Weekly Coup Update by the Kachin Alliance

April 30 – May 6, 2022

This week, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and People’s Defense Forces (PDF) was reported in Kachin State (Sawlaw). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Magway Region (Yesagyo, HtiLin, and Pauk), Sagaing Region (Indaw, southern Kalay, Myaung, Katha, and Shwebo), Mandalay Region (Madaya), and Karenni State (Demozo). Additionally, the BA clashed with the joint forces of the KNLA/KNU in Karen State (Myawaddy), Mon State (Kyaikhto), and Bago Region (Htan Dabin); with MNDA in Shan State (Muse-Mongbaw); and with the joint forces of KA/KNDF in Karenni (Kayah) State (Phruso, Bawlake, Demozo). Additionally, the BA continued to conduct airbombardment in Mon State (Bilin).

The ambush attacks on BA’s troops, BA’s bases and military vehicles were reported in Sagaing Region (Kani, Khin-U, Mawlaik, Yinmarbin, Palae, Sarlingyi, Tigyaiq, Monywar, Katha, and Debevin), Magway Region (Kyaw, Pauk, Pakokku, and Yesagyo), Mandalay Region (Natogyi, and Amarapura), Chin State (Matupi-Mindat road), Tanintharyi Region (Launglone), Karen State (Thandaunggyi), Karenni State (Loikaw) and Yangon Region (Kawmu and Thanlyin).

This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta’s assets was reported in Kachin State (Karmine), Mon State (Mudon) and Mandalay Region (Kyaukse).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- In Kalay Myo, Sagaing Region, about 100 displaced children were suffering diarrhea and needed urgent health assistance. In Kutkai, Shan State, Kachin IDP camps needed to be resettled to a new place and in need of urgent assistance. In Mon State (Bilin), urgent humanitarian assistance is needed for the IDPs.
- During the first week of May, the BA raided, looted, burned houses and shops in Sagaing Region (Shwe Bo - Kyar village, Minmu - Kandaw village, Taze - Kyaung SinAi village, Yay-U - Yaymyat village, Butalin - TawOoBa village, Kanthaeh Asahe village, Kalay Myo - Asaheii village, Khin-U - Innpat village), Chin State (Hakha - Ramthlo and Tlangzat villages), Mandalay Region (Sintku - Hinthama, Kyetthuywe, Kyungyi, Theinn, Hpaye kyun villages), and Karenni State (Demozo - Dawnganha).
- Bomb explosions by unknown groups were reported in Tanintharyi Region (Yebuy).
- On May 1 in Loikaw, Karenni State, a landmine explosion injured a woman from Yaynikan village.
- On May 1 in Bawlakhe, Karenni State, the BA’s artillery hit and destroyed two houses in Maitlhan village.
- On May 1 in Dawbon, Yangon Region, the BA abducted seven relatives of a wanted student protester including two children.
- On May 3 in Hpakan, Kachin State, the BA’s artillery killed 2 people from Mawpon village, Lone Khin.

Violence in Sagaing Region

- The BA burned down and destroyed more than 1,300 houses in Ayadaw, Shwebo and Khin-U townships between April 29 to May 2.
- On May 2, the BA killed 14 villagers; 9 from Oakpho village, Butalin who were taking shelters at a meditation center, and 5 from Nyaung Pintar, Shwebo.
- On May 2 in Kalay Myo, the BA’s artillery killed 4 family members from Sharpho village who were fleeing for a shelter.
- On May 4 in Kani, a landmine explosion injured two civilians.
- On May 5 in Homalin, the BA arrested a midwife from Naung Pat village who joined CDM.
- On May 6 in Minkin, the BA raided and burned down temporary shelters of displaced villagers whose houses were torched by the BA.
- On May 6 in Yinmabin, a landmine explosion injured a young man.
• On May 3 in Pyay, Bago Region, the BA arrested 5 civilians by monitoring their facebook statuses.
• On May 3 and 4 in Sittwe, Rakhine State, the BA arrested 8 men including a village/ward administrator. The locals are unsure as to why they were arrested.
• On May 4 in Chan Myae Tharsi, Mandalay Region, an unknown group shot a man and a woman. The man was severely injured on his head.
• On May 4 in Matupi, Chin State, the BA arrested and tortured 7 local civilians, accusing them of being in contact with CDM police.
• On May 4 in Muse, Shan State, two civilians who were forced to drive the BA troop were killed together with the troop in the ambush attack by TNLA near Mawtau village.
• On May 5 in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region, an armed group of individuals, called ‘Tway Tawk Group, brutally killed two tea-shop owners for supporting the NLD and the PDF.
• On May 5 in Hpa-an, Karen State, the BA and BGF forces shot and killed a civilian from Hti Kyaw Khi village.
• On May 5 in Kyaukme, Shan State, a landmine explosion severely injured two children from Pan Lin village.
• From May 4-6 in Pakokku district, Magway Region, the BA arrested some civilians; 2 from Pauk, 1 from Saw and 2 from Pakokku.
• On May 6 in Maha Aung Myay, Mandalay Region, an unknown armed group shot two men, one died and one injured.

Other Updates

• On April 30, a Shan prominent leader and the former chairperson of SNLD party, Khun Tun Oo, passed away at his home in Yangon.
• On May 5, the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) released a statement saying it won't join the junta's peace talks. The Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) and Chin National Front (CNF) also stated that they will not join the junta's peace talks.
• According to a statement released by the KNU, troops under its command engaged in more than 500 clashes with regime forces during the month of April.