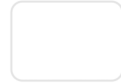


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Woman dies from beating in Myanmar's Sagaing region

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A woman died after being arrested, interrogated and beaten by junta troops in Sagaing region's Kale township, sources close to the family said on Thursday.

Do Deih Huai, 31, from Pyi Taw Thar village was picked up by troops as she traveled with a friend to Kale town on August 27.

Troops confiscated her motorcycle, phone and purse, and took her in for questioning.

After the woman was released she had various injuries, according to a source close to her family who wished to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals.

"After being beaten and returning to her home, with blood coming out from her ears and suffering from headaches, she said she was dizzy and fainted while she was having breakfast on August 28," the source said.

"She was sent to the hospital when she lost consciousness, but the doctor said she should get medical treatment in Mandalay. She was sent to Mandalay a week after she fell unconscious. She died on the way."

The woman's body was cremated in a Christian ceremony on Wednesday.

Residents of Kale township said troops often confiscate phones and driving licenses, as well as demanding money from pedestrians and people on motorcycles.

RFA's calls to the junta spokesperson for Sagaing region, Tin Than Win, seeking comment on the incident went unanswered.

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