

War Without End



In 1949 the Karen were the first ethnic group to go to war with the Burmese Army. Since then virtually every other ethnic group in Burma has rebelled against the Burmese military regime.

Ethnic minority villagers are the main victims of war. The Burmese Army uses torture, forced labour, landmines, ethnic cleansing and systematic rape in its war against the Karen and other ethnic groups.

There are now two Karen guerrilla armies fighting against the Burmese Army: the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA). While the DKBA had a ceasefire agreement with the Burmese Army until 2010, the two Karen armies have now united in fighting against the Burmese military regime.

Photo: KNLA and DKBA soldiers together.