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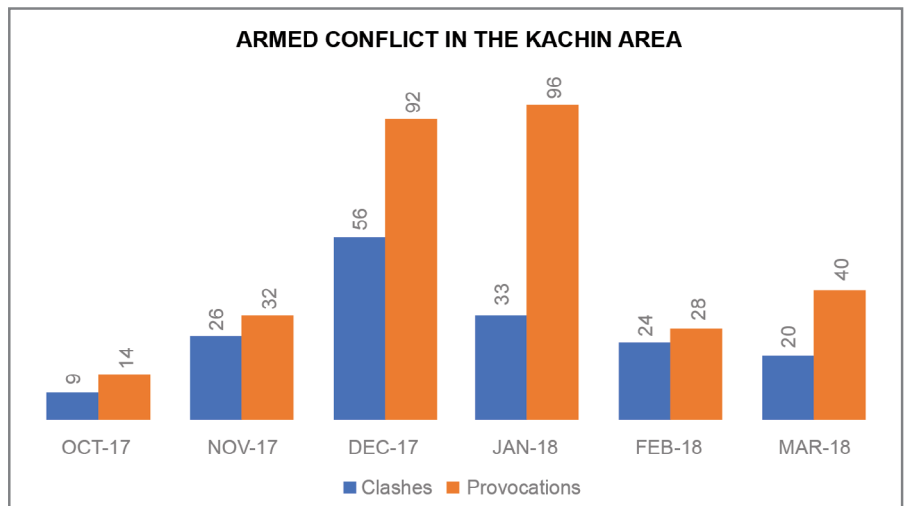
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CONFLICT UPDATES

■ According to an Irrawaddy article, [Tatmadaw offensive has forced the KIA to abandon its base in the Danai area](#) in March.

■ More Kachin civilians are increasingly targeted and arbitrarily arrested by Tatmadaw troops.

■ During the past three months, clashes between the KIA and the Tatmadaw troops most frequently occurred inside and near Mansi Township in the southern region of Kachin State and Danai Township where the amber mines are located.



Source: Conflict data compiled by Kachin Alliance*

* This data includes only the clashes and provocation between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Tatmadaw troops. Any incident of gun firing, bombing or ambush that did not escalate to a battle is considered to be a provocation. Accordingly, any provocation that escalated to a battle is counted as a clash and is excluded from the provocation tally. Additionally, clashes that paused and later resumed on that same day or the next day are counted only once, making these numbers relatively conservative figures.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

2018 JANUARY

- On January 2, Tangbau Yaw Htung of Ma U Pin village was [killed by an artillery shell](#) that fell at Nam Ya creekside near Nam Kai village in Hpakant Township.
- On January 8, five civilians were seriously [injured by landmine explosions](#) while collecting firewood in northern Shan State. According to the Irrawaddy, all five had been staying with relatives after their houses were destroyed during armed clashes in 2016.
- Multiple civilian homes in Nhtan Zup village, Sut Mai Yang village and Ndup Yang IDP Camp were [hit by mortar shells](#) during intense fightings between the KIA and the Tatmadaw, beginning on January 18. This has [caused 1000 IDPs to flee Ndup Yang Camp](#).

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- On January 20, two Mung Hkawm villagers and two Danai natives were [injured by a landmine explosion](#) while on their way to work. On that same day, a 25-year-old from Danai stepped on a landmine while walking by a pond.
- The fighting between the Tatmadaw and the KIA, which intensified in the last week of January, has [caused more than 750 people to flee into the jungle](#) in Sumprabum Township. Furthermore, during that same week, [more than 2,000 civilians were also trapped in the battle zone](#) near Danai Township amid cold winter weather. By January 29, it was reported that [about 3000 civilians were trapped](#). During fighting, the Tatmadaw soldiers reportedly used civilians as human shields to protect against landmines and gun fires.
- In the early afternoon of January 26 Tatmadaw conducted airstrikes using three fighter jets in the Danai area. These airstrikes killed a civilian, U Tun Tun Naing (40), and injured 5 others. Ting Ze of Shadau village (17) sustained an injury in her left arm, U Min Hein Tun of Namti (28) suffered a head injury, Ting Nam (50) sustained an injury her back, Hpakawn Ja Nu Awng (2) sustained an injury in her head and left hand, and Kyaw Aung (28) was deafened.
- On January 27, Ms. Maran Seng Ra (29), a small shop owner of Wara Zup village, [was killed by Tatmadaw's airstrikes](#). The Tatmadaw jets reportedly flew to Wara Zup in Hpakant Township after dropping bombs in Danai Township earlier on the same day.
- On January 28, the Tatmadaw personnel reportedly set fire to a civilian house, a shop, a butcher house, and a trader's house and a place used for launching boats in Nam Gawn Zup in Danai Township. The next day on January 29, the Tatmadaw personnel reportedly [killed 10 civilians](#) from Awng Ja Village and took two women as hostages.
- On January 29 in Sumprabum Township, Tatmadaw troops [fired several mortar rounds on civilians' gold mining area](#). After local villagers and gold miners fled the area, the Tatmadaw troops reportedly set fire on gold mining equipments and backhoes.
- According to a statement released by the Kachin Baptist Convention on January 30, 754 people from [131 households have fled their homes](#) in Lawt Mai Yang, Nhtan Zup, Sama Bum, and Zupra Yang amid shelling and gunfire in Sumprabum Township.
- On January 31, two male Kachin IDPs, Mr. Nhkum Naw and Hpunggan Yaw of Mung Hkawng IDP Camp in Mansi township, were [taken into custody by a Tatmadaw troop while farming](#). On February 4, their families filed missing persons reports at the Mansi Township police station. Their [bodies were found](#) on March 8 near the farm they went missing. [Bullet wounds](#) were found on their heads.

2018 **FEBRUARY**

- In retaliation to bomb attacks carried out by the KIA troops in Muse Township in northern Shan State on February 1, [Tatmadaw troops recklessly fired at civilians](#), Mr. Mangshang La Ting and Mr. Nhkum Zau Hpan, who were working on a farm. Mr. Mangshang La Ting managed to escape while sustaining a wound below his neck. Mr. Nhkum Zau Hpan was reportedly seized and beaten.
- On February 1, Tatmadaw troops reportedly [arrested a civilian](#), Nhkum Zau Hkum of Nam Chyam village, in Kutkai Township in northern Shan State, without an apparent reason. He has not yet been released as of February 12.
- On February 3, Labya Tu Ja (age 11) and Labya Gun Mai (age 9) of Mung Hkawng IDP Camp were [abducted by Tatmadaw soldiers while shooting birds](#). They were starved for an entire day and the soldiers interrogated them to name who among the IDPs were members of the KIA. Both boys were released the next day on February 4 around 4 am. Similarly, on February 3, Dau Gyung (age 52), an IDP from Zup Awng IDP camp, was [arrested by Tatmadaw troops](#) near Ga Leng village in Kutkai Township. He was released on February 11 after Zup Awng IDP camp officials paid 3 lakhs of kyats to Tatmadaw.
- On February 4, after a remote bomb was detonated near Gawk Ngu Yang village in Mansi Township, the Tatmadaw troops based in that area [arrested 11 civilians, who were working on a sugarcane plantation](#). The civilians were beaten brutally, sustaining serious injuries.
- On February 9 in Muse Township in Shan State, a wife of Kachin civilian force (MHH) soldier, was reportedly [arrested by Tatmadaw troops](#) in Mung Baw village. Similarly, two civilians, Maung Sam and Labang La of Bum Chyang village, were arrested by Tatmadaw troops in Mansi Township, Kachin State; they were reportedly released the next day after interrogation.
- On February 11, [Tatmadaw troops reportedly burned down a civilian's house](#) in Pung Ling Dingsa village in Mansi Township at around 4 pm. On that same day, Tatmadaw soldiers forced about 40 villagers from Je Sawng and Mung Lu villages to move to Mung Hkawng IDP camp.
- On February 12 around 11:20 am in Kachin State, three Dum Bang villagers, who were cutting wood to build a house, [were arrested and detained by Tatmadaw soldiers](#). They were questioned on whereabouts of the KIA troops for about 3 hours and were released.
- On February 13, 3 civilians, Nding Seng Naw of Kawng Ja village, Nhkum Gam and Maran Din La of Mung Hkawng village, were [arrested and detained overnight](#) at a Tatmadaw base in Mansi Township until Peace-talk Creation Group members requested for their release. On that same day, 2 other civilians, Marip Naw Awng and Labya Naw Lai of Dum Bang village, were [arrested by a Tatmadaw troop](#) at the confluence of Hka Ma Hka and Jum Hka Shi while they were preparing for fish traps.
- On February 14, a civilian, Mr. Dingsa Tang of Awng Lawt village, was [arrested by Tatmadaw soldiers](#) near Danai Hka and Pang Shi Hka confluence. He was released on February 19 after 5 days of detainment.

- On February 15, a Catholic pastor, Mr. Nhkai La of Awng Lawt village, and his entourage travelling in a motor boat were [forcibly stopped by Tatmadaw soldiers](#) along Pang Shi Hka in Danai township. The soldiers allegedly took 200,000 kyats before letting the civilians go.
- On February 16 in Putao region, a group of 19 volunteers including Kachin Baptist pastors, who were en route to attending the opening ceremony of a new school, were reportedly forced to turn back because a [Tatmadaw troop and local militia troops allegedly fired several shots at the volunteers](#) as they approached Machyang Baw. The Tatmadaw soldiers then reportedly interrogated the travelling civilians, detaining three youth volunteers. The detainees were released later that day.
- On February 17, a 35-year-old civilian, Mr. Ah Di of Seng Hpra village, was [seized by the Gat Noi-based Tatmadaw troop](#); at the time, Mr. Ah Di was on a fishing trip at Nam Ya creek at the foot of Woi Bum in Hpakant Township. He was reportedly accused of being a KIA member and was tortured. He was later released with serious injuries from the ruthless beatings.
- Similarly on February 19, Tatmadaw troops [arrested a civilian](#), Mr. Sumlut Tu of Nam Jang village, accusing him of being a KIA informant.
- On February 20, Mr. Nhkum Gam of Dum Bang village, was [detained by a Tatmadaw troop](#) for a short period; he was cutting some bamboo poles in a nearby forest at the time. On that same day, Mr. Wa Hpai Seng Hkum of Dum Bang village was [arrested by the Tatmadaw soldiers while searching for firewood](#) in the forest. The victim was blindfolded, interrogated and was kicked twice; he was released two days later.
- On February 21 at around 6:45 a.m., a Tatmadaw unit reportedly [stopped and extorted money from a civilian](#) (100,000 kyats), Mr. Zaw Win of Awng Lawt village, who was travelling in a boat along Seng Tawng rivulet. Then along Dabyi Hka rivulet, he was stopped again by local militia troops and was extorted another 200,000 kyats.
- On February 22 in Putao Township, Burmese army troops allegedly carried out house searches in Nam Hkam village and [abducted six village elders](#).
- On February 26, Hkan Zau Awng (20) was [killed from a bomb explosion](#) in Hu Gawng quarter.
- On February 28, Dingring Seng Mai (24) [stepped on a landmine and lost her left leg](#).

2018 **MARCH**

- On March 6, Nye Sak (21 years) was [killed by a landmine](#) at Man Kawng village; at the time he was on his way home from working on a sugar cane plantation.
- On March 8, Tatmadaw soldiers stationed at Ngwe Kaba Kyaw Company fired toward Man Jap village, injuring two civilians, Mr. Tar Ku Lwi (60) and Mrs. Ya Mar Lwi (55).
- On March 9, the remains of Mr. Hkanda Tu Hkawng of Man Wing RC IDP camp was buried by his family. He reportedly returned to his village on December 14, 2017 to check on his cows, but was [captured and killed by Tatmadaw soldiers](#).

- On March 14, five civilians, Nga Mai, Nhtak Tu Ja, Nhtak Naw Ja, Hta Pa Yaw and Hkinjawng Brang Mai, who were travelling from Putao to Sumpyi Yang were [detained by Tatmadaw soldiers](#) near Lung Sha Yang village
- On March 23, two villagers, Sham Bawk Naw and Shaw La Mun, were [arrested by Tatmadaw soldiers](#) while they were working to shore up paddy field water channels on their farm.
- On March 25, Aye Han (32), a mother of two from Daw Hpye village in Manton Township, was [killed by a landmine](#). She failed to return home after picking tea leaves at a nearby tea plantation near the village. Her children and village elders went out to look for her on March 27 and found her body was found near the tea plantation.
- On March 28, Kyaw Kyaw of Htang Shan village in Man Dung Township was [injured by a landmine](#) while cycling to the Hsi Paw IDP camp to see his family.
- On March 30, Mr. Lahpai Zau Mai and Mr. Hpu Shin were arrested by Tatmadaw soldiers along with their tree cutting tools. They were reported asked to give the soldiers 1,000,000 kyats per person and were taken because they were unable to pay such an enormous amount.
- On March 31, Lahpye Gam Seng of Ja Chyai Quarter of Lambraw Yang village, was arrested by Tatmadaw soldiers near Dum Bung village. He was reportedly [knifed in the chest, poked with syringe needles, and beaten](#) before being released.
- On March 31, the Tatmadaw troops stationed at Lung Ja Bum fired into the surrounding areas, injuring several civilians; Mrs. Lawang Hkawn Bu (47) of Madang Yang and Mr. Zingtung La (43) were injured in their arms while Mrs. Mahkaw Hkawn Lum (48) of Mai Hkawng Village was hit in her face.

Other Updates

- January 19 marks [three years since the brutal rape and murder](#) of two Kachin teachers, Maran Lu Ra and Tangbau Hkawn Nan Tsin. Although it has been three years since the brutal rape and murder, the investigation has not made progress and justice is yet to be served.
- On January 19, military court in Mansi Township, Kachin State sentenced six Tatmadaw soldiers to [10 years imprisonment for the killing of 3 Kachin IDPs](#), Nhkum Gam Awng (31), Maran Brang Seng (22) and Labya Naw Hkum (27), in May 2017. These civilians were arrested by a Tatmadaw battalion on May 25, 2017 and their bodies were found on May 28.

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