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his week, fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Kachin State (Mansi). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Kachin State (Shwegu), Sagaing Region (Budalin, Kale, Katha, Pale, Myinmu, Mingin, Myaung, Taze, and Yinmarbin), Kayah State (Demoso), Magway Region (Kyaukhtu, Tilin, Sinbaungwe, Saw, and Sidoktaya), and Chin State (Kanpetlet, and Matupi). Additionally, the BA clashed with the KNLA in Karen State (Hpapun, Kawkareik, Kyainseikgyi, and Myawady), and with the ARSA in Rakhine State (Maungdaw). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and in the vicinity of government offices and junta's assets was reported in Sagaing Region (Monywa), Kachin State (Myitkyina, and Hopin), Kayin State (Hpa-an, and Kawkareik), Mandalay Region (Mogoke, Madaya, and Mandalay), Shan State (Kalaw), Yangon Region (Kyeemyindaing), Tanintharyi Region (Palaw), and Magway Region (Pakokku). Urgent humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Sagaing Region (Wetlet) and Karenni State.

## **Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations**

- On March 12 in Yangon Region, there were <u>several explosions</u> at <u>night</u> in three different townships (Botahtaung, South Okklapa, and Hlaing), and security forces arrested about 5 people from the townships. In Botahtaung Township, security forces <u>cut off electricity</u> at night and arrested five college students.
- In Ye Township, Mon State, security forces had <u>arrested about 50</u> <u>civilians in the past week</u>; the arrests occurred after several regime informats and collaborators were killed in the area.
- On March 13 and 16, in Mingalartaungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, security forces <u>violently interrupted a protest and arrested</u> 7 people, including two 14 and 16-year old girls, and seriously injured 6 people.
- On March 13 in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, the <u>BA</u> <u>arrested three female locals</u>, Ma Nyo San, Swe Swe Win, Nin Yu Wai, by falsely accusing them of having guns and other weapons.
- On March 14 in Maubin Township, Ayeyarwady Region, the BA soldiers <u>arrested a 17-year old girl accusing her of financially</u> supporting the PDF. The girl was actually living in poverty.
- On March 15 in Paungde Township, Bago Region, the BA burned down a village for allegedly supporting the PDF.
- On March 15 in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Region, security forces shot and killed a civilian on a motorbike. Another civilian on the same motorbike was seriously injured.
- On March 16 in Mogoke Township, Mandalay Region, security forces raided a billiard game station. They <u>arrested 5 people and</u> <u>injured 3</u> in the incident.

## Violence in Sagaing Region

- On March 12 in Taze
   Township, the BA randomly
   fired at residential homes and
   killed a 70-year old and a 15 year old female civilian.
- On March 13 in Yinmarbin
   Township, the BA's gunfire seriously injured a civilian who was carrying a baby. The baby was unharmed but the victim is in critical condition.
- On March 14 in Pale
   Township, the BA set fire to
   Htandawdike Village.
- On March 14 in Chaung-U
  Township, the BA and its
  militia Pyu Saw Htee <u>raided</u>
  a <u>village</u>, <u>burned down more</u>
  than 100 houses, and killed a
  farmer.
- On March 14 in the BA
   burned down more than 130
   houses in the villages in
   Kalaymyo Township. They
   also arrested 20 civilians to

- On March 16 in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Region, the security forces arrested about 100 civilians at 3 in the morning.
- On March 16 in Hopin Township, Kachin State, there was a shooting in Myoma Taung Ward, leaving a van full of bullet holes.
   The identities of both sides of the shooting is not yet known.
- On March 16, in West Dagon Township, Yangon Region, security forces <u>arrested two members of West Dagon Pro-democracy Strike</u> <u>group</u>, Min Hein Khant and Ma Poe Zar Aung.
- On March 16 in Mogoke Township, Mandalay Region, <u>security</u> forces shot and <u>killed two civilians</u> who were passing by the police station on their motorbikes.
- On March 17 in PutaO Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces shot</u> <u>two young civilians on motorcycles</u> when they did not stop at the security checkpoint.

## **Other Updates**

- There are reports that <u>security forces have been forcing one</u>
   <u>man per household to work as a nightwatch guard for the</u>
   <u>neighborhood</u> Since March 14, in Pyigyitagon Township,
   <u>Mandalay Region. They are ordered to violently injure or even kill residents who are out after the curfew.</u>
- On March 16, KNU announced that there had been 167 conflicts between KNU and the BA in Hpapun Township in March.
- On March 17, the UNOCHA announced that there are now 865,700 Internally Displaced Persons in Burma.
- According to Data for Myanmar, the BA has thus far burned down about 7,218 houses in 201 places across the country since the coup in February 2021.



## **Kachin Alliance**

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- be used as human shields at their operations in the area.
- Between March 14 and 16, the <u>BA burned down about</u> 30 houses in two villages in Kalaymyo Township after they suffered great losses in recent conflicts.
- On March 15 in Yinmarbin Township, the <u>BA arrested</u> <u>and killed two IDPs</u>. No explanation (nor accusation) was given for the murder.
- On March 16 in Mingin
   Township, the BA soldiers
   shot and killed a 80-year old
   civilian. Most of the villagers
   fled when the BA raided the
   village but some elderlies
   could not escape.
- On March 16 Khin-U
   Township, the BA burned
   down over 100 houses from
   two villages in the area.
   Thus far in March, about 300
   houses have been burned
   down in Khin-U Township.
- On March 16 in Yinmarbin
   Township, the BA burned
   down about 17 houses in
   Htanzin Village, and again on
   the 18th, burning down two
   more houses. On March 15,
   the BA raided five houses
   in the village and robbed
   30,000,000 kyats and other
   valuables. They also shot and
   killed a villager from Banbwe
   Latpan Village.
- On March 17, in Wetlet
   Township, the BA burned
   down about 100 houses in
   Taungkone Village and an
   elderly civilian man died in
   the fire.
- On March 17 in Yinmarbin Township, the BA shot at a civilian truck and killed a 5-year old child.