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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

MARCH 19 – 25, 2022

This week, the Burma Army (BA) continued to conduct airbombardment in Bago Region ([Kyaukkyi](#)). Fighting between the BA and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and PDFs was reported in Kachin State ([Myitkyina](#), [Hopin](#), and [Danai](#)). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Sagaing Region ([Minkin](#), [Kalay](#), [Katha](#), and [Kani](#)), Magway Region ([Laungshay](#), and [Myaing](#)) and Tanintharyi Region ([Myaik](#)). Additionally, the BA clashed with the KNLA/KNU in Karen State ([Myawaddy - Phalugyi](#), [LayKayKaw](#), [Nohtakaw](#), [Wawlay](#) Myaing, and [Kawkayaik](#)) and Mon State ([Kyaikto](#)). The ambush attack on BA's troops, BA's bases and military vehicles was reported in Sagaing Region ([Debeyin](#), [Katha](#), [Palae](#), [Htiqyaint](#), and [Ye-U](#)), Magway Region ([Saw](#), [Pakukku](#), [Ngaphe](#), and [Gangaw](#)) and Mon State ([Kyaikmayaw](#)). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in [Yangon and Mandalay](#) Region ([Kyauk Se](#)), Sagaing Region ([Debeyin](#) and [Shwebo](#)), Mon State ([Beelin](#)), Kachin State ([Hpakant](#)) and Shan State ([Pindaya](#)).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Over the week, the BA raided, looted, burned houses and shops, and arrested civilians in Sagaing Region ([Yinmabyin - Bantwi Ywarma village](#), [Sehtantawgyi village](#), [Phaungpin - Kuntaung village](#), and [Minkin - Pyarthon village](#)), Tanintharyi Region ([Tanintharyi - Taku village](#)), and Karenni State ([Demoso - Daw-ngan-ka village](#)).
- Bomb explosions by unknown groups were also reported in Kachin State ([Myitkyina](#)) and Karen State ([Myawaddy](#), [Hpa-an](#)).
- In Latputta, Ayarwaddy Region, [the BA arrested a 19-year-old man and killed him](#) after 3 days.
- On March 19 in Kantbalu, Sagaing Region, [the BA's artillery killed a 5-year-old and a woman](#) at Baw village and three people were injured.
- On March 19 in Butalin, Sagaing Region, [the BA raided Ngapayin village and killed a civilian](#) with mental illness.
- On March 19 in Thaton, Mon State, [the BA's artillery killed 3 people and injured 6](#) at Kyauktaung village.
- On March 20 in Monywa, Sagaing Region, [the BA arrested two women](#) riding a motorbike.
- On March 20 in Kawhmu, Yangon Region, [the BA shot dead the head of a charity organization](#), Arr Man, during a raid on a monastery.
- On March 21 in Ye, Mon State, [the BA killed a young man during interrogation](#) after 2 days of the arrest.
- On March 21 in Yinmabin, Sagaing Region, [the BA raided Ywar Htaung village and detained about 25-30 people](#) sheltering at a monastery.
- On March 21 in Launglone, Tanintharyi Region, [the BA arrested a 27-year-old healthcare worker](#) who participated in the CDM strike.

Forced Displacement

- Urgent humanitarian assistance for the Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Sagaing Region ([Chaung U](#)), Karen State ([Myawaddy](#)), Shan State ([Hsiseng](#)), [Karenni State](#), Shan State ([Mong Koe](#)), Rakhine State ([Kyauktaw](#))
- On March 21 in Kawkayaik, Karen State, [the BA shelled artillery into the villages, so that over 12,000 villagers fled](#) for their safety.
- On March 21 in Debeyin, Saing Region, [the villagers fled for safety](#) because the BA raided and torched villages.
- Since March 22 in Pale, Sagaing Region, [the displaced people, whose houses were torched down, were facing a hard time](#) without shelters in the heavy rain from the storm.
- On March 23, [UNOCHA reported that there are over 889,900 IDPs](#) and most are from Chin State, Sagaing and Magway Regions.
- The IDPs from Karenni State and Shan State [do not have medical assistance and the infant mortality rate has increased](#).

- Earlier this week in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon's Insein Prison, [the BA's courts sentenced two journalists to two years in prison](#) one year after their arrests.
- It was reported on March 21 in Mandalay that [50 police came and arrested the mother of a suspected PDF member on March 2 and detained her since then.](#)
- On March 22 in Ye-U, Sagaing Region, [the BA's artillery killed an 8-year-old boy and injured 4 people](#) who were taking shelter in Htan Be village.
- On March 22 in Kalay, Sagaing Region, [the BA shot and killed a man](#) on his way to a farm.
- On March 22 in Loikaw, Karenni State, [the BA's court sentenced 2 young volunteers](#) from the Kayah State Student Union to 3 years in prison. They were retrieving IDP aid packages at a bus station at the time of their arrest. They have been charged with Section 505a of the penal code for incitement.
- On March 23 in Demoso, Karenni State, three civilian corpses were found in San Pya-6mile village. The victims are thought to be 3 of 5 IDPs who returned to their villages to retrieve food and supplies nearly two months ago and went missing.
- On March 23 in Yinmabin, Sagaing Region, [the BA arrested the monk of Naung Yoe village monastery together with 7 men](#) who were taking shelter at the monastery.
- On March 23, [the BA's court in Pathein sentenced a journalist to two years in prison.](#)
- On March 24 in Khin-U, Sagaing Region, [the BA raided Kinpyit village and tortured the elderly people](#) who could not run away.
- On March 24 in Thingan Nyinaung, Karen State, [the BA's artillery killed a student and injured two people](#) from Htimuhtat village.
- This week, 319 IDPs from PutaO Township returned to their villages after 2 months of displacement. Many of them found their [homes in ruin](#), and are in urgent need of help for rebuilding their villages.

Other Updates

- On March 23, Dr. M Kawn La, the chair of the Kachin national Congress (KNC) party, was sentenced to two years in prison. He was initially arrested on August 25, 2021, and was charged with Section 505a of the penal code for incitement.
- It was reported on March 25 that [a massive BA convoy armed with artillery and armored vehicles arrived](#) in southern Chin State.
- It was reported that [the Australian government granted the protection to defectors](#) from the regime's armed forces who are seeking asylum.
- On March 25, [the KIO/KIA destroyed military's products, such as Myanmar Beer.](#) in Myitkyina, Kachin State.



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