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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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During the thirty-fourth week since the coup, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Hpakant](#), and [Mogaung](#), Kachin State. In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with [the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force \(KNDF\)](#), [Karen National Union](#), and [Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army \(MNDAA\)](#). Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in [Chin State](#), [Kayah State](#), and [Sagaing Region](#). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators was reported in [several townships](#) including [Ayadaw](#), [Kawlin](#), [Khin-U](#), [Nyaung-U](#), [Taze](#), [Taikgyi](#), [Myitkyina](#), [Hakha](#), [Pathein](#), [Mandalay](#), [Yegyo](#), and [Ye](#). Since [the National Unity Government \(NUG\) declared war on the coup regime](#) three weeks ago, civilian defense against the coup regime, its assets, and personnels continued to increase. This week, bombings of the military-owned Mytel telecommunication towers were reported in [Kalay Wa](#), [Mandalay](#), [Mindon](#), [Moegoke](#), [Myitkyina](#), [Sintku](#), [Tabeik Gyin](#), [Tida-U](#), and [Ye](#). There are concerning reports that the BA troops are starting to lay [landmines around the Mytel telecom towers](#). In the meantime, the Covid-19 virus and [natural disaster](#) continues to pose serious challenges for the people of Burma.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- This week in Putao Township, Kachin State, [the BA troops abducted more than 10 seniors](#), some above the age of 70, for military training.
- On September 18, in Thantlang Township, Chin State, [a Chin Christian pastor, Cung Biak Hum, was shot dead by the BA soldiers](#). The soldiers also cut off his ring finger and stole his wedding ring. The pastor was shot while trying to put out the fire started by the BA's artillery strikes. [At least 11 houses were burned down in the fire](#).
- On September 19 in Pang Sai, northern Shan State, [BA troops looted a village](#) while the villagers were displaced from their homes, taking refuge elsewhere due to fighting.
- On September 20 in Dawei, Tanintharyi Region, [Ma Soe Mie Mie Kyaw was detained by the security forces](#). She was later hospitalized after being beaten during interrogation.
- On September 20 in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region, U Bo Khin, Daw Than, their son U Maung Tun, and daughter-in-law Daw Maw Htay [died after drunken security forces opened fire randomly](#). Two other relatives including [a two-year-old child were seriously injured](#) in the same incident.
- On September 20, in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, [a bomb exploded near the Myanmar Economic Bank and injured two civilian women](#).
- On September 21 in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, [landmine explosions](#) injured a civilian between Saung Naing Village and Meyone Gyi Village and another civilian near Chaung Kwe Village.

Other Updates

- Nearly [20,000 civilians have been displaced in Thantlang and Hakha](#), Chin State.
- At least 40 civilians displaced by fighting in Kayah State have been [infected with COVID-19](#). Residents in the Demoso area were [forced to flee from their homes once again due to armed clashes](#).
- In Momauk, Kachin State, [IDPs from Sinlum village tract reported urgent needs](#) for drinking water, shelter and health care.
- [The coup leader Min Aung Hlaing visited Myitkyina](#), the Kachin State capital, for the first time since the coup. Dozens of youth activists staged a protest against the coup leader despite the

Then on September 22, landmine explosions injured two more civilians in Zeemyaung Village.

- On September 22 in Mindat Township, Chin State, the BA's random [artillery strikes destroyed a church and 20 residential homes](#).
- On September 22 in Monyin Township, Kachin State, the security forces arbitrarily arrested [a 23-year old civilian named Saw Kyi Khant Phyo, his mom, and his sister](#).
- On September 23 in Taze Township, Sagaing Region, the [BA soldiers burned down residential houses](#) for the second time in two days. At least 16 houses including [rice storage were burned down in the fire](#).
- On September 23 in Hpakant township, Kachin, [bombs exploded in the hospital compound](#) of the Lone Hkin District Hospital and the Lone Hkin market.
- On September 24 in Putao township, Kachin State, the security forces [arrested a husband and wife for no apparent reason](#).
- On September 24 in Taze Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA troops torched Kyi Kone village](#). After reports of a police officer's family being murdered in the village, the BA troops burned down 18 houses on September 23, making the incident on September 23 second torching.

heavy presence of military forces.

- [The coup regime continuously cut off internet access](#) in Kachin State's Hpakant city. There were also reports of internet outages in most townships in [Chin State](#) and at least three townships in [Magwe Region](#) on September 23. In total, 22 townships across the country experienced internet outages as of that day.



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