WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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n the thirty-first week since the coup, fighting between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA) occurred in <u>Putao</u>, Waingmaw, <u>Shwegu</u>, and Moemauk, Kachin State and in <u>Muse</u>, <u>northern Shan</u> <u>State</u>. In other parts of the country, the BA also clashed with Kokang's Myanmar National Democratic Army (MNDAA), the <u>Karen National Liberation Army</u>, and the <u>Karenni Army</u>. Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in <u>Dawei</u>, Kalay Myo, <u>Myothit</u>, <u>Naypidaw</u>, <u>Pale</u>, and <u>Ye</u>. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators were reported in <u>Dawei</u>, <u>Hlaing</u>, <u>Hlaingtaryar</u>, <u>Hpakant</u>, <u>Madayar</u>, <u>Mandalay</u>, <u>Myawaddy</u>, <u>Myaung</u>, <u>Pauk</u>, <u>Sintku</u>, <u>Taungtar</u>, and <u>Yangon</u>.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On August 27 in Waingmaw, Kachin State, locals reported <u>hearing</u> <u>continuous shooting</u> from the Burma Army. Several <u>houses were</u> <u>destroyed</u> in Tangbau, Mading, and Hkakun villages. A resident of <u>Mading village</u> was <u>fatally injured</u> by the shooting.
- On August 28 in Waingmaw, Kachin State, the BA <u>arrested 3 men</u> as they were running errands around town. It was later reported on September 1 that the men were <u>sent to the Northern Command</u> <u>Military base</u>.
- On August 28 in Kalay Myo Township, Sagaing Region, the BA troops torched Tintar village after they clashed with the local PDF.
- On August 28 in Mandalay, the security forces <u>shot and injured a</u> <u>civilian and arrested another civilian</u> while they were protesting.
- On August 29 in Muse District, Shan State, a weapon launched by the BA landed on a house. It destroyed the house and <u>killed an</u> <u>entire family of 4</u>.
- On August 29 in Muse District, Shan State, as fighting resumed and intensified between the BA and the MNDAA, <u>over 600 villagers fled</u> to Monkoe for refuge. These civilians were reported to be <u>struggling</u> <u>for food</u>. The junta has prevented any aid from reaching them.
- On August 29 in Tantsi Township, Sagaing Region, <u>the locals found</u> <u>7 more bodies</u> in Karpaung Kya village which was raided by the BA troops on August 26.
- On August 30 in Ingapu Township, Ayeyarwady Region, the BA troops <u>abducted a 17-year old, 13-year old, and 11-year old</u> when they could not locate their father.
- On August 31 in Myitkyina, Kachin State, the security forces <u>shot</u> and <u>killed a civilian</u> who was on his way to retrieve a fish net that was cast earlier in the morning.

Other Updates

- On August 30 in northern Shan State, in a village that has been deserted by villagers fleeing the fighting in the area, it is reported that the <u>BA dumped 17 of their</u> <u>fallen soldier's bodies</u> at an intersection in the village. Near that site, the bodies of a mother and son who were shot dead from a car were also found.
- On August 31 in Muse, Shan State, <u>over 200 migrant workers</u> <u>returned home</u> from China. Since July 26, over 8277 migrant workers have returned home.
- The prices of basic goods were reported to have skyrocketed due to concerns of shortage.
- According to a <u>UNHCR</u> <u>Myanmar Emergency Update</u> published this week, since February 1, 2021, an estimate of 176,000 people have been displaced within Myanmar and an estimate of 22,000 people have entered the neighboring countries to seek refuge.

- On August 31 in Magwe Region, the BA soldiers used <u>artillery and raided Kin Ma village</u>, causing more than 2,000 villagers to flee. The soldiers burned 34 bags of rice, other food and tarpaulins which were stored at the village monastery. The soldiers reportedly laid landmines in the area as well.
- On September 1 in Paung Township, Mon State, <u>the BA soldiers shot and killed a 27-year old pregnant</u> woman, <u>Ma Ei Thwe Moe</u>. In the same incident, her husband Ko Min Nay Lwin was also shot and was severely injured.
- On September 1 in Hlaingtaryar Township, Yangon Region, the security forces <u>shot at four civilians</u> who were passing by on a motorbike. One of four victims died of a gunshot.
- On September 1 in Pale Township in Sagaing Region, the BA troops arrived in Khintar village after clashing with the PDF nearby. The troops <u>arbitrarily killed two villagers</u>, a man and a woman. The locals suspected that the woman was raped and killed.
- On September 2 in Pauk Township, Magwe Region, the BA troops <u>torched and looted several houses</u> in Wunchung village.
- On September 2 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, BA troops stationed in Dawhpum Yang shelled civilian homes. <u>One woman was injured and two homes were destroyed</u>. Additionally, four buffalos were killed and three other buffalos were injured. A similar incident in Dawhpum Yang had previously injured a civilian and killed buffalos.
- On September 3 in Momauk, Kachin State, weapons launched by the BA exploded in a farm, <u>killing 7</u> <u>buffalos</u>.
- On September 3 in Mansi, Kachin State, BA troops based at Kawng Hkang <u>fired mortars into the Man</u> <u>Mawn village</u>. According to local sources, one mortar shell fell in a field and did not explode, causing more fear among local residents.



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