



RECAP



WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

MAY 22-28, 2021

In the seventeenth week since the coup, the death toll rose to [837](#).¹ Between May 22 to 28, there were 10 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 15 bomb/mine attacks, 44 instances of artillery shelling, and 3 air strikes in the Kachin area. Fighting between KIA and BA continued in Kachin State and Northern Shan State. There were fighting in Momauk and Putao Townships in Kachin State and Kutkai in Shan State. There were several reports of BA launching artillery shelling into civilian residences late at night in Hpakant and [Hopin](#), Kachin state. Shootouts between junta troops and the civilian People Defense Force (PDF) fighters continued in [Kani](#), [Sagaing Region](#). There were also increasing numbers of explosions and attacks targeting junta forces and their informants. In several townships across the country, ward administration offices and schools were also attacked with bombs or set on fire by unknown assailants. There were at least 3 such instances in Myitkyina and 1 in [Shwegeu](#), Kachin State.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On May 21, in Mindat, Chin State, fighting resumed between the Chinland Defense Force (CDF) and the BA. The BA soldiers reportedly disguised themselves as civilians fleeing homes and pretended to surrender to the CDF while another BA troop ambushed the CDF. More villagers were displaced as a result of the fighting. Among the displaced was [a 6-day old baby who died](#) Saturday morning.
- On May 22, on Lido Road, Kachin State, the BA reportedly arrested 60 villagers who were collecting metal scrapes from a destroyed building on Yuzana company's property.
- On May 22, in Mogaung Township Kachin State, the [security forces arrested a mother when they failed to locate her son](#), who was wanted for participating in a protest.
- On May 22, in Putao Township, Kachin State, [a car carrying 3 BA soldiers hit](#) a civilian. The victim was initially taken to a military hospital, but later died while being transferred to the Myitkyina General Hospital.
- On May 24, in Momauk Township, Kachin State, [a fourteen year old boy died from an artillery shelling](#) launched by the BA. He was feeding chickens when he was fatally injured.

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.

May 22 - 28

10 armed clashes
between KIA and Burma Army
44 artillery shellings
15 bomb attacks
3 airstrikes
in the Kachin area

February 1 - May 28

837 killed
by Burma security forces

Back to School Boycott

- This week, enrollment began in basic education schools, ahead of the annual back-to-school on June 1. Many parents, students and teachers are choosing to not return to school to demonstrate that they do not want to educate or be educated under the coup regime.
- At a school in [Hpakant](#), Kachin State, no student came to enroll for school. Some schools in the area did not open because all the teachers and staff joined the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) or were suspended from their positions.

- On May 24, in Hpakant, Kachin State, the [security forces arrested 7 village watchmen](#) while they were on duty. They are charged with section 505 (a) of the penal code.
- On May 24, in Hopin, Kachin State, [two men died](#) at the site of a bridge that was bombed. One victim's body shattered so badly that he could not be identified.
- On May 24, in Loikaw, Kayah State, an artillery launched by the BA hit [a catholic church and killed 4 people](#).
- On May 24, in Kalay Myo, Sagaing Region, a motorcycle mechanic [died less than 24 hours after his arrest](#) by the security forces. He was arrested on the suspicion of being connected to the bomb explosion at the school earlier in month. His relatives and friends believed that he was framed by an informant who lives next to his motorbike workshop.
- On May 25, in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, the [security forces arrested a member of the National League for Democracy \(NLD\)](#) during a night protest.
- On May 25, in Danai Township, Kachin State, the [security forces arrested a man](#) because they allegedly wanted to question him about an NLD member who was arrested earlier in the month. The man told the security forces that he did not know the arrested NLD member or had any interaction or business with him; they arrested him anyway .
- On May 25, in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, Ko Nay Min Tun, a 25 year old civilian was [shot dead with 3 bullets](#); the shooter has not been identified.
- On May 26, in Jahtu Zup, unidentified assailants targeted a pro-coup regime local militia leader's house. The incident ended with [four people getting shot and killed](#). It is unknown whether the victims were civilians or were a part of the militia.
- On May 26, in Ye Phyu Township, the [security forces arrested 4 people at a tea shop without a probable cause](#). It was later reported that the four people served as security guards at a local precinct during the November 8, 2020 election.
- On May 27, in Sagaing Region, junta's soldiers [raided and scoured houses of Chaung Zing village](#). Approximately 20,000 residents of the region have been displaced.
- On May 28, in Hopin, Kachin State, the [BA launched at least 10 artillery shells towards civilian residence](#). Though it was unclear what the intended targets were, they fell on homes and livestocks in the area.
- On May 28, in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, [a member of the Union Solidarity Development Party \(USDP\) was shot dead](#) in Ai Gyi Pauk village.
- On May 28, in Muse Township, Shan State, [a bomb explosion](#) near a pharmacy on the Union Highway killed a 15-year old and injured two other people.
- On May 28, in Myaing Township, Magwe Region, a number of [school buildings burned down](#) as five bombs exploded simultaneously at a Basic Education High School.
- On May 28, in Gangaw, Magwe Region, the security forces [shot and killed three people](#) and set fire to multiple houses.

Back to School Boycott

- On May 26, in Bhamo Township, Kachin State, [253 teachers and administrative staff were suspended](#) from their positions.
- On May 28, in Hpakant, Kachin state, [961 education staff were suspended](#) from their position.

Other updates:

- On May 22, in Kanpetlet Township, Chin State, [twelve police officers reportedly defected](#) to join the struggle against the coup regime. The CDF stated that it would take care of the officers' security and urged others to defect.
- On May 24, State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint and the Naypyitaw Council chairman Dr. Myo Aung [appeared in court for the first time](#) since their arrest.
- On May 27, in Chipwi Township, Kachin State, a [pro-coup regime local militia collected a copy of household registration documents from every family](#) residing at an internally displaced camp. According to the locals, the pro-coup regime militia was forcing one person from every family to enlist in the militia.



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