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Criticism on Burmese Military Regime for occurred rape cases in Rakhaing State

On May 19 (of this year), Kyaw Myo Thike, policeman, raped a Rakhaing woman, 25th, in Sarpyin village of Taung Gout township, Rakhaing State, it was reported by Rakhaing Women Union (RWU) as the regional source said. Her parent informed that to the village headman, U Thein Tin, but in vain since the headman denied the case to bring a claim on him. The day after tomorrow they told her story at the police's station that a policeman raped her (last night or yesterday). The police's officer immediately called them, and married, and divorced after one hour. In this case, the officer intentionally committed to get a rid of her despite the fact that he certainly knew that was a rape case. RWU mention that it is mistreated, and abused the article 1325 of United Nations' decisions, CEDAW agreement as well.

Likewise, a young girl in Sittwe was raped and brutally killed in a house of where Daw Khin Than Nu, Burmese professor of Sittwe University, chairperson of Women Affair in Rakhaing State, was living. In such case, Daw Khin Than Nu was concerned trying to obliterate it, Daw Khin Khin Saw and Daw Nin Nin Khaing, two executives from Women Affair of Rakhaing State also involved. It was very distinguished in Rakhaing State such a big rape case. So that such women who were working for women committed like that, we were very terrified, and felt sad. That's why we strongly oppose against such inhumane events.

Unfortunately, it was used to occur in Rakhaing State as being unidentified, where military henchmen influenced, and they created unrest situation to scheme the women behind the lawsuits. As a matter of facts, it is fashioning the women to leave for neighboring countries we RWU makes that an impression. Thus, we would like to condemn the current military junta to halt the rape case and harassment in Rakhaing State, and demanding the followings on past events:

- * To charge all rapists according to law
- * To compensate the innocent victims who were raped and killed in accordance with the international norm
- *To provide the victims for more secure and life indemnity
- *And to exactly set down the retribution to the sinner even one is either raped or killed

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