



RECAP

QUARTERLY UPDATE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

FALL 2019

CONFLICT UPDATES

■ Between the Burma Army and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), there were 3 clashes in October, 7 in November and 4 in December of 2019. During these three months, there were 5 provocations as well. This is twice the number of clashes that occurred in the previous three months (7 clashes between July and September).¹

■ According to the [Free Burma Rangers'](#) estimates, there were a total of 15 battles in October and 18 battles in November of 2019 in Kachin and northern Shan States. This figure includes battles involving the KIA and various other armed groups operating in northern Shan State.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS & HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

OCTOBER

- On October 12, Burma army troops based in Kutkai blasted motor shells in the direction of Man Awng village. Three Man Awng villagers, Aye Moe (23), Aye Am (20), and Kyaw Oo (2) were injured in the incident.
- On October 26, Hpauyam La Ring of Muse, who was working at the Hpiladepi Church, was injured by a landmine blast near Nam Sam Yang village.

NOVEMBER

- On November 14, a teacher and a driver from Elyaza private school were injured in the head and neck respectively when they were on the way to pick up the students. [A soldier shot the car windshield](#) and they were injured by the glass pieces.
- On November 29, Mr. Saw Htun from Ja Maw was arrested by the Burma Army and put in Lung Tawng police station for no apparent reason.

DECEMBER

- On December 5, Mr. Kareng Zai Li (56) of Jinghpaw Kawng, Sinbo was killed by a landmine blast while searching for vegetables.
- Mungmyit Sinli IDP camps are in dire need of help for food and humanitarian aid. Save the Children has stopped supporting the IDP and the WFP also [planned to cut its support](#) at the end of 2019.

¹ Any incident of gun firing, bombing, artillery/mortar shelling or ambush that did not escalate to a battle is considered to be a provocation. Also note that accounts included in RECAP cover only the reported incidence and thus, are in no way comprehensive.



Zau Seng, a Kachin cameraman and medic. Photo - Free Burma Rangers

OTHER UPDATES

■ It was reported on October 3 that Burma's Ministry of Defense has begun [investigating the murder of Nang Htang, a Kachin IDP woman](#). She was killed on the night of July 4, 2019 in her own home in Kutkai Township. According to her sister-in-law, Tatmadaw soldiers came by Nang Htang's house the night of her murder.

■ On November 2, Zau Seng, a Kachin cameraman and medic who was working with the Free Burma Rangers in Syria, was [killed by a Free Syrian Army/Turkish Army mortar strike](#).

■ On December 10, Burma's legal team including [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presented oral arguments in response to the genocide lawsuit](#) filed against the country by The Gambia at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague.

■ On December 14, [members of the Northern Alliance met with Burma government representatives in Kunming](#) in order to end the deadlock peace negotiations. However, the meeting failed to reach an agreement.

■ On December 16, Pawlu, a Kachin activist who was jailed for giving broken scales to a judge in Myitkyina Township Court, was [released from the Myitkyina Prison](#). He was sentenced to three and a half months in prison for organizing a street performance in June to mark the eighth anniversary of the renewal of armed conflict in Kachin State.



Pawlu, a Kachin activist who was jailed for giving broken scales to a judge in Myitkyina Township Court, was released from the Myitkyina Prison. Photo - Kachin Youth Movement

RECAP is a quarterly 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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