This week, fighting between the Burma Army and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the People’s Defense Force (PDF) was reported in Kachin State (Sumprabum, and Hpakan). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Magway Region (Htilin and Myaing), Sagaing Region (Myaung, Ye-U, Katha, Kani, and Yinmarbin), and Shan State (Pekon). Additionally, the BA clashed with the joint forces of the KNU/KNLA in Karen State (Myawaddy, and Thandaungyi), and Mon State (Ye); with the joint forces of KA/KNDF in Karenni State (Shadaw, and Demoso), and Shan State (Pekon). Furthermore, the BA continued to conduct airbombardment in Sagaing Region (Minkin, and Kalay Myo), and Karen State (Lay Kay Kau).

The ambush attacks on BA’s troops, BA’s bases and military vehicles were reported in Sagaing Region (Tigyaing, Kani, Yinmarbin, Shwebo, Butalin, Tamu, Ye-U, Ayadaw, Salingyi, Katha, and Minmu), Kachin State (Hpakan, and Tanai), Mandalay Region (Singu, and Thabeikkyin), Magway Region (Myaing, Pwint Phyu, Htilin - Yaymyatni, Yesagyo), Mandalay Region (Singu, and Thabeikkyin), Bago Region (Paungde) and Shan State (Mand). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta’s assets was reported in Kachin State (Bahmo), Mon State (Ye), Magway Region (Banks in Pakokku), Yangon Region (Hlaing), Tanintharyi Region (Launglonle, and Yebyu), Ayeyarwaddy Region (Kyaiklat) and Mandalay Region (Nyaung U, Chan Aye Tharsan).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Over the week, the BA raided, looted, torched houses in Sagaing Region (Kalay Myo, Kani, 2 from Butalin, Myaung - Pannya village, Ye-U - Muutharkone, 2 villages of Yinmarbin, Khin-U - Myothit), Magway Region (Myaing - Pandai taw village, Let-yetma village), Mandalay Region (Thabeikkyin - Kayansatkone village), and Shan State (Pekon, Ywarngan, and Nyaung Shwe).
- From May 7-16, the BA burned down about 150 houses from villages of Yeleykun, Yesagyo, Magway Region.
- On May 13 in Myaing, Magway Region, the BA arrested about 30 people and killed 5 people.
- On May 15 in Kutkai, Shan State, the MNDAA arrested 4 people from Pan Law Lisu IDP camp for forced conscription.
- On May 16 in Nattalin, Bago Region, a landmine explosion killed a civilian and injured two other.
- On May 16 in Rathedaung, Rakhine State, the BA arrested 3 youth from Pylone Chanthar IDP camp.
- On May 16 in Pauktaw, Magway Region, the BA burned and killed 2 men from Myay Ni village.
- On May 16 in Indawgyi, Kachin State, a landmine explosion severely injured a mother and a 15-year-old daughter.
- On May 16 in Yebyu, Tanintharyi Region, the BA arrested 3 young men in Kanpauk village and released one at a later time.

Forced Displacement

- Urgent humanitarian assistance for the Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Karenni State (Pekon) and Mon State.
- Since May 13, the intense fighting along Moebye-Shwe Nyaung highway forced about 10,000 people from 20 villages to be displaced.
- On May 18 in Ye, Mon State, as the BA troop approached the villages, hundreds of villagers fled for safety.
- In PutaO, Kachin State, the BA forbid the Sumpiyiang villagers from going 2 miles beyond the village, resulting in the villagers facing difficulties for their livelihood.
On May 17 in Obo prison, Mandalay, the BA court sentenced U Aye Thein, a farmer activist to 3 years in prison.

On May 18 in Pakokku, Magway Region, the BA arrested a man accused of being in contact with PDFs.

On May 18 in Myaing, Magway Region, the BA tortured and arrested a young man, accusing him of being a PDF fighter.

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On May 19 in Mogok, Mandalay Region, the BA shot 2 young men riding a motorbike nearby, killing one and injuring the other.

On May 20 in Thandwe, Rakhine State, the BA court sentenced a young man to one year in prison because of his demand for the release of the political prisoners.

On May 20 in Thandwe, Rakhine State, the BA court sentenced two men to 3 years in prison with hard labor; they were accused of being in contact with PDFs.

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On May 18 in Kalay Myo, the BA tortured over 100 houses including schools at Lechar village.

On May 19 in Katha, the BA burned down houses at Inn Ywar village and shot artillery at the village, killing 2 monks and injuring 16 civilians.

On May 19 in Katha, the BA’s artillery injured 10 monks from Paylankone village.

On May 19 in Ye-U, the BA’s artillery killed 5 displaced civilians and injured 2 from Tartain village.

On May 19 in Ye-U, the BA torched 22 houses at Thayettaw village, and the villagers found 40 burnt bodies later.

Other Updates

On May 16, the KIO announced that it will attack the BA-affiliated Border Guard Force and militias in Kachin State.

On May 16 in Kyaikmayaw, Mon State, the BA court sentenced the former Mon State Chief Minister another 22 years in prison.

On May 20, the leader of RCSS/SSA met the junta leader in Naypyitaw.

Violence in Sagaing Region

Bomb explosions by unknown groups were reported in Monywa.

On May 15 and 16 in Khin-U, the BA torched 17 houses from Taiktaw village and 6 from Innpat village, and killed 2 men.

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