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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

APRIL 10-16, 2021

On the eleventh week since the coup, [the death toll rose to 730](#). On Tuesday, Thingyan water festival which ushers in the Buddhist New Year began. Instead of carrying out the usual festivities, the Burmese people persisted in their resistance against the junta. This week, the military regime [arrested about three dozen people](#), including a prominent protest leader from Monywa, protesters, celebrities, activists and ordinary citizens across 4 states and regions in a single day. They raided homes and villages in at least 2 regions.

In the Kachin State, conflict between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA) intensified near Alaw Bum, Momauk Township. Between April 10 and April 16, there were at least 19 armed clashes between the KIA and Burma Army, 12 bomb attacks, at least 16 instances of artillery shelling (each with several rounds), and 21 airstrikes in the Kachin area.

April 10 - 16

19 armed clashes
between KIA and Burma Army

16 artillery shellings
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in the Kachin area

February 1 - April 16

730 killed
by Burma security forces

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Between April 11 and 12, in Momauk Township, Kachin State, [4 civilians were killed and 2 injured](#) due to on-going armed clashes between the KIA and the BA. It was reported that artillery shells fired by the BA fell into several villages and killed the villagers and [destroyed houses](#).
- On April 12, in Taungdwingyi, Magwe Region, the security forces conducted raids in three villages causing more than [3,000 residents to flee their homes](#). The armed forces entered the villages and opened fire to intimidate locals. Around 1,300 homes in the three villages were raided.
- On April 13, after an encounter with the KIA troops near Hpakant, Kachin State, the BA troops randomly fired in residential areas and [injured at least 5 Hpakant residents](#).

Violence in Tamu

- On April 12, in Tamu, Sagaing Region, [security forces shot a 7 year old girl](#) during a raid that started before dawn and lasted for at least six hours. During the raid, the security forces destroyed large roadblocks set up by anti-regime protesters and equipment at the town's hospital, Grace Hospital. Security forces [badly beat up two members of the hospital security staff and threatened nurses and doctors at gunpoint](#) to hand over their phones.
- On April 13, in Tamu, Sagaing Region, [security forces shot and killed a husband and wife](#). They were on their motorbike on their way back from collecting milk.

- On April 13, in Bhamo, Kachin State, the [security forces arbitrarily arrested Aung Pyat Sone](#), a medical doctor.
- On April 13, the security forces entered the town of Myitnge, Mandalay Region with the intent to detain a civil servant who joined the Civil Disobedience Movement, but [shot two civilians, injured 6 others](#) and destroyed a donation box at the local mosque and took money inside.
- On April 14, Ma Myo Myat Myat, [a journalist who used to work for Myitkyina Journal, was arrested](#) by the military in a raid. It is reported that a day earlier journalist Ah Je and Christopher, [2 of her former colleagues, were also arrested](#).
- On April 14, Myohaung and Myothit villagers in Konglaw village-tract, Momauk Township had to [take cover in bomb shelters](#). A local villager reported that the BA attacked with planes four times, dropping 12 bombs.
- On April 15, [junta forces beat and dragged away a prominent anti-regime protest leader](#) in Monywa, Sagaing Region. Ko Wai Moe Naing was detained after regime forces drove a large vehicle head-on into a group of motor scooters carrying him and other anti-regime protesters.
- On April 16, nearly [300 people from Myothit, Konglaw and Num Laung villages in Momauk Township fled](#) their homes due to airstrikes launched by the BA and artillery attacks near their villages.
- This week, residents from Putao, Kachin State reported that the BA has been [forcing civilians to be human shields](#) for its troops.

Other updates:

- On April 12, [Myanmar Junta filed a new charge against](#) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. She now faces a total of six charges and a prison sentence of up to 26 years.
- On April 13, seven people who were accused of killing a woman in Hlaing Tharyar on March 15 were [given death sentences by a military tribunal](#). Legal experts see this as an attempt to instill fear in the country's population.
- On April 14, the ASEAN chair Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei agreed to invite all the ASEAN leaders for [a face-to-face meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia to discuss the situation in Myanmar](#). The meeting will take place on April 24. The Coup regime leader Min Aung Hlaing is expected to attend the meeting.
- On April 16, The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) announced the [formation of a National Unity Government \(NUG\)](#). The new government is a coalition of democratic forces in Myanmar, including stakeholders from the country's ethnic groups. The Kachin Alliance announced its support of the NUG on April 17.



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