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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

JULY 3-9, 2021

In the twenty-third week since the coup, the death toll rose to [899](#).¹ Between July 3 to July 9, there were 10 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 2 bomb attacks, 35 instances of artillery shelling, and 6 airstrikes in the Kachin area. Fighting between the BA and KIA occurred in [Waimaw](#) and [Shwegu](#), Kachin State. The [military reportedly beefed up security at highway checkpoints](#) in Waingmaw town, on the Myitkyina – Bhamo road and on the Myitkyina – Putao road following the KIA attack of their forces on these routes. Locals reported hearing gunshots in the residential areas of several townships in Kachin State, including [Myitkyina](#) and [Hpakant](#). There were also clashes between the BA and [the Karenni Army](#). Clashes between the BA and PDF were reported in [Dawei](#) Township, [Mandalay](#), and [Kawlin](#) township. Additionally, violence against regime informants and collaborators were reported in several townships including in [Paungde](#) and [Mawlamyine Kyun](#) as well as in [Yangon](#). In the meantime, the Covid-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. On July 5, [KIA closed all border towns](#) to minimize the spread of the disease. Myanmar reported 64 Covid-19 fatalities—the highest death toll since the military coup in February—and [4,320 new Covid-19 cases](#), on July 9.

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February 1 - July 9

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Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On July 2, in Sagaing Region, the BA troops killed around [41 civilians, including several children](#) during a raid on villages in Tabayin Township. Around 6,000 people from more than 10 villages have fled their homes since the raid.
- On July 4 near Hopin, Kachin State, the [security forces forcefully entered and searched a Buddhist monastery](#) for allegedly spreading false news on social media. They tied the monks' hands with ropes and threatened them as they performed their search. A local reported that the security forces slapped the head monk's face after observing the monk's red face.
- On July 5 in Putao, Kachin State, the security forces entered Lung Sha Yang village and thoroughly searched each house and [took weapons and money as they pleased](#). They reportedly confiscated

OTHER UPDATES

- The junta reportedly [did not release any Kachin political prisoners or journalists detained since the coup](#) when freeing 2,296 prisoners across the country last week. In Kachin state, only prisoners charged with drug offences or other crimes were released.
- The junta soldiers and police are reportedly [extorting money from the families of people detained](#) on suspicion of being involved in anti-coup activities. Such cases of extortion have been

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.

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fifty thousand kyats (approximately US\$ 30) from one shop. This is not the first time this has occurred in this village.

- On July 6 in Hopin, Kachin State, [a shop specialized in baby items was set on fire](#). The perpetrator has not been identified.
- On July 6 in Mandalay, [junta soldiers detained a 12-year-old boy](#) along with six others, including his family members, after resistance fighters clashed with the military near Mandalay International Airport.
- On July 6 in Hlegu Township, Yangon, [junta's forces detained at least 10 people](#) after three people accused of being military informants were shot and injured in the preceding days. Among those detained were the father of a student union member, a monk, and an NLD patron.
- On July 7 in Hopin, Kachin State, the [security forces shot \(4 times\) and killed a man \(age 30\) who was on a cow carriage](#) on his way back from a farm. At the time, the security forces were arresting another man accused of making homemade weapons. They told the 3 men on the carriage to stop. Two men jumped off and stopped, but the third man stayed on as the carriage kept moving.
- On July 7 in Myitkyina, Kachin State, [a stray bullet killed a woman who was selling fruits](#) on the street at the Irrawaddy Bridge (Bala Min Htin). Locals reported that the bullet was intended for a car that failed to stop at a checkpoint.
- On July 8, it was reported that the military increased security at a highway checkpoint in Waingmaw, following a series of (KIA) attacks on the BA in Kachin State and Sagaing Region. At the Shwe Nyaung Pin military checkpoint on the Myitkyina – Bhamo road, soldiers reportedly set up [a Wi-Fi hotspot to check travelers' phones](#). If a photo or logo related to KIA or its political arm, Kachin Independence Organisation (KIO), is found in their possession or on their vehicle, the soldiers beat up the passengers.
- On July 8 in northern Shan state, the fighting in the area caused [300 people to flee to the Chinese border](#). As the displaced persons were not permitted to cross the border into China, they set up plastic tents at the border.



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- reported in Naypyitaw, Yangon and Mandalay, with the price being demanded ranging from 500,000 kyats to three million kyats [US\$ 304 - 1,829].
- On July 6 in Nanmati, Kachin State, [at least 10 members of the BA fully equipped with weapons reportedly took refuge at a local high school](#). They took over 3 different locations in the school compound and placed sandbags bags in front of their station for further protection.
- On July 7, the [military regime suspended trials inside the Insein Prison](#) in Yangon due to rising COVID-19 infections in the commercial capital. There are around 13,000 people being detained in Insein Prison.
- On July 8, regime-controlled television announced that [all schools, including private and monastic schools, will be closed](#) until July 23.
- On July 9, in Mingaladon, Lanmadaw and Sanchaung townships, Yangon, [explosions went off at electricity offices](#). No casualties are reported at all locations. The perpetrator has not been identified but it is suspected that these bombs are a response to the military council authorities forcing residents to pay their electricity bills and cutting their power off if they did not.