIVIL  
DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT**

# PROTESTS



Protests are happening less often due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of those arrested by the junta have been detained for their involvement in demonstrations such as guerilla strikes, biker strikes, night protests, as well as white shirt campaigns and red paint campaigns.

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**Dawei, Thayet Chaung, Long Lone, & Yebyu**

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**Hpa-an, Kyainn Seikyi, Kawkareik & Three Pagodas Pass**

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**Paung, Bee Lin, Kyaik Hto & Mawlamyine**



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**Activists and protesters sentenced between 2-4 years in prison. Most have been detained since March and April. The total numbers may vary.**



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**Cases of Disappearances  
in October**



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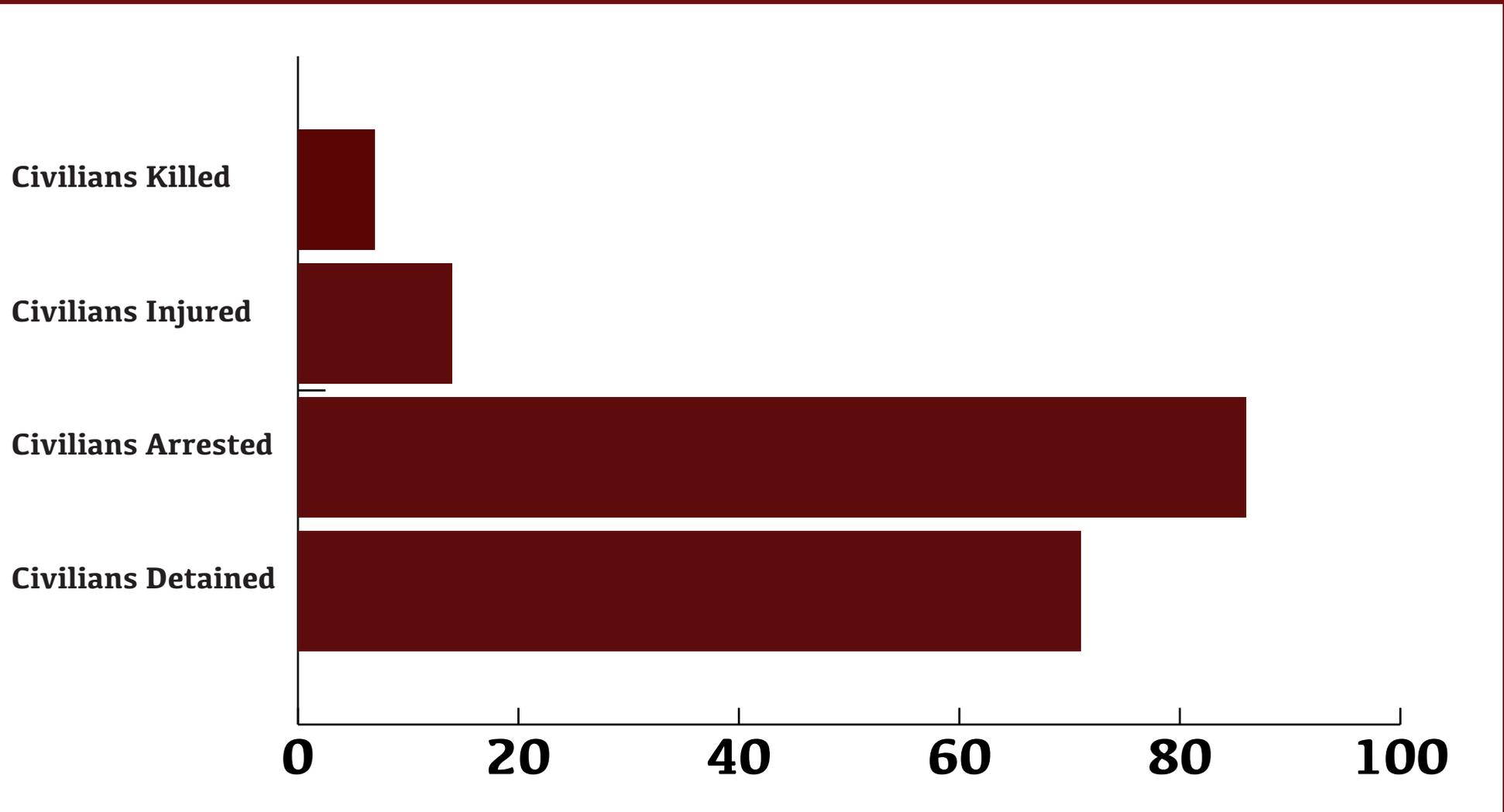
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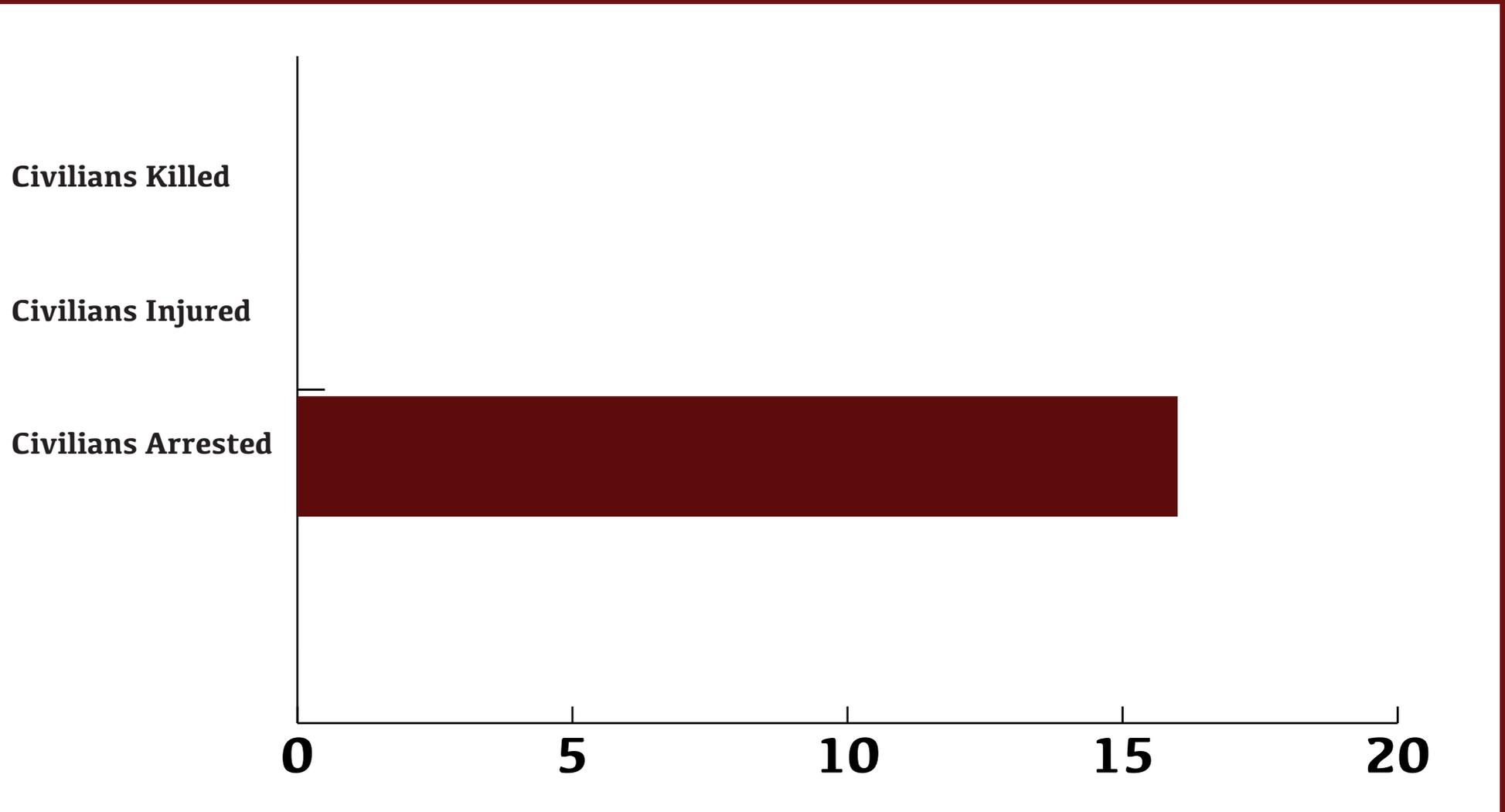
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## October Summary Human Rights Violations

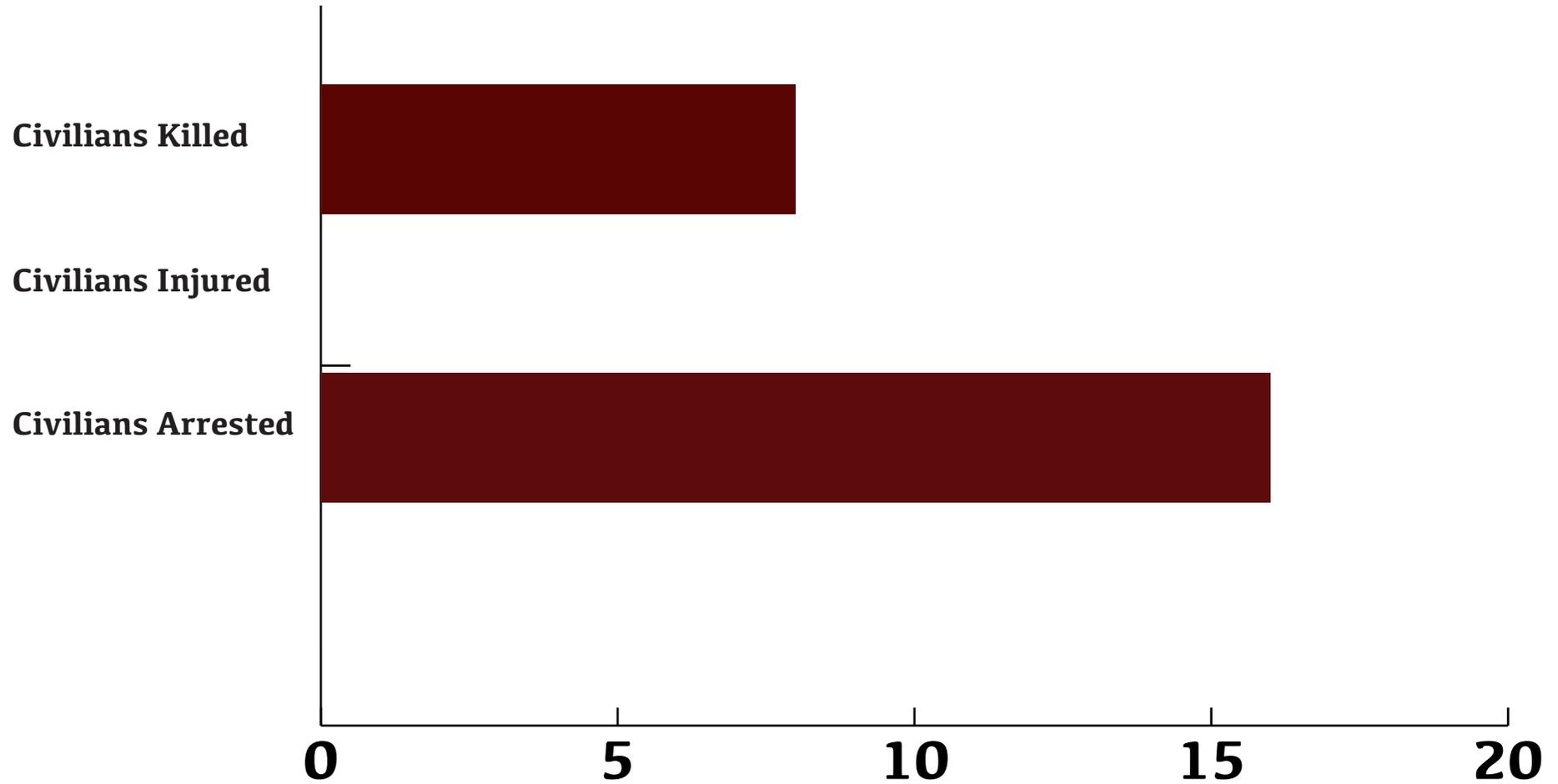


\*Civilians arrested include young protestors, civil servants, activists, social workers, and medical doctors.

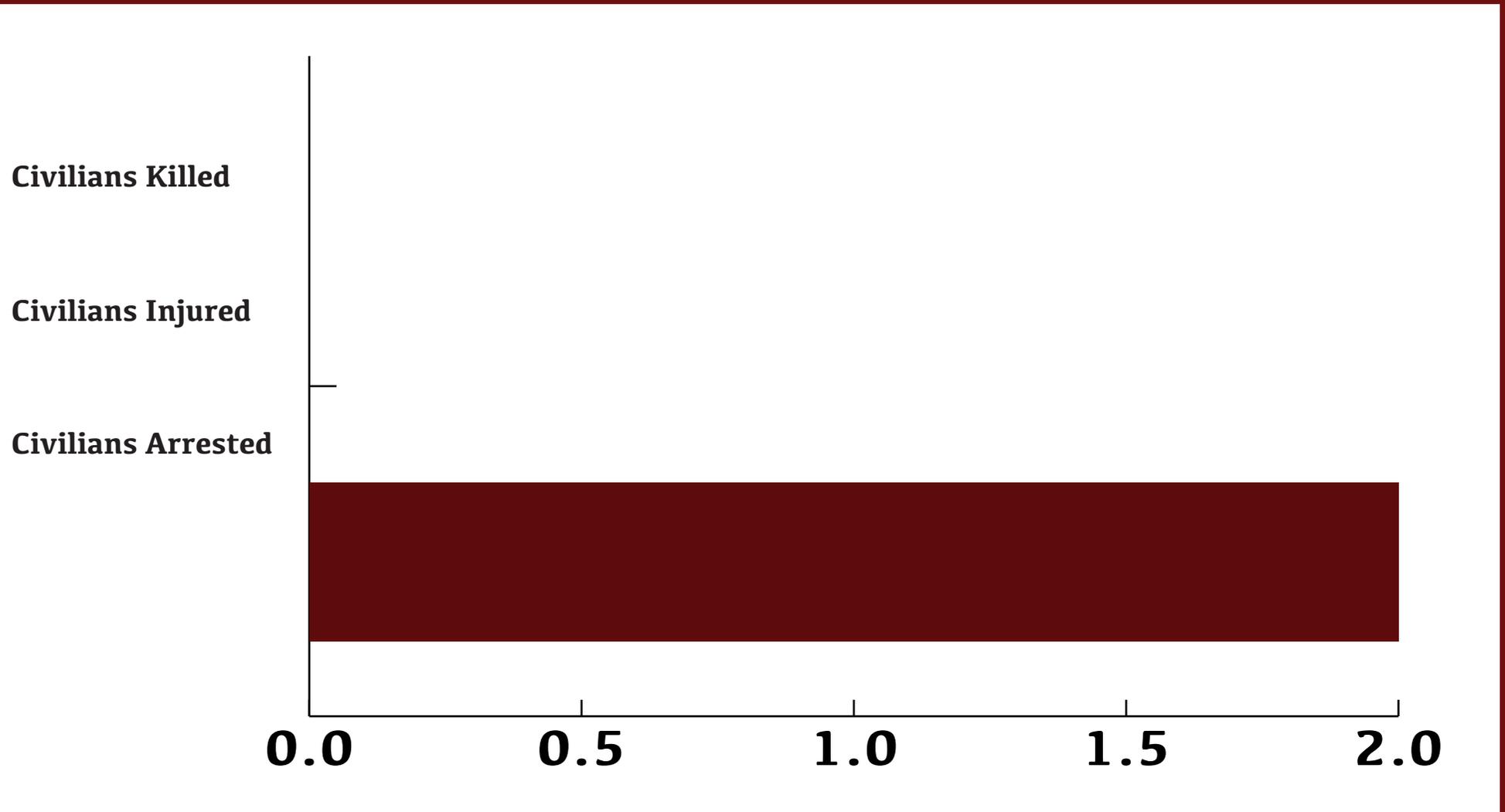
## October Human Rights Violations in Mon State



## October Human Rights Violations in Tanintharyi Region



## October Human Rights Violations in Karen State



# October 2021

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Myo Min Hteik, age 39 and a boatman who was a resident of Palaw-Kone village, Palaw Township, Myeik District, was found dead with gunshot wounds on his body. Villagers said a pro-coup armed group was in the village when they began indiscriminately firing their weapons, while using abusive language.

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Security forces in Ye township arbitrarily arrested the mother and daughter of U Myo Win, a Pyithu Hluttaw parliament member, who was in hiding. His mother is 90 years old. About a week later, junta troops released the mother. However, his young daughter is still detained as a hostage at Myo-Ma Police Station in Ye Township, Mon State.

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Ko Myo, a 21-year-old villager from Htone-Ai Hpa-an was seriously beaten by military soldiers. A witness recalled: "It was about 3 pm and an army truck was parked in the middle of the village main road in Ward No.6, Htone-Ai Village. Ko Myo rode his moto and stopped in front of the truck to purchase betel nut.

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Then, a Captain from the military and his followers grabbed him and punched him in the head and face until he fell on the road.”

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Two men were reportedly abducted by the security forces at Shwe-Hpar-Si Housing and Ward #4. Both are the activists with the Civil Disobedience Movement, according to one of the detainees’ families.

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Military soldiers in Thayet Chaung Township abducted four civilians, including two Buddhist Monks from Saw Pyar village, on October 5 and 6. These arrests happened after local People’s Defense Forces shot the militia leader, U Maung Ye from Saw Pyar village on October 5th. The next day, junta troops came and indiscriminately fired at civilians and fired at



Photo: Saw-Pyar village entrance photo

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at civilians and arrested those in the village. The Commander, Soe Minn, led the group and seized two Honda Fit cars and Two Mini Hijet trucks from Sakhan Gyi village, Thanbyuzayat. On separate occasions, this group also arrested the landlords, Nai Ah-Sae and Ma Sann Aye, after an unknown group attacked a MyTel Telecom Tower.

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Ko Shar Htet Aung, a young resident of Kyet-Sar-Pyin was abducted by junta security troops in Dawei, according to his family members.

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Since last week, approximately 50 households from Taung Pyauk Village Tract, Thayetchaung, have been forced to leave their homes because the junta troops launched artillery strikes in their village.

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At 8 am, joint pro-coup armed troops and militia forces arrested a mother and two children (age 2, and 6) as hostages in Saw-Pyar village, Thayet Chaung Township, Dawei region. They came and searched for Ko Nee Pun, a father and husband of the detainees. But when they could not arrest Ko Nee Pun, they kidnapped his family. The troops were led by militia leaders, U Aung Sein and U Maung Yee. While they were looking for Ko Nee Pun home, they knocked on the doors of some villagers and confiscated some mobile phones.

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Photo: The family of Ko Nee Pun who were kidnapped by the Burma Army.

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A teenage student, Min Htet Kyaw, 16, a resident of Mudon, Mon State, was reportedly abducted from his home by security forces at 10 PM. The reason for the arrest remains unknown, according to his friend from Mudon.

Another young student, Hnin Pwint Madee, 17, was also abducted by junta backed security forces around 10 pm from her parent's house after the troops checked her mobile phone. Madee is also a resident of Mudon, Mon State.

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Photo: Hnin Pwint Madee

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Four innocent villagers have been arrested by the junta-backed armed forces, known as Pyu Saw Htee members in Alaekone Village, Dawei. Alaekone village is the native place of Lawyer Sandar Cho, who was forcibly abducted in Dawei this morning.

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Ma Sandar Cho, a lawyer and an advocate from Dawei was forcibly abducted by the junta from her home this morning. The place where she has been detained is still unknown.

# October 2021

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There were over eighty political prisoners freed from Hpa-An prison in the junta's amnesty. Most were charged with section 505 of the Penal Code. Some have already been sentenced to two years imprisonment. In Mon State, a representative from Mawlamyine Student University said only three of their members were released with more than 32 innocent individuals still behind bars.

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The junta prisons department of Mon State announced that they would release 35 prisoners who were charged with Section 505 of the Penal Code and faced sentences over the last 8 months.

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At least 19 young civilians from Wae-Kyun Ward, Dawei were abducted by junta security forces around 10 pm. As it is now the Thadingyut holiday, one of the highlights is festivals in Dawei. Most of those arrested were young people while they were preparing for floating candles at the river.

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“They just released some of the detainees today, and they arrested our youth again,” a 50-year-old woman said.

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U Kyi Thein, age 63, a resident of Wet-Chaung village, Yebyu Township, in Dawei Region, was killed while under interrogation by junta police. He was accused of being associated with the shooting of a military informer on the 20th of October. The junta troops contacted the family of U Kyi Thein to take the body, but no one dared to go because they feared arrest. Then, a military truck came and dropped the dead body in front of the house on October 21, said a neighbor

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**“They just released some of the detainees today, and then [the junta] arrested our youth again.”**

- a 50-year old woman from Dawei

# October 2021

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At 8 am, three plain-clothed junta-backed armed men killed two villagers in Pandalell village, Lon Lone Township, Dawei. “Three gunmen climbed out of a truck with handguns and started firing indiscriminately into a tea shop. They killed U Aung Myint and Ko Nay Nay on the spot. Another two villagers were injured,” he added. According to the reporter, many Pandalell villagers decided to flee because they were afraid of more attacks.

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At 8 PM, a group of junta security forces entered into the house of Daw Mar Mar Thet and abducted her. They came and looked for Ma Pan Ei Phyu, one of the daughters of Daw Mar Mar Thet. However, Pan Ei Phyu was in hiding, and they arrested her Mom as a hostage.

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Three young civilians from Dawei were reportedly abducted between October 23 and 24 by the junta security forces after the troops checked their phones. Ko Naing Zin Latt was stopped and arrested by the security troop on October 23rd. He was tortured during



**“The junta started firing indiscriminately into a tea shop.”**

# October 2021

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The troops tracked down another two friends, Ko Kyae Zin Linn and Naing Win Aung, and arrested them on the 24th.

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Villagers from Ywa Thit, Kawkareik Township reported that they had unearthed a disabled villager who was killed and buried by the junta soldiers. U Aung Myint is a disabled person. While the battalions operated were in the village he could not run. The regime killed him for no reason.

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Two young civilians from No. 2 Ward, Hpa-an Township, Karen State were abducted and brought to the prison. The junta packed military intelligence officers grabbed a young woman and man from Ahmat Hnit ward. The troops came with three trucks into Ward No.2, arrested them after checking their mobile smartphones.

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The junta troops killed two young civilians who were detained on October 23. Ko Htet Wai Naing, 23 and Ko Than Soe Oo, 23 were the residents of Ottaran Ward, Dawei, but they were killed by the junta forces on Yay-Wai street, both bodies with apparent gunshot wounds. Families were informed to claim the bodies on the 24th.

# October 2021

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At about 11PM, ten police and security forces with four police pickup trucks abducted Daw Nwe Nwe Aung from her home. She is a resident of Zey Gyo Taung Wai ward, Mawlamyine. A member of the documentation network also confirmed that at least five civilians, including a 70-year-old man, were abducted by the junta security troops during the raid.

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Two civilians were arrested from Mupun ward in Mawlamyine in their homes. They were accused of supporting the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), according to the neighbors. HURFOM received news of more abductions from Zeya-1 ward, Mawlamyine. On the same night, young CDM activists were abducted from their hiding places at 11PM. The junta brought all detainees to the detention centers located in Taung Paw Tan, Mawlamyine

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A young victim was killed in junta custody during interrogation, according to family members. His name is Min Min Thu and he was accused of associating with the civilian defense forces. He was detained by the junta on October 25 in Maw Tone village, Tanintharyi Township. The family received the news of his death on the 27th.



**Photo: Min Min Thu, a victim of the junta's violence**

# OPEN LETTERS, STATEMENTS, ENDORSEMENTS & REPORTS

11 OCTOBER

HURFOM welcomed the decision by ASEAN exclude the junta from the Summits, but oppose its invitation to a 'non-political representative. HURFOM Program Director, Nai Aue Mon said, "the junta's woeful non-compliance with the 5-point consensus must be met with meaningful action."

13 OCTOBER

HURFOM joined human rights organizations in urging ASEAN leaders to not to extend an invitation to the junta to the upcoming ASEAN Summit on 25 to 28 October.

20 OCTOBER

HURFOM joined calls to the UN Secretary General urging him to lead high-level efforts to increase diplomatic pressure on the junta and mobilise countries in the region to deploy their influence to end the military's violence.

25 OCTOBER

HURFOM joined calls to United Nations Member States to show decisive leadership as the world body and adopt a strong resolution during 76th United Nations General Assembly.

# ANALYSIS

The junta's violence has spared no one. In their quest for power, thousands have had their lives disrupted for the worst. Deprived of any opportunity to live freely and peacefully, the war on the people being waged is cruel and seemingly knows no boundaries. Even in the midst of all the strife that residents are being subjected to, protests are still regularly taking place and human rights defenders have not been stifled. Brave young men and women have taken to the frontlines in battle through the forging of civilian defense groups and lost their lives for the Spring Revolution. Despite all their brutality, the junta is no match for the people who are willing to do anything for their freedom.

Across the month of October, HURFOM witnessed and documented worrying increases in human rights violations. The arbitrary arrest and abductions of young people, and the taking of families as hostages by the junta has amplified civil unrest. Evidence has been fabricated to use against those suspected of having ties to People's Defense Forces where some individuals are taken away, and not seen again. The Burma Army has claimed those trying to preserve democracy are the real villains by labeling them terrorist organizations but this speaks volumes to their denial and impunity, which has allowed them to get away with crimes against humanity.

HURFOM amplifies the calls of civil society organizations which have been vocal in calling for much more urgent and credible actions by the international community. With millions of lives on the line, there is more which must be done to protect them.

## **ABOUT HURFOM**

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HURFOM was founded by exiled pro-democracy students from the 1988 uprisings, recent activists and Mon community leaders and youth. Its primary objective is the restoration of democracy, human rights and genuine peace in Burma. HURFOM is a non-profit organization, and all its members are volunteers with a shared vision for peace in the country.

## **WEBSITE**

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