Persecution of Buddhists

The Buddha taught non-violence, respect for human life, loving kindness, and morality. Buddhist monks who speak out against the violence and intimidation of the Burmese Army or who try to protect villagers face being tortured and jailed or killed. Buddhist nuns face the added danger of rape.

Hundreds of monks and nuns who joined the "Saffron Revolution" in 2007 were killed, tortured or jailed.



A Karen Buddhist monk injured after Burmese Army soldiers fired mortars at his monastery.

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