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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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This is the thirty-fifth week since the coup. This week, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Hpakant](#), [Momauk](#), and [Tanai](#), Kachin State. In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with [the Karenni Army \(KA\)](#), [Karenni Nationalities Defense Force \(KNDF\)](#), and the MNDAA. Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in [Sagaing and Magwe regions](#), and in [Kayah](#), [Chin](#), and [Shan States](#). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators was reported in, [Kyunhla](#), [Shwegu](#), and [Yangon](#). The [Covid-19 virus](#) and natural disaster also continues to pose serious challenges for the people of Burma.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- In Ngwe Taung and Nyaung Wun in Singu Township, Mandalay Region, [residents were threatened by the BA soldiers to permanently leave the villages](#). The soldiers threatened that they would burn down houses and kill civilians if the villagers failed to comply.
- On September 25 in Mandalay, [Ko Than Htun Oo, a member of the NLD's Mandalay branch, was arrested by the security forces and died](#) in custody after a few hours of being detained. During the arrest at his house, he was told to kneel down, and when he refused to do so due to his heavier body weight, he was reportedly shot in the knees.
- On September 25 in Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Region, the BA [bombed Wanbeinn village from a helicopter](#). In another village, Sartaung Pon, the BA troops engaged in indiscriminate shootings.
- On September 25 in Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyarwady Region, [the security forces arrested sixteen people](#) in an attempt to stamp out local PDF chapters.
- On September 25 in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, [Hkun Sai Yang villagers fled their homes upon the arrival of the BA troops](#). Later in the week, it was reported that there were [medicine and food shortages](#) in the IDP camp where these villagers were taking refuge.
- On September 26 in Yangon, [the wife of Doctor Zin Lynn, who was killed by the security forces the night before, was arrested at her house](#).
- On September 27 in Bhamo Township, [a bomb explosion in Alenkawng Ward injured a nearby tuk tuk driver](#).
- On September 27 in Muse Township, [artillery fired by the BA](#)

Violence in the Karenni Area

- On the weekend of September 25-26 in Demoso, Karenni State, [two civilians were killed and 30 houses were burned down by BA soldiers](#) during their battle with the local PDF.
- On September 26 in Demoso Township, Karenni State, [a 70-year old man wearing a t-shirt with the UN emblem was shot dead](#). The hearse carrying the man's body hit a mine reportedly planted by BA troops.
- On September 27 in Pekon Township, Shan State, [stray bullets from BA-KNDF/PDF fighting injured two civilians](#).
- On September 29, in Demoso Township, Karenni State, [a displaced person was killed by a landmine laid by BA forces](#). The BA has been allegedly placing landmines in villages, and there have been multiple incidents of villagers getting injured or killed by the mines.
- On September 29 in Pekon Township, Shan State, [random shooting by BA troops in Kone Sone village injured a civilian](#).

[troops injured a woman and her 9-year-old son](#) in Monekoe. The child later died from sustaining injuries in his head and body by the shrapnel.

- On September 27, in Tawpu village, Sagaing Region, [Myint Kyaw Oo, a 30-year old local PDF leader, was shot in the head and run over by a vehicle](#). Around 200 BA troops and plainclothes personnels arrived at the village in the morning and began firing machine guns and heavy weaponry.
- On September 27, in Kanpatlet Township, Chin State, Chinland Defense Force (CDF) found [bodies of three civilians who were shot dead by the BA soldiers](#).
- On September 28, in Mandalay, the [security forces arrested three monks](#), Ven. Pyinyathiha, Ven. Tayzar Linkara, and Ven. Tayzainda for protesting against the coup regime.
- On September 28 in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, [BA troops shot two civilians for no apparent reason](#) in Lawa village. The couple was on their way home on a motorbike after searching for food for their pigs. The husband died due to injuries.
- On September 29 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, security forces in plain clothes [arrested the General Secretary of the Lhavo Literature and Cultural Association](#), Lacham Dau Hong, without giving a reason.
- On September 29 in Gangaw Township, Magwe Region, [a village was raided again for the fifth time since June](#). The BA troops set fire to eight houses in the village.
- On September 29 in Khawzar Township, Mon State, [Ye Naing Oo, a 26-year old man with a mental illness was shot and killed by the security forces](#).
- On September 30 in Thantlang Township, Chin State, [BA soldiers shot and killed two people including a 70-year old former judge, Ral Tu](#). Two other civilians were also injured in the same attack.
- On October 1 in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, [BA troops shot and killed five people including a six-year old girl during a raid](#) in Pyin Htaung village,

Other Updates

- During the month of September, [at least 99 more people, including a toddler and four senior citizens in their seventies, were killed by the coup regime's forces](#).
- On September 26 in Sagaing Region, the establishment of [Pinlebu People Defence Force](#) was announced.
- On September 30, [PDF attacked a military facility in Naypyitaw](#), which was the first-ever attack on a military-related building in the country's capital.
- On September 30, a UN top humanitarian official said that [the country's people are living in "a severe crisis," with a level of poverty not seen for at least 20 years](#).
- [Myanmar's currency depreciated to a record low this week](#), prompting fears of worsening social and economic instability in the country. The US dollar exchange rate rose to a record high of around 2,500 to 2,700 kyats per dollar from the usual rate of 1,300-1,400 kyats per USD before the coup.



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