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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 2021

In the eighteenth week since the coup, the death toll rose to [845](#).¹ Between May 29 to June 4, there were 15 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 3 bomb attacks, 39 instances of artillery shelling, and 9 air strikes in the Kachin area. In Kachin State, fighting between the BA and KIA continued in [Putao](#), Hopin, Mohnyin, and Hpakant. In Shwegu and [Danai](#), Kachin State and [Katha](#), Sagaing Region, [the BA dropped bombs](#) from military jets. Additionally, in Shwegu, [the BA randomly shot several bullets and caused explosions](#) into Moesit Village. In Demoso, Pekon and Loikaw, Karenni State and Moby, southern Shan State, fighting between the BA and civilian resistance forces continued, displacing more people. There were also several reports of ward administrators being murdered by unidentified attackers. [The anti-coup movement has turned to the use of guerrilla tactics to resist the coup regime.](#)

May 29 - June 4

15 armed clashes
between KIA and Burma Army

39 artillery shellings
3 bomb attacks
9 airstrikes
in the Kachin area

February 1 - June 4

845 killed
by Burma security forces

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On May 29, in Mandalay, [a bomb explosion at a wedding](#) injured the groom.
- On May 29, in Myingyan Township, Mandalay, [the village administrator of Thabyay Thar Village was shot dead](#) by unknown attackers at his home.
- On May 29, in Sagaing, [the security forces arrested four people](#) including one who suffered a stroke.
- On May 30, in Bagan Myothit, Mandalay Region, the security forces killed [Ko Moe Myint Aung \(age 26\)](#) in a midnight raid. They also arrested his three brothers, one of whom was a 17-year old.
- On May 30, in Nyaungdon, Ayeyarwady Region, two bombs exploded and [injured a woman](#).
- On May 30, in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, an unidentified shooter killed a [former village administrator and his wife](#) at their store in Hokat Village. A customer who was at the store also got injured.
- On May 31, in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Region, [a young man died of blood loss](#) after being shot in the knee by security forces.
- On May 31, in Mindat, Chin State, [the security forces fired artillery at IDP camps marked with white flags](#), displacing the already displaced individuals.

Dire Situation in Karenni State

- On May 29, in Loikaw, security forces trespassed into St. Peter's Seminary and shot and killed [Paye Yel \(age 50\), an internally-displaced person who was taking refuge at the seminary](#). They also looted IDPs' possessions.
- On May 31, [security forces shot and killed a civilian](#) Wai Lin Aung (age 29) in Lawpita village as the victim was on his way home on a motorbike.
- On June 3, in Demoso Township, the [BA troops stationed in a catholic church compound](#) in Sanpya 6-Mile village. From the church compound, they fired

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 31, in Hpakant, Kachin State, unidentified assailants shot and killed [Tin Soe, a former village administrator](#).
- On June 1, in Hpakant, Kachin State, [a man was injured by gunshots](#) from the security forces. On that same day in Hpakant, unidentified attackers stabbed [a former ward leader, Yar Za, to death](#).
- On June 1, in Mandalay, [security forces shot at Buddhist monks](#) from Ma Soe Yein Monastery who were protesting by reciting religious verses outside the monastery.
- On June 1, in Chipwi, Kachin State, the security forces arrested [a 40-year old preschool teacher, Labau Hkawn Nyoj, and her three-year old son](#), for alleged communications with the KIA.
- On June 2, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, security forces arrested [Thet Htun Oo, a lawyer who has been representing arrested youths](#).
- On June 2, in Monyin Township, Kachin State, [Aye Min \(age 49\) died from gunshot wounds](#) caused by the security forces in Nanmar.
- On June 2, in Moebye Township, Shan State, [random shooting by security forces injured two civilians](#).
- On June 3, in Bhamo, Kachin State, security forces arrested a civilian [Lwin Ko Chit who was a charity organizer. He was in hiding at the time.](#)
- On June 3, in Yangon, [the coup regime forces shot four youths during a raid](#) in a residential area in South Okkalapa Township. Two escaped and two were arrested.
- On June 3, in Danai Township, Kachin State, the BA [airstrikes hit a house](#) in Daru Village and killed a 43-year-old housewife. A gold shop was also hit and damaged.
- On June 4, in Putao Township, Kachin State, the BA troops detained 17 villagers and reportedly [used them as porters to prevent the KIA from attacking](#).
- Several NLD members were arrested: [Daw Khin Hmwe Lwin](#) in Shwe Taung Oo, Sagaing on May 31, [Hein Win Lat](#) also on May 31 in Bhamo, Kachin State, and [Mya Thein](#) on June 2 in Sagaing.

Dire Situation in Karenni State

- gunshots and shelled artillery at civilian resistance forces.
- On June 4, in Loikaw and Demoso, Kayah State, stray bullets [shot by security forces killed two civilians](#).
 - [Indiscriminate shelling and aerial attacks](#) in Demoso and Mobyetownships destroyed several civilian homes. Displaced people in Demoso have been suffering from diarrhea and other sanitation related diseases due to [unclean drinking water and contaminated water sources](#).

Other updates:

- On June 3, [the National Unity Government \(NUG\) released a statement recognizing Rohingya's right to citizenship](#).
- On June 2, in Myeik, Tanintharyi Region, [Ko Aung Kyaw of DVB and Ko Zaw Zaw, a Mizzima News freelancer, were sentenced to two years in prison](#) for incitement under Article 505(a) of the Penal Code after being arrested in March and April, respectively.

Back to School Violence

- There have been at least [54 attacks on schools and school personnels](#) between Feb 1 and May 31 with 39 of them occurring in May. [UNICEF has spoken out about the violent attacks on schools](#), calling on all parties to keep education facilities safe.
- On May 29, in Bago Region, [a bomb explosion occurred](#) near a public school in No. 1 ward in Kanyutkwin.
- On May 30, in Bago Region, [an explosion occurred](#) outside No. 1 Basic Education High School in Okpho Township.
- On June 2, in Mohnyin, Kachin State, [a bomb exploded at No.2 Basic Education High School](#) and in Taungdwingyi, Magwe Region, bombs exploded [at three schools](#).
- In Kachin State, [over 200 students attended the Hopin high school](#), which usually had about 2,000 students enrolled annually. [In Nanmar, over 220 students attended schools](#); there were usually about 3,000 students in Nanmar annually.
- In Rakhine State, [almost 100 percent of the student population returned to school](#).