JANUARY 22-28, 2022

his week, the Burma Army (BA) continued to conduct airbombarment in Sagaing Region (Katha), Karenni State (Pekon, Loikaw), and Chin State (Tedim). Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Kachin State (Mansi), Sagaing Region (Katha, Indaw, Tigyaing). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Chin State (Matupi, Tedim), Sagaing Region (Budalin, Taze, Kani, Katha, Kyunhla, Minkin, Myaung, Pale, Shwebo, Tamu, Ye-U), Mon State (Kyaikto, Thaton, Ye), Magway Region (Saw, Sidoktaya), Mandalay Region (Madaya). Additionally, the BA clashed with the ABSDF in Sagaing Region (Katha), with SAF in Magway Region, with KNDF in Karenni State (Loikaw, Demoso), with NTDF in Karen State, and with MNDAA in Shan State (Kutkai). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State (Myitkyina, Shwegu), Ayeyarwady Region (Bogale), Bago Region (Nattalin, Zigon), Mon State (Thanbyuzayat), Sagaing Region (Monywa, Myinmu, Yinmarbin), Yangon Region (Hlaing), Magway Region (Gangaw, Mindon, Pakokku), Mandalay Region (Chanmyathazi), and Tanintharyi Region (Dawei). Urgent humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Karenni State (Demoso, Hpruso), Rakhine State (Ponnagyun), and Shan State (Muse, Monekoe).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- In Loikaw Township, Karenni State, the locals <u>found six bodies</u> <u>with gunshot wounds in an old sewage well</u>. One of the victims was an underage youth.
- On January 23 in Pauk Township, Magway Region, the locals found three bodies burned and killed by the BA.
- On January 23 in Palaw Township, Tanintharyi Region, <u>a</u>
 <u>landmine explosion killed</u> a pregnant lady and her son in Pawut Pyar Village.
- On January 23 in Yangon, the security forces raided an apartment building located in the 13th block at the corner of Devadaha and near Yadanar Road.
- On January 23 in Ngwe Saung Township, Ayeyarwady Region, the security forces arrested over 20 civilians for alleged connection with the PDF.
- On January 24 in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, several rounds of gunshots were <u>fired between the security forces and</u> some local armed groups in Tatkone Ward.
- On January 25 in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Region, the security forces arrested seven youths who were volunteering at the free clinic in town. They also confiscated the clinic's ambulance and other pharmaceutical supplies.

Violence in Sagaing Region

- In Katha Township, there were more than three airbombarment within a period of 10 days, injuring about 20 civilians.
- On January 22 in Kani
 Township, the BA burned down multiple buildings in Mutaw
 Village.
- On January 24 in Kani
 Township, the security forces arrested 11 locals from Medin Village.
- On January 24 in Ye-U
 Township, the BA destroyed 14 houses in Pegyi Village.
- On January 24 in Shwebo
 Township, Sagaing Region, the BA raided Ywa Soe Village, looted the houses, killed two civilians, and torched down

- On January 25 in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, the security forces arrested two male civilians on motorbikes.
- On January 27 in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State, the security forces arrested 31 Rakhine youths <u>under the suspicion of</u> them being anti-coup activists.
- On January 28 in Loikaw Township, Karenni State, the BA burned down five houses of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- On January 28 in Loikaw Township, Karenni State, the bodies of Mu Ta (age 63), and her son Saw Da Htoo (age 23) were found in Htu-du-ngan-ta Village. According to the locals, the <u>BA soldiers</u> <u>killed them</u> about four or five days ago.

Other Updates

- According to a non-profit organization Justice for Myanmar (JFM), Australia, India, Japan, and South Korea have failed to impose any targeted sanctions against the coup regime.
- In Hpa-An Township, Karen State, the BA is building bunkers in schools, causing concerns for parents and teachers.
- The town of Thantlang in Chin State has suffered from the <u>BA's</u> torching operations over the last six months. Out of around 2,000 residential properties, about 800 have been burned to the ground.
- The coup regime is proposing a new cybersecurity law to punish the use of virtual private network (VPN), in order to further crack down on anti-coup activists and groups, and to restrict flow of information.
- The coup regime has dramatically increased the number of death penalties sentenced to anti-coup political activists. A total of 82 political prisoners have been sentenced the death penalty since the Feb 1 coup last year.
- On January 27, National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) held a conference about writing the <u>new federal constitution</u>, and re-establishing the National Unity Government (NUG).
- On January 28, <u>China's UN Ambassador</u> Zhang Jun stated that the U.N. Security Council's primary goal in strife-torn Myanmar should be to avoid more violence and a civil war.

- the entire village. They also arrested at least 70 villagers.
- On January 25 in Shwebo
 Township, the BA troops burned down a village and killed two civilians after they clashed with the PDF.
- On January 26 in Khin-U
 Township, the BA randomly
 started firing in Shwe Yamin
 Village, killing two civilians and
 injuring four. They also burned
 down multiple houses in the
 village.
- On January 26 in Ayadaw
 Township, the BA killed four
 civilians from Bawkung Village,
 including a 10-year old and
 60-year old, for their alleged
 connection to the PDF. Three
 of the victims were working on
 their farm and one was riding
 a bike when they were killed
 by the BA soldiers. The locals
 claim that the allegations are
 baseless.
- On January 27 in Monywa
 Township, the BA soldiers <u>killed</u> <u>two civilians and arrested six</u>
 when they raided Lelzin Village.
- On January 28 in Kyunhla Township, the BA torched a house belonging to an NLD supporter.
- On January 28 in Hkamti
 Township, the security forces
 arrested a civilian for posting
 about the February 1 Silent
 Strike on social media.



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