In the sixteenth week since the coup, the death toll rose to 812.\(^1\) Between May 15 to 21, there were 10 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 5 bomb/mine attacks, 41 instances of artillery shelling, and 4 air strikes in the Kachin area. Fighting between the KIA and BA continues in Kachin State and Shan State. The BA’s fighter jet bombed KIA’s positions in Mansi and Bhamo townships, Kachin State on May 16 and May 18, respectively. Between May 16-18, clashes between the KIA and BA intensified in Kutkai Township, Shan State, as the KIA attacked six of BA’s boxer trucks carrying oil through Kutkai. Clashes between the security forces and civilian resistance fighters continued in Falam, Mindat and Hakha Townships, Chin State, and began in Demoso Township, Kayah State this week. Myanmar’s educators continue to resist pressure from the coup regime to reopen universities and schools despite the risk of arrests, warrants, and suspensions from jobs.

### Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On May 15, in Danai Township, Kachin State, the security forces arrested and detained 27 youths from Nawng Mi village and 2 youths from Wa Ra Zup village.
- On May 15, the security forces arrested Dr. Tin Min Htut, a lawmaker who was elected in November to Pantanaw Township, Ayeyarwaddy Region.
- On May 16, in Tangyan Township, Shan State, Sai Kan Nyunt, an NLD candidate who contested in the 2020 general election for the Hsipaw constituency, was hacked to death in Kho Yaung village. The attackers have not been identified.
- On May 17, in Shwezet quarter, Myitkyina, Kachin State, the coup regime’s undercover agents arrested and detained 4 youths, including a 17-year-old, who were preparing for a street protest against the regime.

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\(^1\) 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 May 17, a civilian (28 year old) died in custody after the regime’s forces arrested him during a raid at a restaurant in Bago.

On May 17, in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, the BA soldiers forced civilian travelers to kneel down and raise their hands while they searched their cell phones for anti-coup activities.

On May 19, in Yangon, Thein Win, a 42-year old volunteer night guard arrested on March 6, passed away in Insein Prison due to medical negligence for his diabetes complications.

On May 19, in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, Khin Maung Kyi, a 47-year old local official of the Union Election Commission (UEC), was tortured to death by the security forces.

On May 20, in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, a man was violently hit and arrested by a group of armed security forces in civilian clothing.

On May 20, in Hpakan Township, Kachin State, a bomb exploded at an elementary school.

On May 20, in Momauk Township, Kachin State, two locals, a 37-year old woman and a 56-year old man, were injured during a shootout between the KIA and BA.

On May 20, in Danai Township, Kachin State, MP Lin Lin Oo was arrested at his home by the coup regime.

On May 20, in Demoso Township, Kayah State, security forces arrested four civilians and four CDM government employees at a funeral. Members of civilian resistance forces reportedly tried to hold a talk with the junta’s forces, but the latter opened fire on the civilian fighters.

On May 21, in Hpakan Township, Kachin State, a bomb exploded at a school in Lonekhin village.

On May 21, in Momauk Township, Kachin State, the random shots fired from the BA caused a fire that burned down multiple homes in Myothit village.

On May 21, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, two Kachin activists, Seng Nu Pan and Lum Zawng, were arrested at gunpoint while they were attending Pan’s grandfather’s funeral service.

Residents in Talokmyo Village, Myingyan Township, Mandalay have been fleeing to distant villages as the security forces continue harassing and looting from locals since the raid on May 11.

Dire Situation in Chin State

On May 16, in Tedim Township, Chin State, security forces opened fire, killing two civilians and injuring another.

On May 17, in Mindat Township, Chin State, a 10-year-old girl was seriously injured after being shot in the neck while she was hiding in her house as security forces fired randomly.

On May 19, in Tedim Township, Chin State, a nine-year-old child died and a six-year-old was injured in one of the frequent explosions in the area.

Due to the shootouts in Mindat this week, around 5,000 residents had to flee their homes and thousands have been trapped in town. The coup regime also cut off water and food supplies in Mindat.

Other updates:

On May 17, the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) released a final comprehensive report saying “results of the 2020 general elections were, by and large, representative of the will of the people of Myanmar.”

On May 17, the US announced more sanctions against the Myanmar military targeting the coup regime’s governing body and key figures of the administration.

This week there were at least two reports of local administrators getting killed by unknown assailants.