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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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It has been a full year since the Burma Army (BA) staged a coup on February 1, 2021. Resistance against the coup regime is on-going across the country. This week, the BA continued to conduct airbombardment in Kachin State ([Putao](#), [Hpa-kant](#), [Mansi](#), [Sumpiyang](#)) and Karen State ([Hpapun](#)). Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Kachin State ([Hpakant](#), [Putao](#), [Mohnyin](#), [Sumprabum](#)) and Shan State ([Kutkai](#)). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Sagaing Region ([Chaung-U](#), [Pale](#), [Kanbalu](#), [Kale](#), [Khin-U](#), [Myinmu](#), [Minkin](#)), Karenni State ([Loikaw](#)), Chin State ([Kanpetlet](#), [Thantlang](#)), Magway Region ([Gangaw](#), [Kyaukhtu](#), [Pakokku](#), [Laung She](#), [Seikphyu](#)), Tanintharyi Region ([Palaw](#), [Myeik](#)), Mon State ([Ye](#)), and Karen State ([Thandaunggyi](#)). Additionally, the BA clashed with the ARSA in Rakhine State ([Maungdaw](#)) and with KNU in Karen State ([Hpapun](#)). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State ([Shwegu](#)), Sagaing Region ([Katha](#), [Kani](#), [Monywa](#), [Myinmu](#), [Shwebo](#), [Taze](#), [Yinmarbin](#)), Shan State ([Muse](#), [Laukkaing](#)), Yangon Region ([Ahlone](#), [Hlainethaya](#), [Dagon Myothit North](#), [Dawbon](#), [Twantay](#), [Yankin](#)), Magway Region ([Pauk](#), [Natmawk](#), [Taungdwingyi](#)), Mandalay Region ([Myittha](#), [Aungmyaythazan](#)), Bago Region ([Bago](#), [Tatkala](#)), and Mon State ([Ye](#)). Urgent humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Sagaing Region ([Pale](#), [Mingin](#)), and Shan State ([Naung Shwe](#)).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On January 29 in Kale Township, Sagaing Region, security forces arrested Shwe Ah, a civilian with disabilities from Hmantaw Village. His body was found on February 1 with [signs of brutal rape and torture](#).
- On January 31 in Mindon Township, Magway Region, [security forces arrested two civilians](#), Thet Paing Zaw and his wife, for alleged connection with the PDF.
- On January 31 in Kani Township, security forces abducted several civilians in Kin San Pya Village last week. Four days later, [two abductees were found dead](#), and three were still missing.
- On February 1 in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, the BA randomly fired gunshots and [killed a 7-year old child](#).
- On February 1 in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, [security forces arrested a secretary of the local NLD party](#) while he was drinking tea.
- On February 2 in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, [plainclothes officers fired gunshots at an anti-coup protest](#).
- On February 2 in Tachileik Township, Shan State, [a bomb exploded at a pro-junta rally](#), killing two people and injuring about 50. After the explosion, security forces randomly fired gunshots in town and arrested 8 people.

Village Torching in Sagaing Region

- Between January 30 to 31 the BA [torched one village after another](#) in Depayin Township. They burned down at least eight houses in three villages.
- Between January 31 to February 1 in Minkin Township, the BA burned down [at least 158 houses from three villages](#). They also took 30 civilians as hostages.
- On January 31 in Pale Township, the BA [burned down 174 houses](#) in Panywa Village.
- On February 4 in Pale Township, [the BA burned down nearly 1,000 houses in the villages of Hlawkagyi and Kantwain](#). The soldiers also looted the homes before they torched them down.
- On February 4 in Yinmarbin Township, the BA [burned down several houses](#) in Kinedwin Village.

- On February 3 in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, the BA troops, after being attacked by the PDF, started shooting at a nearby village, [killing a 9-year old child, and injuring his mom and another civilian.](#)
- On February 3 in Pyi Township, Bago Region, [the security forces arrested a civilian, Ma Mone, at her home.](#)
- On February 3 in Bilin Township, Mon State, [artillery shells fired from the BA heavily injured two civilians.](#)
- On February 3 in Putao Township, Kachin State, airbombments from the BA injured five civilians, including two children in [Sumpiyang](#) village.
- On February 4 in Wetlet Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA burned six civilians who were previously taken as hostages.](#)
- On February 4 in Demoso Township, Kayah State, [the BA randomly shot heavy artillery in Sobawthe Village and injured 3 villagers.](#)
- On February 4 in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, the security forces arrested two civilians from their homes, [brutally killed them,](#) and threw their bodies outside of the town. One of the victims was a founder of a benevolent organization “We Love Kyaukse”, and the other victim was a National League for Democracy (NLD) supporter.
- On February 4 in Hpa-kant Township, Kachin State, [airbombments from the BA killed an 80-year old pastor](#) and seriously injured two civilians.
- On February 4 in Demoso Township, Kayah State, the [BA's firing of heavy weapons](#) in Naung Pale Village injured four IDPs, and damaged two Christian church buildings, two houses, and two cars.
- On February 4, in Ye Township, Mon State, [security forces arrested a member of the Election Committee](#) in the 2020 election and his family members.

Other Updates

- On February 1, in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, [a man lit himself on fire](#) to protest against the coup regime.
- On the one year anniversary of the Feb 1 coup, [the people across the country participated in Silent Strike to protest against the coup regime.](#)
- Aung Thet Oo, a civil engineer at the Municipal Department, who was one of the first people that joined the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) last year, has been [sentenced to 20 years in prison.](#)



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