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CONFLICT AND PEACE PROCESS UPDATES:

The Burmese military announces [a unilateral four-month ceasefire](#) suspending military operations in Kachin and Shan States. The ceasefire period will be from Dec 21, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

■ January 2: [Skirmishes between TNLA and RCSS/SSA](#) have been reported in Namtu township.

■ January 11: Special Envoy for Asian Affairs under the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sun Guoxiang, paid a visit to KIO administrative headquarters at Laiza. Mr. Sun Guoxiang met with KIO leaders as well as leaders of the Northern Alliance.

■ January 21: KIO Vice Chairman Maj. Gen. Sumlut Gun Maw met with members of the Myanmar government's Peace Commission in Kunming, China.

■ January 31: [Special Envoy for Asian Affairs under the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sun Guoxiang met representatives](#) from AA, TNLA and MNDAA.



Chipwi IDPs asked Burmese authorities to defuse and clear shells and shrapnel from bombs that fell on their camp

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations:

■ January 3: A significant increase in crime rate has been reported in Myitkyina township. The crimes include [multiple cases of robbery, home invasion, and theft](#).

■ January 3: [Over 400 villagers fled their homes](#) in Namtu township in northern Shan State, due to ongoing conflict between TNLA and RCSS/SSA.

■ January 7: [Two IDPs from Danai Roman Catholic IDP Camp were injured](#) by a landmine explosion while on a fishing trip to a nearby stream.

■ January 19: [A new IDP camp was set up](#) at the Jaw Masat Baptist Church in Maw Tawng village for over 600 IDPs who had fled from Awng Lawt village. The IDPs at the new camp site are in dire need of food and basic necessities.

■ January 29: [A severe shortage of food and basic necessities](#) has been reported at Kan La and Pangmati IDP camps. Camp leaders said no supplies have been received since December 2018.

■ January 30: [Severe cold weather and snow at Border Post No. \(6\) Dabu Bum Camp](#), is causing cold-related illness and injuries among IDPs.

■ January 30: The [Burma Army's 58th LIB troops transported 17 IDP households](#) to Nam San Yang village. A leader from the Maina IDP camp said that only 3 of the households are from the camp, who although registered at the camp, did not actually live there. He further added that the majority of those at the camp were afraid to return to Nam San Yang, as the area is still not secure, and they no longer have homes to go back to.

Other Updates:

■ January 4: [Kachin Youth Organize Social Media Campaign](#) Kachin youth organized a social media campaign calling for justice and the release of 3 Kachin activists unjustly sentenced to six-month prison terms. Stickers were distributed and t-shirts with photos of the activists sold to aid IDPs and the families of the 3 activists.



Severe cold weather at Dabu Bum



Pat Jasan anti-drug campaigners destroying opium fields

- January 5: [Pat Jasan members destroyed 11 acres of opium fields](#) in Hkindu Yang village, Nsai Yang village and Hpung Chyan village in Putao township, from January 3 to 5.
- January 12: The Chinese Embassy in Myanmar [released a statement](#) regarding the visit of Ambassador Hong Liang to Kachin state. The statement said the ambassador had asked Kachin leaders to support the “the Belt and Road” initiative and the Myitsone confluence dam project.
- January 13: [Severe shortage of food and basic necessities](#) has been reported for over 100 people at Pangmati IDP Camp.
- January 14: The Kachin National Organization, an exile Kachin political organization, announced it will pursue the goal of total independence from the Union of Burma.
- January 18: [IDPs from the Chipwi Loavo Kachin Baptist Church](#) asked authorities to defuse and clear shells and shrapnel from bombs that fell on their camp last November.
- January 19: Leaders of the Kachin Baptist Convention and [local Baptist leaders led a prayer service](#) to mark the fourth anniversary of the rape and murder of two volunteer teachers, Maran Lu Ra and Tangbau Hkawn Nan Tsin, at Kawng Hka Kachin Baptist Church.
- January 19: [Four \(3\) Mile villagers who were clearing their land were arrested](#) by Bhamo police. (3) Mile villagers said their land had been forcibly occupied by the Burma Army’s No. (5) Communication Battalion.
- January 25: [Pat Jasan members detained drug traders and users](#) in Ake village and handed them over to Myitkyina police.
- January 26: [Pat Jasan members destroyed 9 acres of opium fields](#) in Nawng Lung Kawng village.

RECAP is a monthly newsletter that aims to inform policymakers and relevant advocacy organizations of Kachins’ struggles and humanitarian crisis in the Kachin region. It is based on a wide-ranging news outlets and trustworthy local sources. It is in no way comprehensive.



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