



RECAP



WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

MAY 15-21, 2021

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.

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February 1 - May 21
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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 Young 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.

Dire Situation in Chin State

- On May 15, in Mindat Township, Chin State, the security forces used artillery and helicopters raided the town. [At least three civilians were injured](#) and some houses and religious buildings were damaged as the security forces fired about 20 artillery rounds. The security forces also [arrested at least 18 people](#) and used them as shields during the shootouts with the civilian resistance fighters. ➔ Pg. 2

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 Hpakant 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 Hpakant 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.](#)



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