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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

APRIL 3-9, 2021

On the tenth week since the coup, the total death toll rose to 701. Between April 3 to 9, at least 151 people were killed across Myanmar. Of them, over 80 were killed on a single day (April 9) in a single city (Bago). This week the coup regime launched a campaign to take [legal action against anyone who voices opposition to the junta online](#). So far, they have targeted activists, celebrities, journalists and social influencers. Even as violence against civilians continues, there were protests against the coup regime in all the major towns in the country, including in Kachin State, every day of this week. Armed conflict between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army continues to intensify in the Kachin area. Between April 3 and April 9, there were at least 15 armed clashes between the KIA and Burma Army, and at least 8 instances of artillery shelling (each with several rounds) in the Kachin area.

April 3-9

15 armed clashes
between KIA and Burma Army

8 artillery shellings
in the Kachin area

February 1 - April 9

701 killed
by Burma security forces

As of April 7

5532 in CDM
in Kachin State

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On April 1, a Daru Hka villager, Kayun Du Roi, was [injured by mortar shrapnels](#) fired by the Burma Army.
- On April 4, two Bang Hka villagers were reportedly [taken by Burma Army troops](#) after they battled KIA troops in Mung Yaw town. Whereabouts of the villagers is still unknown.
- On April 6, [security forces raided churches](#) in Mohnyin township. They were reported to be after anti-regime protesters. On that same day, in Hpakant township, [artillery shelling fell on Warazup village](#) four times which frightened the villagers.

The Massacre in Bago

- In the early hours of April 9, more than 250 security forces launched attacks on four residential areas of Bago using automatic weapons and heavy explosives.
- [More than 80 civilians were killed.](#)
- The security forces took the victims' bodies. Local residents reported that when the victims' families attempted to retrieve their loved ones, [the security forces asked for 120,000 kyat for each body.](#)

- On April 7, a dentist from Putao, Dr. Hein Thiha Zaw, was [arrested and charged with section 505-A](#) of the penal code because he posted a sign, in front of his clinic, in support of the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM).
- On April 9, [security forces arrested at least two young](#) people who were protesting in Myitkyina.
- On April 9, security forces [arrested a freelance journalist](#), Naung Yoe, who reported for Kachin News Group and Kachin Wave, while covering a protest in Hpakant.

Other updates:

- On April 4, Daw Mya Mya Win, a [75-year old chairwoman of an NLD branch](#) in Yangon was abducted by the security forces.
- As of April 4, at least nine civilians in Yangon who spoke to the CNN reporters [remained in custody](#).
- On April 9, in Myitkyina, [protesters burned Chinese flags](#) to express anti-China sentiments.
- This week [“take if in need, donate if you can”](#) initiatives began appearing all over Kachin State.



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