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### Short Update

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## Hpa-an District Short Update: Burma Army air strikes and shelling caused damage and displacement in T’Nay Hsah Township (September to December 2025)

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*This Short Update describes events occurring in T’Nay Hsah (Nabu) Township, Hpa-an District, from September to December 2025. In September 2025, many villagers from Kaw T’Ree Township, Dooplaya District, fled to T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District, due to shelling by the Burma Army. On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Burma Army dropped a bomb on a local villager’s farm in Htee Wah Blaw village tract, causing damage to the plantation field. On November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, the Burma Army conducted air strikes on Aa--- village, Htee Hpoh Kyaw village tract, burning four shops and damaging a monastery building, as well as the entrance of a school. On November 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Burma Army carried out an air strike on Ab--- village, Noh Kay village tract, damaging a villager’s house and several rubber plantation trees. That afternoon, the Burma Army conducted another air strike on Ac--- village, Noh Kay village tract, destroying a monastery and damaging five nearby monastery buildings. On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Burma Army fired an 81 mm shell into Ad--- village, Htee Wah Blaw village tract, damaging two houses and three motorcycles owned by villagers. As a result of the air strikes and shelling, two village schools were closed, and villagers were forced to flee from their homes.<sup>1</sup>*

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### Widespread displacement from Dooplaya District

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 6 am, the Burma Army<sup>2</sup> conducted shelling onto Bx--- village and Ag--- village, Noh Hpoh village tract<sup>3</sup>, Kaw T’Ree Township, Dooplaya District. As a result, many villagers from Ag--- village fled to Htee Wah Blaw village tract, and many other villages in T’Nay Hsah (Nabu) Township, Hpa-an District. Some villagers were able to bring one sack of rice (50 kg) with them, but some villagers were unable to carry anything. More than 300 households fled to T’Nay Hsah Township. [Due to attacks by Burma Army soldiers], in September 2025, some villagers from Ad--- village and Ah--- village, Htee Wah Blaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, also fled to another village. Displaced villagers mostly fled to four village tracts in T’Nay Hsah Township:

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<sup>1</sup> The present document is based on information received in September and December 2025. It was provided by a community member in Hpa-an District who has been trained by KHRG to monitor human rights conditions on the ground. The names of the victims, their photos and the exact locations are censored for security reasons. The parts in square brackets are explanations added by KHRG. This document combines several received reports with the following KHRG internal log numbers: # 25-322-D1, # 25-330-M1, # 25-420-D1, # 25-421-D1, and # 25-447-D1.

<sup>2</sup> The terms Burma military, Burma Army, SAC, Tatmadaw, and junta are used interchangeably throughout this report to describe the Burma military regime’s armed forces. Villagers themselves commonly use Burma Army, Burmese soldiers, or alternatively the name adopted by the Burma military regime at the time —from the 2021 coup to July 2025, the State Administration Council (SAC). On July 31st 2025, the military junta changed its name to the State Security and Peace Commission (SSPC).

<sup>3</sup> A village tract is an administrative unit of between five and 20 villages in a local area, often centred on a large village.

- Htee Hsah Ra village tract received 189 households, including 357 women and 296 men;
- Ker Ghaw village tract received 121 households, including 376 women and 192 men;
- Shaw Hkoh village tract:
  - Ai--- village received 6 households, including 14 women and 8 men;
  - Aj--- village received 7 households;
- Htee Wah Blaw village tract:
  - Ak--- village received 20 households;
  - Al--- village received 208 households.

The displacement numbers were provided by village heads and were not fixed, as more displaced villagers arrived each day, while some, out of fear, moved again to other villages. Recently [as of the reporting date], some students from Ag--- village, Ad--- village, and Ah--- village went to study in Am--- village, at a former Burma military regime school. The school offers classes up to Grade 9 and has approximately 160 students. Teachers from three villages came together to teach the students.



These photos were taken in September 2025 in Ai--- village, Htee Wah Blaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah (Nabu) Township, Hpa-an District. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 6 am, the Burma Army conducted shelling into Bx--- village and Ag--- village, Kaw T’Ree Township, Dooplaya District. As a result, many villagers from Ag--- village fled to Htee Wah Blaw village tract and many other villages in T’Nay Hsah Township. The two photos at the top show the displaced villagers making baskets to store water. The two photos at the bottom show the living conditions of some of the displaced people. [Photos: KHRG]

### Burma Army air strikes caused damage

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, at around 1 am, the Burma Army conducted an air strike into Htee Wah Blaw village tract, and the bomb landed on the farm of Saw<sup>4</sup> Z---, damaging his paddy plantation. Saw Z---'s farm is not big, and he planted two baskets of paddy seedlings on his farm this year [2025]. Saw Z--- said that the bomb landed in the place where the paddy plants grow well and damaged them. He felt very sad about it.



KHRG received these photos from a villager on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2025. On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, at around 1 am, a Burma Army aircraft dropped a bomb onto the farm of Saw Z--- in Htee Wah Blaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District, and damaged his paddy plantation. These two photos show the place where the bomb landed. *[Photos: Local villager]*

On November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, at 1 pm, a Burma Army Y-12 aircraft conducted air strikes in Aa---village, Htee Hpoh Kyaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District. [No fighting was occurring in the village at the time.] The aircraft conducted two strikes. In total, eight bombs were dropped. As a result, four shops located beside the road were burned. Moreover, a monastery building and the entrance of a school were also damaged by the explosion. After the air strikes, some villagers fled from the village.

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<sup>4</sup> ‘Saw’ is a S’gaw Karen male honorific title used before a person’s name.



KHRG received these photos from a villager in Ae--- village, Htoh Kaw Kone village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District, on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. On November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, a Burma Army Y-12 aircraft conducted air strikes in Aa--- village, Htee Hpoh Kyaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township. Due to the air strikes, four shops located beside the road were burned. The shrapnel from the explosion damaged the fence of a monastery and the entrance of a school. The photo on the left shows damage to the entrance of the school as a result of the explosion. The photo on the right shows damage to the fence of the monastery as a result of the explosion. *[Photos: Villager]*

On November 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Burma Army conducted an air strike in Noh Kay village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District. At 11:54 am, a Burma Army aircraft dropped the first ordnance in the area near the Ab--- T’La Kuh [animism] monastery, located beside the river and close to Dtee<sup>5</sup> A---’s rubber plantation near Ab--- village, Noh Kay village tract. The shrapnel from the explosion damaged the rubber trees of Dtee A---. Some shrapnel spread through the monastery compound, but there were no casualties. The second ordnance landed in Ab--- village, damaging the house of Saw B---. The ordnance first struck a coconut tree and exploded. Shrapnel from the explosion damaged the house of Saw B--- and eight other nearby houses. There was a primary school in Ab--- village, offering classes up to Grade 4, but it had recently been closed [since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 due to a previous air strike]. According to the daughter of Saw B---, they [Saw B---’s family] did not stay in their house during the air strikes. They had already fled to Af--- village, Htoh Kaw Kone village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, after a Burma Army Y-12 aircraft dropped two ordnances in Noh Kay village tract.

<sup>5</sup> ‘Pa Dtee’ or ‘Dtee’ is a familiar term of respect in S’gaw Karen attributed to an older man that translates to “uncle,” but it does not necessarily signify any actual familial relationship.



This photo was taken in November 2025, in Ab--- village, Noh Kay village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District. On November 13th 2025, the Burma Army conducted an air strike in Ab--- village, damaging the house of Saw B---. This photo shows the air strike damage to the house of Saw B---. [Photo: KHRG]

On the same day, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, at noon, a [Burma Army] fighter jet dropped three ordnances into Ac--- village, Noh Kay village tract. The aircraft ordnances landed in the monastery compound in Ac--- village, destroying the monastery [building] and damaging five nearby monastery buildings. Due to the air strike, families with small children and elderly people fled to another village in a different village tract. Only young men and young women remained in the villages within the Noh Kay village tract, living in fear. The school in the village was also closed [as of the reporting date].



KHRG received this photo from a villager from Ac--- village, Noh Kay village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District, on November 19th 2025. On November 13th 2025, a Burma Army fighter jet conducted an air strike in Ac--- village, destroying one monastery building and damaging five nearby monastery buildings. This photo shows the monastery that was destroyed by the Burma Army air strike. [Photo: Villager]

### **Burma Army shelling damaged villagers’ houses and properties**

On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 9 am, the Burma Army soldiers based at Thay Khah Law Taw hilltop operation base fired one 81 mm mortar shell, which landed in Ad--- village, Htee Wah Blaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township. The mortar shell landed in front of the house of Naw<sup>6</sup> C---. Shrapnel from the explosion damaged the metal roof and ceiling joist of Naw C---’s house, the roof of Naw D---’s house, and the wheels of three motorcycles. According to Naw D---, they [Naw C--- and Naw D---] stayed under the house with ten people during the incident, and by blessing no one was injured from the shrapnel. Before the Burma Army conducted the shelling, the village tract secretary [from Ad--- village] saw a drone and warned the villagers to stay on alert. After that, Naw C--- and her two children moved to another place, and the shell landed in

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<sup>6</sup> ‘Naw’ is a S’gaw Karen female honorific title used before a person’s name.

front of her house. If their [Naw C--- and Naw D---’s] families had not managed to move in time, they would have been injured. The villagers in Ad--- village were afraid and had to stay alert. On the day of the incident, the villagers were celebrating Christmas and holding a worship service, but they had to flee before the service ended. After the incident, some children and elderly people who were unable to walk [quickly] fled to another place.



These photos were taken in December 2025, in Ad--- village, Htee Wah Blaw village tract, T’Nay Hsah Township, Hpa-an District. On December 7th 2025, Burma Army soldiers, based at Thay Khah Law Taw hilltop operation base, fired one 81 mm shell, which landed in Ad--- village. These two photos show the roof of Naw C---’s house, which was damaged by the shrapnel from the explosion. [Photos: KHRG]

Further background reading on the situation of air strikes in Southeast Burma/Myanmar can be found in the following KHRG reports:

- [ကဘီယုယဲလံ Aircraft coming! : Impacts of air strikes on local communities and villagers’ protection strategies in Southeast Burma since the 2021 coup](#), November 2024.
- [“Kler Lwee Htoo District Incident Report: Burma Army air strike killed one villager, injured two villagers, and damaged villagers’ houses and a monastery in Moo Township \(January 2026\)”](#), March 2026.
- [“Mu Traw District Incident Report: Burma Army air strike and mortar shelling killed a villager, forcing other villagers to flee in Dwe Lo Township \(October 2025\)”](#), March 2026.
- [“Photo Set: Burma Army air strikes on local communities, resulting in casualties, destruction, and displacement \(January to December 2025\)”](#), March 2026.

### About KHRG

Founded in 1992, Karen Human Rights Group is an independent local organisation committed to improving the human rights situation in Southeast Burma. KHRG trains local people to document and gather evidence of human rights abuses, and publishes this information to project the voices, experiences and perspectives of local communities. More examples of our work can be seen online at [www.khrq.org](http://www.khrq.org).

