



# Karen Education and Culture Department

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### SSPC Drone Strike on Nawt Taet Khee Middle School

On 3 September 2025, at 9:50 a.m., SSPC forces launched a kamikaze drone strike on Nawt Taet Khee Middle School (School No. 7082, under KECD) in Ta Kreh Township, Hpa-an District. The attack occurred during school hours, deliberately targeting children and teachers inside.

The strike caused damage to the school office building and injured one female teacher, one male teacher, and one student. This incident highlights the increasing use of drone warfare against civilian educational institutions and deepens fears about the safety of learning spaces.

### SSPC Drone Attack Damages Primary School in Kaw T'Ree Township

On 26 September 2025, at around 12:00 p.m., the State Security and Peace Commission (SSPC), formerly known as SAC, carried out two kamikaze drone attacks on P'Loo Hpoh Village, Kaw T'Ree Township, Doo Pla Ya District. The strikes targeted P'Loo Hpoh Primary School (No. 6400), damaging the school building and its furniture. Fortunately, no casualties were reported as the school was empty at the time.

This assault follows an earlier SSPC kamikaze drone strike on 3 September 2025, which damaged Nawt Taet Khee Middle School in Ta Kreh Township, Hpa-an District. P'Loo Hpoh Primary School currently serves 47 students with three teachers, providing education from Grade 1 to Grade 6. Such repeated attacks have raised serious concerns among teachers, students, and parents, while creating severe obstacles to education in Kawthoolei.

KECD strongly condemns these attacks and calls on the international community to take urgent action to protect children's right to education.

### Subject Teacher Training Conducted Across Three Districts

Despite conflict and harsh weather conditions, KECD continues to prioritize the professional development of

teachers in Kawthoolei. During July and August 2025, KECD's Training Unit conducted Subject Teacher Training in Doo Tha Htu, Doo Pla Ya, and Hpa-an districts.

A total of 395 teachers (251 female and 144 male) from 126 schools participated. The training responded to requests from schools, focusing on subject areas most needed to improve classroom teaching. KECD's own curriculum, covering eight subjects and tailored for Kawthoolei schools, guided the training.

With 1,738 schools, 11,939 teachers, and 149,762 students enrolled in the 2025–2026 academic year, these efforts highlight the resilience of Kawthoolei's education system. Teachers remain the strength of our communities, and students represent the future of our nation.

### International Day to Protect Education from Attack

On 9 September 2025, KECD joined the international community in marking the International Day to Protect Education from Attack. This day serves as a reminder that every child has the right to learn freely, safely, and with dignity.

In Kawthoolei, however, SSPC forces continue to target schools with deliberate airstrikes and heavy weapons. Recent attacks on Nawt Taet Khee Middle School (3 September 2025) and U Moo Hta High School in Meh Proo Village Tract (19 August 2025) demonstrate a clear strategy of violence against education. These schools were not located near battlefields—yet they were struck while children were studying inside.

KECD stands firm in its mission to safeguard education despite these challenges. Communities are working tirelessly to keep schools open and ensure that children continue learning. We urge the international community to hold perpetrators accountable and to protect children from being made targets of war.