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his week, the Burma Army (BA) continued to conduct airbombarment in Karen State (<u>Kyainseikgyi</u>), and Sagaing Region (<u>Taze</u>). Fighting between the BA and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and PDFs was reported in Kachin State (<u>Shwegu</u>). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Sagaing Region (<u>Khin-U</u>, <u>Monywar-Chaung U</u>, <u>Pale</u>, and <u>Yinmarbin</u>), Magway Region (<u>Htilin</u>, <u>Myaing</u>, <u>Gangaw</u>, <u>Yesagyo</u>, <u>Saw</u>, <u>Ngape</u>, and <u>Kyaukhtu</u>), Tanintharyi (<u>Thayet Chaung</u>), Shan State (<u>Ywarngan</u>) and Chin State (<u>Matupi</u>, and <u>Kanpetlet</u>). Additionally, the BA clashed with the joint forces of the KNLA/KNU in Karen State (<u>Myawaddy</u>, and <u>Lay Kay Kaw</u>), and also with the joint forces of Karenni Army (KA) and KNDF in Karenni (Kayah) State (<u>Moebye</u>, and <u>Demoso</u>).

The ambush attacks on BA's troops, BA's bases and military vehicles were reported in Kachin State (<a href="Https://docs.org/Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, and <a href="Mydwaddy">Myitkyina</a>), Mon State (<a href="Kyaikmayaw">Kyaikmayaw</a>, and <a href="Yellow Magway">Yellow Magway</a>, Karen State (<a href="Myawaddy">Myawaddy</a> - <a href="Lay Kay Kaw</a>, <a href="Thantaung Gyi">Thantaung Gyi</a>, <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, along the <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, -Thaton <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a href="Thaton Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a href="Hpa-an">Hpa-an</a>, <a

This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State (Myitkyina), Karen State (Hpa-an), Yangon Region (North Okkalapa, South Dagon, Yangon, and Mingalardon), Ayeyarwady Region (Hinthada), Mandalay Region (Chanmyatharsi, Pathein Gyi, and Kyaukse), Bago Region (Shwe Taung) and Tanintharyi Region (Dawei).

## Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Over the week, the BA raided, looted, burned houses and shops in Shan State
  (Ywar Ngan Peyintaung village), Sagaing Region (Kyun Hla Waihlamu village,
  Pale Thitin village, Debeyin Saipyin, Debeyin Nyaung Ia, Ye-U Segyi,
  Sagaing NyaungbinShay village), Mon State (Thaton), Karenni State (Demoso
   6 Miles village), and Magway Region (Pauk Kinma and Chaung Sone
  villages).
- Bomb explosions by unknown groups were reported in Yangon Region (Mayangone and Shwepyithar).
- On April 16 in Loikaw, Karenni State, the BA shot and killed a 7-year-old boy at Dawmuu village.
- On April 16 in Pakokku, Magway Region, the BA arrested 3 people driving motorbikes.
- On April 17 in Hpruso, Karenni (Kayah) State, the BA shot artillery at the Lawhtaw Tanaw village and injured a woman and destroyed a monastery and some houses.
- On April 18 in Gangaw, Magway Region, about <u>150 BA forces raided Nanka</u> village and killed a 67-year-old man.
- On April 18 in Thibaw, Shan State, <u>2 villagers stepped on a landmine</u> and one was injured severely.
- On April 18 in Amarapura, Mandalay, the BA arrested 6 underground activists.

## **Forced Displacement**

- Urgent humanitarian assistance for the Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Karen State (Myawaddy Hteemuhta village, IDPs in Eastern Dawna), Sagaing Region (Debeyin), and Karenni State.
- On April 18, <u>about 2000 villagers from the surrounding villages of Matupi and Paletwa fled for safety after fighting between BA and CDF along the Matupi-Paletwa highway.</u>
- On April 20 in Rakhine State, a <u>sudden</u> <u>storm of wind destroyed displaced</u> <u>people</u>'s shelters in <u>Kyauk Taw and</u> <u>Mrauk U</u>, and they were in urgent need of shelters.
- On April 21 in Kyainseikgyi, Karen State, the <u>BA's air bombardment displaced over</u> <u>500 civilians</u> from Kwi Lon, Kwi Le, Htee Thaba Lukhi, Kwi Lay and Meh Taraw Hta villages.

- On April 19 in Maubin, Ayeyarwady Region, the BA arrested 3 youth including a 8-year-old child; they were accused of bombing near the Thingyan stage on April 15.
- On April 19 in Demoso, Karenni State, the BA shot artillery to the villages in the east and west of Demoso, and injured a civilian and destroyed a monastery.
- On April 19 in Tabayin, Sagaing Region, the BA raided and torched 16 houses in MeO village, and killed 2 elderly people at Muukatwin village.
- On April 19 in Pauk, Magway Region, the BA torched about 70 houses at Padi village.
- On April 19 in Tharkayta, Yangon Region, the BA arrested a comedian, Kaung Kyaw, at his home. Two days prior to the arrest, the comedian was publicly accused (on social media) of being in communication with and aiding those in the resistance against the regime.
- On April 19 in Ngaputaw, Ayeyarwady Region, the BA arrested over 10 local vouths; they were accused of killing a village administrator.
- Between April 10 and 19, <u>about 200 BA forces raided and torched around 20 villages and killed 12 villagers</u> in Pauk, Magway Region.
- On April 20, it was 7 months that the BA arrested Aye Nandar Soe, the chair of Sagaing University Student Union, and no one knew where she was detained yet.
- On April 20 in Mandalay, the junta court sentenced Dr. Htar Htar Lin, who led Myanmar's COVID-19 vaccine rollout under the previous government, to three years in prison with hard labor. She was charged with corruption.
- On April 20 in Yangon, the BA drove a vehicle into a crowd of protesters, and detained three women demonstrators.
- On April 21 in Taze Township, Sagaing Region, the BA conducted airbombarment in Grade Village, and kidnapped about 50 villagers who could not escape.
- On April 22 in Ywarngan, Shan State, the BA torched a house of a detained civilian from Peyintaung village.

## **Other Updates**

- On April 17 in Monywa, Sagaing Region, the BA-backed Pyu Saw Htee militia shot and killed five resistance fighters acting as lookouts for an anti-junta rally.
- On April 22, the resistance forces of 16 groups in Sagaing Region threatened Chinese-run copper mines in Salingyi to halt operations.
- It was reported on April 22 that the junta was organizing to form a Danu Army in Ywar Ngan, Shan State.
- On April 22, the junta leader, Min Aung Hlaing, invited Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) for talks to end armed conflict in his televised address.
- On April 22, the BA's court in Myitkyina sentenced the 7 detained Kachin State ministers; the Chief Minister to 12 years, the minister of planning to 9 years, the minister of transportation to 6 years, and the rest three ministers to 3 years each in prison.



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