During the forty-sixth week since the coup, the Burma Army (BA) conducted air bombardments in Shan State (Lashio) and Magway Region (Gangaw). Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Momauk, Mohnyin, Kachin State. Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Kachin State (Mohnyin, Shwegu), Sagaing Region (Chaung-U, Kani, Kawlin, Myaung, Mingin, Pale, Tigyaint, Taze, Wetlet), Magway Region (Gangaw, Myaing, Yesagyo), Mon State (Ye). Additionally, the BA clashed with the KNU/KNLA in Kyainseikgyi and Myawaddy, Karen State, in Lolin Lay and Demoso in Kayah State, and in Bilin, Mon State, and with MNDAA in Muse and Lashio, Shan State. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta’s assets was reported in Kachin State (Hpakant), Ayeyarwady (Yegyi), Mandalay Region (Chanmyathazi) and Sagaing (Sagaing Region). The bombing of military-owned Mytel telecommunication towers continued in Sagaing Region (Ayadaw).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On December 11 in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, the BA fired artillery shells at a village and set fire to multiple residential homes.
- On December 11 in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, the security forces forced businesses that participated in the Silent Strike against the coup regime on December 10 to continue to close their businesses.
- On December 11 in Tabayin Township, Sagaing Region, the locals discovered six bodies in Nagatwin Village. The victims were killed and buried by the BA earlier that week. Three bodies among the six had their hands tied behind their backs.
- On December 11 in Yinmarbin Township, Sagaing Region, the BA fired artillery shells into a village killing one civilian and destroying two residential homes.
- On December 12 in Kani Township, Sagaing Region, the BA set fire to multiple homes, shops, and motorcycles in Larpo Village.
- On December 13 in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, the security forces planned to arrest Ko Star who had alleged connection with the PDF, but when he was not home, they arrested his sisters Thoon Taw Tharzin (12-year old), Su Lab Yadanar (22-year old), and his mother Than Than Soe (62-year old) instead.

Violence in Kachin State

- On December 13 in Hpakant Township, about 30 security forces arrived in police vans to arrest 5 civilian youths.
- On December 13 in Putao Township, the security forces arrested a 30-year old male civilian for no apparent reason.
- On December 16 in Myitkyina Township, the coup regime forcibly took about 40 acres of civilian-owned land. They put concrete fences up without consulting the land owners and forcibly claimed the land theirs.
- On December 16 in Machanbaw Township, the coup regime forcibly took the house of Dr. Tu Hkawng, the head of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources under National Unity Government (NUG).
• On December 13 in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, the BA burned down Kelbar Village, forcing the villagers to flee to the nearby jungle. The newly displaced people (approximately 2,000 people) are in dire need of food, shelter, and medicine.

• On December 14 in Taungup Township, Rakhine State, the security forces arrested Min Ko Oo, a charity worker in the community, for alleged connection with the PDF.

• On December 14 in Minkin Township, Sagaing Region, the BA set fire to about 20 houses and killed locals’ livestocks.

• On December 15 in Lama Township, Mon State, the security forces arrested Min Thein Tun Oo, a local business man, for unknown reason.

• On December 15 in Myawaddy Township, Karen State, the security forces arrested Min Ko Oo, a charity worker in the community, for alleged connection with the PDF.

• On December 15 in Lay Kay Kaw Village, the BA set fire to about 20 houses and killed locals’ livestocks.

• On December 16 in Myaing Township, Magway Region, the BA set fire to Ngang Myaung Village and burned down at least 30 houses.

• On December 16 in Minbu Township, Magway Region, the security forces arrested 12 civilians including 4 student leaders for organizing anti-coup protests and activities.

• On December 16 in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region, the security forces shot and killed Thih Ko, who was on his way back from grocery shopping.

• On December 16 in Thayawady Township, Bago Region, the security forces arrested three civilians for alleged connection with the NLD.

• On December 17 in Gangaw Township, Magway Region, the BA deployed helicopters to attack Hnan Khar Village. The attack killed at least 20 people.

• On December 17 in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, the security forces arrested 7 civilians for singing Twe Thit Sar, a song used widely at anti-coup protests and rallies.

• On December 17 in Myawaddy Township, Karen State, the BA fired artillery shells at the Melhtawtalay Village. The villagers have had to escape to safety.

Other Updates

• In Salingyi Town, Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, about 10,000 civilians have had to flee their homes and are in dire need of food, shelter, and medicine as they hide out in the jungle.

• In Kachin State, there has been an increase in illegal operations of gold and jade mining. The reckless mining is extremely dangerous to the environment and the livelihoods of people who live in the region.

• On December 16 in Letpadan Township, Bago Region, Nyein Chan Ko, a reporter from a local newspaper BagoweeklyJournal, was sentenced to three years in prison.