

CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN 2025

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***The Enlistment of Women: Gendered Impacts of Forced
Conscription by the Military Junta***

23 April 2025

PART ONE

Some excerpts from this 22-page document:

Page 3: Many of the men and women who are stopped and interrogated [at military checkpoints] find themselves being forcibly [conscripted]

Page 4: Young people [have been conscripted] at schools and bus stations. Some have been removed from their homes.

Women forced to serve under the junta have begun training in Kyaikto township, Mawlamyine.

Page 8: In the place of men or women who are not home during the inspections by the junta, other members of the family, including the elderly, are forced to take their place and join the military.

- a 21-year-old woman from the Tanintharyi Region fled her village after receiving a military draft notice. She had been supporting her family by working as a teacher.

Page 10: In January 2025, children and pregnant women [were conscripted]

Militia groups are going door to door, threatening people.

In another case, on the night of December 28th, 2024, the military junta raided homes under the pretense of guest list inspections and arrested five young women in Thaton Township, Mon State. The women were then forcibly taken to a military training camp.

The women, aged 20 to 25, were taken into custody late at night. Residents claim that junta soldiers examined their phones, using any politically sensitive material they found as grounds for their arrest.

Page 12: There is overwhelming evidence which makes clear that women and girls are not safe in the presence of armed soldiers, and thus, being forced to enlist in the regime poses serious concerns over their safety.

-Women are facing high rates of sexual violence

Page 13: Women are being abducted from their homes, workplaces, and even while travelling. Several young women have been abducted directly from their homes, leaving families devastated and fearful.

Women who will be forcibly recruited will be exposed to rape, gang rape, sexual slavery and other brutal forms of sexual violence, as well as conflict-related sexual violence, that the military has long perpetrated.

Page 14: In Kawkareik, Karen State, at least five young women were forcibly taken from a university dormitory and sent to a military training site, where they were forced to cook and provide logistical support for the troops.

https://wp.progressivevoicemyanmar.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/FINAL_NBD_Women-Conscription.pdf

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Page 14: Women also face a lack of privacy in militarized conditions. During military training, sleeping and bathing areas must be separate for men and women. If these are combined, women will be objectified and forced to entertain the male combatants.

Page 15: The forced conscription puts them at additional risk of being exploited as sex workers, facing threats, being coerced without consent, and being used as prostitutes at any time.

Page 16: in one harrowing case, a 19-year-old Karen woman was forcibly conscripted while working in her family's fields. She was taken to a military camp [and was forced to be] a combatant.

Junta forces frequently arrested villagers while they were returning from their farms or travelling between villages. Initially detained as porters, women and girls were later forced to carry ammunition and weapons alongside men.

In Thaton, Mon State, two sisters, aged 19 and 22, were forcibly taken by junta forces at night. Their parents were given no information about their whereabouts. The family later learned they had been sent to a military training camp. Some young girls have gone missing without a trace. There have also been cases of young women being arrested by the military junta in shopping malls.

Page 17: To enforce conscription, the junta has formed local militia groups, forcing civilians—including young women—to work for them under threats of violence.

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Female military conscripts undergoing training in Yangon

August 15, 2025



Female Myanmar soldiers march in formation at Armed Forces Day on March 27, 2022. (Credit: Regime media)

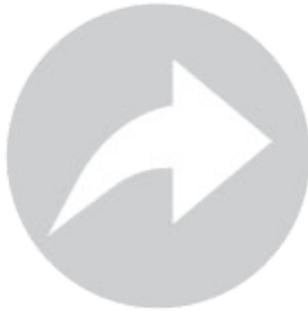
The Myanmar Defense & Security Institute (MDSI), a research organization founded by military defectors, announced that the regime is providing training to its first batch of female conscripts in Hmawbi Township, Yangon Region

[English.dvb.no/myanmar-defense-security-institute-reports-female-military-conscripts-are-receiving-training-in-yangon/](https://www.english.dvb.no/myanmar-defense-security-institute-reports-female-military-conscripts-are-receiving-training-in-yangon/)

Myanmar junta begins recruiting women for active military service

Women are also being forced to serve as soldiers in a pro-junta ethnic militia.

By RFA Burmese and Nang Hseng Phoo2025.01.28



Female members of the Myanmar's junta armed forces attend an Armed Forces Day ceremony in Naypyidaw, March 27, 2024. (AFP)

<https://www.rfa.org/english/myanmar/2025/01/28/myanmar-women-conscripted/>

YAKATHA TRAINING SCHOOL



It has been learned from military sources that the Military Commission is currently conducting a female military service training course at the No. (4) Tatmadaw (Army) Warrant Officer and Sergeant Training School (YaKaTha-4), based in Hmawbi Township.

YaKaTha-4 is known to be a training school that regularly conducts training courses for female sergeants/clerks and basic new female recruits.

<https://mdsi-myanmar.org/female-military-service-training-being-conducted/>

Families in Myanmar forced to pay ransoms to spare members from military service

Junta officials are also collecting money from villagers to support conscripts.

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<https://www.rfa.org/english/myanmar/2024/12/05/myanmar-conscription-shakedown-ploy/>