

MAY 21 - 27, 2022

his week, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the People's Defense Force (PDF) was reported in Kachin State (<u>Hpakant, Putao</u>). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Sagaing Region (<u>Ayadaw, and Tamu</u>), Magway Region (<u>Pakokku, Myaing, Gangaw</u>, and <u>Saw</u>), Chin State (<u>Thantlang</u>), Mon State (<u>Ye</u>). Additionally, the BA clashed with the joint forces of KNDF in Shan State (<u>Pekon</u>), Karenni State (<u>Bawlake</u>, and <u>Hpruso</u>), with Shanni Nationalities Army in Shan State (<u>Homalin</u>), with Arakan Army in Chin State (<u>Paletwa</u>).

The ambush attacks on BA's troops, BA's bases and military vehicles were reported in Sagaing Region (<u>Homalin</u>, <u>Katha</u>, <u>Myinmu</u>, <u>Taze</u>, <u>along Chindwin river near Taze and Mingin</u>), Kachin State (<u>Putao</u>, and <u>Tanai</u>), Tanintharyi Region (<u>Launglon</u>), Mon State (<u>Bilin</u>), Magway Region (<u>Pakokku</u>, <u>Saw</u>, and <u>Yesagyo</u>), Mandalay Region (<u>Myingyan</u>), Chin State (<u>Mindat</u>). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Mon State (<u>Mawlamyaing</u>, <u>Mudon</u>, and <u>Kyaikto</u>), Mandalay Region (<u>Chanayethazan</u>, and <u>Patheingyi</u>), Kachin State (<u>Mogaung</u>), Magway Region (<u>Yesagyo</u>), Bago Region (<u>Thayarwady</u>).

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

- Over the week, the BA raided, looted, burned houses and shops in Sagaing Region (<u>Depayin</u>, <u>Kani</u>, <u>Myaung</u>, <u>Salingyi</u>, <u>Taze</u>, and <u>Yinmarbin</u>), and Shan State (<u>Pekon</u>).
- Urgent humanitarian assistance for the Internally Displaced Persons is needed in <u>Sagaing Region</u> (<u>Myaung</u>, <u>Kalay Myo</u>, and <u>Yinmarbin</u>), Shan State (<u>Hsihseng</u>), and Magway Region (<u>Myaing</u>).
- This week in Myaung Township, Sagaing Region, the <u>BA troops burned 18</u> villages and destroyed nearly 400 houses in a span of six days.
- The BA conducted airbombarment in Magway Region (<u>Gangaw</u> and <u>Htilin</u>), which forced about 1000 civilians from four villages in the area to flee to safety.
- In Mogaung Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces went around residential</u> homes and threatened civilians to pay their electricity bills.
- On May 21 in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, security forces randomly fired artillery shells in Indine Village, killing three civilians including an elderly man. They also burned down about 70 houses. On that same day in Sagaing Region, security forces arrested a civilian, Myint Thu Win, in Kalay Myo Township for allegedly posting anti-coup posts on social media.
- On May 21 in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, security forces <u>arrested one</u> <u>male and two female civilians</u> for allegedly supporting the PDF and for posting anti-coup posts on social media.
- On May 22 in Myaung Township, Sagaing Region, security forces arrested a civilian, Sai Nyi Nyi, for an alleged connection to the PDF.
- On May 23, in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, the BA arrested two other civilians for alleged connections to the PDF.

## **Violence in Chin State**

- On May 22 in Mindat Township, the BA randomly fired artillery shells in Madat Village, injuring a 11-year old child to the point of losing his legs.
- On May 23 in Thantlang Township, the Johnson Memorial Baptist Church, the second-largest Christian Church building in Thantlang, was <u>burned to the ground</u> <u>by the BA troops</u>. The first also destroyed dozens of residential properties.
- On May 24 in Hakha Township, security forces arrested Aye Aye Maw, the assistant director of the local tax office, who came back to work after participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM).
- On May 25 in Hakha Township, two civil servants were <u>arrested due to their</u> <u>alleged connections to the Chinland</u> <u>Defense Force</u>.

- On May 23 in Kalay Myo Township, Sagaing Region, the BA arrested a local from Yazagyo village, accusing him of being a CDF soldier.
- On May 24 in Insein Township, Yangon Region, the security forces tried to arrest
  a taxi driver Ko Myo but because he was not home. So, they <u>arrested his wife Zin</u>
  Moe Phyu and their 10-year old son instead.
- On May 24 in Tanai Township, Kachin State, the coup regime's militant group Warazup destroyed a cargo truck and violently injured the driver.
- On May 24 in Bhamo Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces confiscated the house of Aung Tin, an NLD representative for the State Assembly.</u>
- On May 25 in Hkamti Township, Sagaing Region, security forces arrested Ah <u>Htaw, a member of the Myanmar Worker Association</u> who previously advocated for workers' rights.
- On May 25 in Hpa-an Township, Karen State, the BA soldiers stopped a civilian
  car at a security checkpoint, and shot and killed the driver who had his hands up.
  Two locals near the incident also got injured from the gunshots.
- On May 25 in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, the BA raided into Tandawkone Village and started firing randomly forcing locals to flee in the rain.
- On May 25 in Pauk Township, Magway Region, security forces forcibly disrobed a local monk and arrested him.
- On May 26 in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, <u>security forces violently</u> arrested four civilians for alleged connections with the PDF.
- On May 26 in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, security forces killed a civilian who was traveling past a security checkpoint. They <u>violently hit the civilian traveler</u> and killed him.
- On May 26 in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region, the coup regime's militant group Thwe-thout Group violently abducted a 35-year old NLD supporter, Lin Ko Naing. His body, with multiple gunshot wounds, was found in Chanayethazan Township the next day.
- On May 26 in Mawlamyaing Township, Mon State, <u>security forces arrested 7 civilians after a bomb exploded at the local BA's office.</u>
- On May 26 in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, the BA burned down civilians' shops and killed two locals.
- On May 26 in Moebye Township, Shan State, the <u>BA troops reportedly burned</u> down dozens of residential properties in the village of Makaykham.

## **Other Updates**

- The coup regime's court sentenced Ye
  Tike, a famous Burmese actor, to 10
  years with hard labor for sedition under
  Section 505a.
- The coup regime's court from Thandwe sentenced Than Htut Oo to 10 years in prison for allegedly supporting the PDF.
- In Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, <u>Chinese companies Wangbao and</u> Yansi have been assisting the BA <u>which have been torching villages and</u> <u>destroying civilian homes.</u>
- On May 25, <u>UK's Minister of State for Asia and the Middle East Amanda Milling</u> met with NUG's Health and Education Minister Doctor Zaw Wai Soe in London.
- On May 26, in Pwintphyu Township, Magway Region, the regime's court sentenced Magway Region's Governor Doctor Aung Myo Nyo to three years in prison for sedition under Section 25.



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