During the thirty-seventh week since the coup, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Shwegu, Momauk, and Hpakant, Kachin State. In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with Karenni G.Z, MNDAA, TPC, Yaw Defense Force (YDF), KNU, and KNDF. Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People’s Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in Magwe, Sagaing, Mandalay, and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Kayah State. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and regime-related offices and assets was reported in Pauk, Chaungzon, Hpakant, Watlat, Yangon, Maubin, Sintkai, Nathin, Salin, Mawlamyaing Kyun, Mawlamyaing, Hlaing, Tachileik, Monywa, Chanmya-tharzi, Myaing, Yaye, Malaining, Danuphyu, Pakhokku, Pale, Zeekone, Oatdwin, Taungtar, and Launglone. In the meantime, the COVID-19 virus and natural disaster continues to pose serious challenges for the people of Burma. Heavy rain caused flooding in Mayhla refugee camp, which is located along the Thai-Burma border.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- A youth who was abducted by the BA reported that the BA troops used him as a human shield.
- In Shwekyin Township, Bago Region, the BA has been forcing villagers to join the army.
- On October 9 in Hpaan Township, Karen State, four women who were hiding in an underground bomb shelter passed away due to oxygen deficiency.
- On October 9 in Monyin, Kachin State, the BA dropped bombs around the Inndawgyi area assuming the KIA bases were located there.
- In Kanpauk Village, Yay Phyew Township, Thanintharyi Region, security forces forcefully abolished the local water distribution organization and took the funds worth 170,000,000 kyats (approx. US $ 111,000).
- On October 9 in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, the body of Ko Thein Zaw, a private tutor, was discarded near Lamai Village. He was arrested by security forces three days ago.
- On October 9 in Demoso Township, Karenni State, BA soldiers shot two civilians who came back to their village to get food. The shooting killed one and injured the other.
- On October 9 in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, security forces raided a monastery school and arrested a monk and two students.
- On October 11 in Mandalay, security forces violently disrupted a peaceful protest and arrested two women.

Violence in Magwe and Sagaing Regions

- On October 9 in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region, Ko Thein Zaw, an anti-coup protest leader, was shot and killed by BA soldiers.
- On October 9 in Thantsel Township, Sagaing Region, security forces raided Dauntgyi village, destroyed five houses, and arrested 7 young villagers.
- On October 9 in Taungdwingyi Township, Magwe Region, a rice mill owner Aye Ko was arrested by security forces. Reasons for his arrest and his current whereabouts are unknown.
- On October 9 in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, security forces arrested multiple young people and shot those who were trying to escape, killing one on the spot and injuring four.
● On October 10 in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, Ma Khin Nyein Lwin, a college student who was active in community charity works, was arrested by security forces.

● On October 11 in Htigyaing Township, Sagaing Region, the BA raided Laythar village and killed four PDF members.

● On October 12 in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, BA forces arrested two brothers who were working in their peanut fields.

● On October 15 in Sagaing Region, BA soldiers arrested 17 civilians who were supporters of the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) after their column suffered heavy casualties during landmine attacks by resistance fighters.

● On October 15 in Myaing Township, Magwe Region, BA soldiers arrested two villagers and destroyed multiple residential homes in Kannat Village.

● On October 11 in Moguk Township, Mandalay Region, security forces stopped four young men on two motorbikes and brutally beat them.

● On October 11 in Nankham Township, Shan State, three children who were collecting firewood in the forest were hit by artillery shells. A 12-year old girl was killed and the other two were injured.

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● On October 12 in Monkoe Township, Shan State, fighting between the BA and MNDAA injured two young children and six civilians. Additionally, over 400 locals in the area had to flee their homes due to fighting.

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● On October 13 in Chin State, BA soldiers torched several houses and two churches along the Falam-Hakha route. The incident forced hundreds of civilians to flee their homes.

● On October 13 in Loikaw, Karen State, a bomb thought to be left over from last week’s fighting in the area unexpectedly exploded and injured three civilians.

● On October 14 in Mawlamyaing Township, Mon State, security forces arrested a charity team leader, Ko Thura Kyaw.

● On October 14 in Hlaingtharyar Township, Yangon Region, security forces went around civilians’ homes with guns to collect electricity bill fees.

● Sean Turnell, an Australian national who was an economic advisor to Aung San Suu Kyi, is still unable to meet privately with his lawyer after more than eight months in the regime’s detention.

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