

Human Rights Department

Junta Gyrocopter Airstrike Targets Village School in Kani Township: 11 Killed, Including Children

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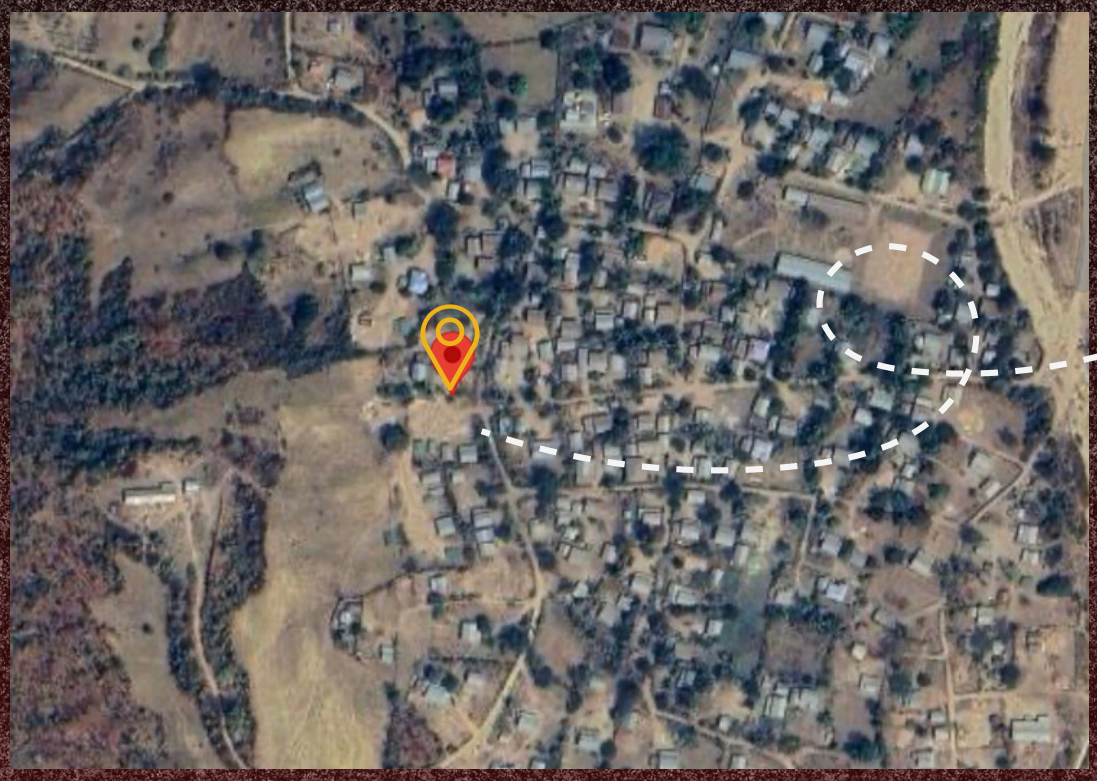
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Place of Incident

Nyaung Pin Lel Village, Kani Township,

Sagaing Region



Perpetrator

Three Gyrocopters from the Monywa Northwestern Regional Military Command

Brief of Incident

On November 7, 2026, at approximately 11:21 AM, military junta forces executed an unprovoked double airstrike using three gyrocopters deployed from the Monywa-based Northwestern Regional Military Command (Na Ma Kha). A total of three bombs were dropped directly onto a school building and nearby civilian residences in Nyaung Pin Lel Village, Kani Township, Yinmabin District, Sagaing Region despite there being no active armed clashes in the area.

The attack initially killed eight civilians on the spot. As of 12:00 PM on November 8, three severely injured children—a 2-year-old boy, and two girls aged 5 and 7 , succumbed to their blast injuries, bringing the total death toll to 11. The victims range from a 2-year-old toddler (the youngest victim) to a 65-year-old man (the oldest victim), alongside a 17-year-old girl and seven adults aged 25 to 50. The victims suffered horrific and fatal injuries, including severe head trauma and severed lower limbs.

Additionally, four remaining civilians continue to undergo treatment for severe shrapnel and blast injuries across their bodies, including two children aged 4 and 13, and two adults aged 49 and 52.

Due to this direct attack on Village School , the following fatalities and damages were documented









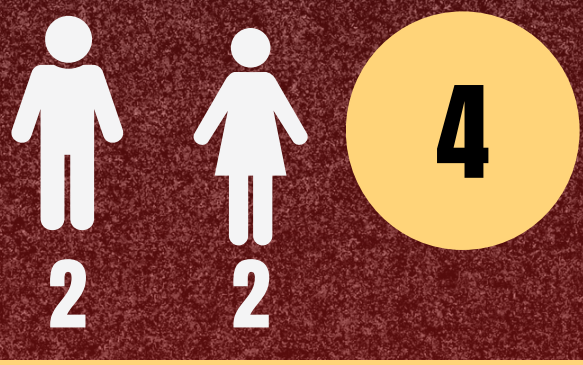




Total Number of Fatalities/Deaths



Total Number of Injuries



Victims Breakdown: Among the 15 casualties, 4 minors(2,5,7 & 17) and 7 adults (25–65) were killed, while 2 young children (aged 4 & 13) and 2 adults were severely injured.

Data current as of November 8, 2026 (12:00 PM).

Aftermatch & Consequences

- School Infrastructure: 1 newly built school hall heavily damaged.
- Civilian Property: 5 residential houses completely incinerated.
- Community Impact: Entire village population displaced due to unprovoked airstrikes.





The Ground Reality : Call to the International Community

This unprovoked airstrike on a school and civilian homes gravely violates International Humanitarian Law (IHL)—breaching the core principles of distinction, proportionality, and precaution, and amounting to war crimes under the Geneva Conventions.

We urgently call on the International Community to:

- Targeted Sanctions: Block aviation fuel, arms transfers, and military revenue streams.
- International Accountability: Support legal proceedings in the ICC, ICJ, and Universal Jurisdiction (UJ) courts.
- Direct Humanitarian Aid: Channel cross-border assistance directly through local CSOs and frontline networks.