

## **Destruction of villages**

The Burmese Army declares entire districts as “guerrilla zones”. Villagers are given a few days to move to Burmese Army camps where they are used as slave labour. Anyone remaining in the “guerrilla zones” is accused of being a guerrilla and shot on sight, and landmines are laid in villages and fields. Despite this many villagers chose to live in hiding in the jungle rather than become slave labour for the Burmese Army and militia.



A woman stands in front of her house, burned by Burmese Army soldiers.

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