



RECAP



WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

JUNE 5 - 11, 2021

In the nineteenth week since the coup, the death toll rose to [861](#).¹ Between June 5 to June 11, there were 10 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 5 bomb attacks, and 13 instances of artillery shelling in the Kachin area. Fighting between BA and KIA continued in [Shwegu](#), [Daw Hpum Yang](#), and at the [Sadung-Chipwi junction](#), Kachin State. There were at least two instances of BA's ships firing shots and artillery at civilians and villages along the river in [Katha](#) and [Shwegu](#). There was at least one instance of bombing at a school and two instances of schools being set on fire. In other parts of the country, fighting continued between the BA troops and civilian resistance fighters in [Mindat, Chin State](#). A spokesperson for the Mindat Defense Force said the BA troops used chemical weapons in their recent clashes with the civilian resistance fighters. Fighting between BA troops and the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force continued near [Demoso](#) and [Moebye](#), destroying churches and houses in the Karenni area.

June 5 - 11

10 armed clashes
between KIA and Burma Army

5 artillery shellings
13 bomb attacks
0 airstrikes
in the Kachin area

February 1 - June 11

861 killed
by Burma security forces

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On June 5, in Man Ywet Village, Kachin State, security forces in plain clothes [arrested U Kyaw Ohn \(age 68\), an National League for Democracy \(NLD\) chairman](#). His family members expressed concerns about his health as he has pre-existing conditions.
- On June 5, in Kyonpyaw Township, Ayeyarwady Region, [the security forces shot and killed four villagers](#). One of the victims was accused of transporting weapons. Two were killed during a confrontation between the BA troops and villagers. The fourth victim was killed for refusing to stop his motorbike.
- On June 5, in southern Shan State, [security forces reportedly arrested several civilians at a catholic church](#) while they waited for service to begin.
- It was reported that on June 5, in Mindat, Chin State, [3 Chinland Defense Force \(CDF\) members and 3 civilians lost their lives](#) in the recent clashes with the coup regime's troops. Additionally, 5 CDF members and several civilians were injured.

Dire Situation in Karenni State

- According to the UN Myanmar, nearly [100,000 people have been displaced](#) in the Karenni area due to indiscriminate attacks by the BA in civilian areas.
- On June 6, in Demoso, [shelling fired by the BA troops completely destroyed a catholic church and several houses](#) in the area.
- On June 10, in Loikaw, shelling from the BA [instantly killed an 18 year old boy and injured his older brother](#). Several houses in the area were also destroyed.
- On June 11, in Demoso, [shelling by the BA troops destroyed houses](#) in the area.

¹ This figure does not include the ethnic armed organizations' soldiers killed in action or civilian casualty of the armed conflict between the BA and the various ethnic armed organizations.

- On June 5, in Putao, Kachin State, [a military vehicle hit a man](#) and broke his leg. A villager reported that the junta troops did not acknowledge hitting the man and had not taken responsibility for his injury.
- On June 5, in Bhamo, Kachin State, after failing to arrest a man, the [security forces arrested his brother instead](#).
- On June 7, in Magwe Region, Myanmar [junta jailed a disabled student](#) and denied him medical treatment after the military hospital stated that he needs special treatment for his injured eye.
- On June 7, in Moebye, Shan State, the [BA troops burned civilian houses](#) after looting and destroying unwanted items.
- On June 8, in Pekon, southern Shan State, Myanmar [BA troops destroyed supplies of rice and medicine](#) intended for over 3,000 internally displaced people (IDP's). The locals also reported that donated food supplies were being held up at military checkpoints.
- On June 8, in Mansi, Kachin State, [an artillery launched by the BA troops hit a civilian \(age 25\)](#) as she was taking her niece to school.
- On June 8, in Katha, Sagaing Region, a junta ship coming from Bhamo [fired shots at locals who were showering along the river](#).
- On June 8, in Shwegu, Kachin State, [a junta ship fired artillery at villages](#) along the Irrawaddy river and injured a civilian.
- On June 9, in Mogoke, Shan State, the security forces [violently disrupted a village meeting](#). They shot a 50 year old man and arrested the victim along with about 20 other villagers at the meeting.
- On June 9, in Shwegu, Kachin State, [several houses were destroyed](#) due to fighting in the area.
- On June 11, in Moe Sit village, Kachin State, the security forces [entered every house checking for household registration](#). They have reportedly closed all routes out of the village.

Back to School Violence

- On June 7, in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, [a bomb went off at a Basic Education High School](#).
- On June 8, in Hopin, Kachin State, [a school was set on fire](#). Two buildings were destroyed during the fire.
- On June 8, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, the security forces [arrested U Than Oo, the headmaster of a Basic Education High School](#).
- On June 9, in Indawgyi, Kachin State, a school was set on fire.
- On June 11, in Momauk, Kachin State, [the BA troops confiscated chairs from a local school](#) and took them back to their base.

Other updates:

- On June 5, it is reported that [more than half of Chin State has been locked down](#) after the military regime imposed stay-at-home orders for four more townships in the state due to the COVID-19 spike.
- On June 8, in Hpakant, Kachin State, a journalist, who was arrested on May 25, was [charged under two counts](#), under section 505 (a) of the penal code and section 8 of the Export and Import law.
- On the night of June 8, Mi Wai Thi Phyto, a candidate of the 2020 Election from the Mon Unity Party, was [assassinated while she was driving her car](#).
- On June 8, the *Doctors Without Border* in Dawei [received a letter from the regional authorities asking them to suspend all activities](#) in the Tanintharyi region.
- It was reported on June 10 that 8 members of a charity group and their driver, who were arrested on their way back from helping internally displaced persons in Bhamo on May 30, were being [detained at a military prison](#). The BA troops are reportedly looking to arrest other members of the volunteer group.



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