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n the twenty-eighth week since the coup, the Covid-19 virus and natural disaster continues to pose serious challenges for the people of Burma. During this week, fighting between the BA and KIA occurred in Shwegu and Hpa-kant, Kachin State and in Pansai, Shan State. In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with the Karenni Army (KA), the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force (KNDF), and the MNDAA (Kokang). Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in Yinmarbin and Kale in Sagaing Region. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators were reported in Yangon, Sagaing, Monywa, and Mandalay Anti-SAC protests were reported in Hpa-kant, Monyin, Nangmar, Moe-kaung, Myitkyina, and Bhamaw in Kachin State.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On August 8 in Mandalay, Dr. Maung Maung Nyein Tun, a surgical lecturer in the Mandalay University of Medicine, <u>died in a local hospital after contracting COVID-19 in prison</u>. The security forces arrested him and his wife in June for striking against the coup regime.
- On August 8 in Obo Prison, Mandalay, <u>over 30 political prisoners were interrogated for chanting slogans in protest</u> against the coup regime.
- On August 8 in Tabayin Township, Sagaing Region, the coup regime's security forces <u>raided at least 10</u> <u>villages forcing residents to flee for safety</u>. The regime's forces ransacked houses, shops, and set fire to over 20 motorbikes.
- On August 8 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, the BA fired artillery shells and bullets on at least four villages.
- On August 9 in Myaing Township, Magway Region, a group of armed men interrogated villagers at a checkpointing Paik Thin village and <u>shot and killed one of the detained villagers</u>.
- On August 10 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, the security forces <u>raided the town's electricity</u> <u>distribution office</u> around midnight and arrested six workers.
- On August 10 in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, <u>five civilians jumped from a four-story building to avoid being arrested by the security forces</u>. Two of five died in the incident.
- On August 11 in Monyin, Kachin State, <u>random gunshots from the BA injured two women and two children</u> who were inside their own homes. <u>A 75-year old man died of a heart attack</u> due to the gunshot sounds.
- On August 12 in Majayang, Kachin State, thousands of IDPs were in need of clean water, food, and shelter due to landslides and flooding in the region. At least one civilian died due to the disaster.
- On August 12 in Myingyan, Mandalay Region, a gunshot fired from the security forces killed a one-year old child and injured her father.
- On August 13 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, a gunshot from the <u>BA killed a resident of Wudan</u> Village (age 33).
- On August 14 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, several villagers from Mading village <u>relocated to the</u> <u>nearby town for refuge</u> because they feared getting injured by the bombing and shootings from the BA troops.

Other Updates

- plotting to kill or injure Burma's UN ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun, who publicly opposed the coup regime.
- Heavy rain in Mogok, the ruby-mining town, resulted in <u>flooding and landslides</u>; at least four people in the area have died due to the natural disaster.