WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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his week marked 60 years since the <u>7th July Students Uprising</u> which protested against the 1962 coup in Burma. To commemorate the uprising, young people across the country went out to protest against the current coup regime.

This week, fighting between the Burma Army and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) was reported in Shan State (<u>Namtu</u>). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Sagaing Region (<u>Myaung</u>, and <u>Wetlet</u>), Tanintharyi Region (<u>Dawei</u>, and <u>Launglon</u>), Chin State (<u>Matupi</u>), Magway Region (<u>Pauk, Pakokku</u>, and <u>Myaing</u>). Additionally, the BA clashed with Cobra Army in Karen State (<u>Myawady-Wawlay Highway</u>); and with the joint forces of KA/KNDF in Shan State (<u>Pekon</u>), Kayah State (<u>Bawlake</u>, and <u>Loikaw</u>). Furthermore, the BA conducted air bombardment in Sagaing Region (<u>Myaung</u>), and Karen State (<u>Myawady</u>). Within June 27 to July 1, the BA conducted 125 airstrikes in Karen State Ukarithta Battle (near Myawaddy and Wawlay).

The ambush attacks on BA's troops, BA's bases and military vehicles were reported in Kachin State (<u>Myitkyina</u>, and <u>Shwegu</u>), Sagaing Region (<u>Chaung-U</u>, <u>Mawlaik</u>, <u>Myinmu</u>, <u>Taze</u>, and <u>Yinmarbin</u>), Chin State (<u>Matupi</u>), Magway Region (<u>Seikphyu</u>, <u>Gangaw</u>, and <u>Yesagyo</u>), Karen State (<u>Thandaungyi</u>), Mon State (<u>Bilin</u>, and <u>Thanbyuzayat</u>), Mandalay Region (<u>Myingyan</u>). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State (<u>Momauk</u>), Ayeyarwady Region (<u>Maubin</u>), Mandalay Region (<u>Chanayethazan</u>), Sagaing Region (<u>Depayin</u>, and <u>Monywa</u>), and Yangon Region (<u>Tamwe</u>).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Over the week, bomb explosions by unknown groups were reported in Kachin State (<u>Myitkyina</u>), Sagaing Region (<u>Kalay Myo</u>).
- Over the week, the BA raided villages and torched houses in Magway Region (Pakokku), and Sagaing Region (Mingin, Myaung, Tamu, and Yinmarbin).
- In Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, <u>the villagers from Yalekyun Village have</u> been fleeing in boats since the BA marched into the area. The rising water level during monsoon season forced villagers to flee in boats.
- During June 17 to July 1, in Bilin Township, Mon State, the <u>BA arrested 22 locals</u> to be used as human shields.
- On July 2, in Kyangin Township, Ayeyarwady Region, <u>security forces arrested</u> four civilians for alleged connections to the PDF.
- On July 3, in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces locked and</u> <u>confiscated the house of a civilian</u>, Zaw Min Oo. There are rumors that he was a PDF supporter but they are not confirmed.
- On July 4, in Kalay Myo Township, Sagaing Region, the <u>BA soldiers arrested Sit</u> <u>To, a 40-year old displaced woman</u> from Tintar Village for unknown reason. On July 1, <u>security forces also arrested a married couple</u> Zaw Min Than and Nunu Wai from the same village for alleged connections to the PDF. <u>Wai suffered a</u> <u>miscarriage</u> due to the violent interrogation and has now been hospitalized.
- On July 4, in Myaing and Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, <u>security forces</u> arrested three male and one female civilians for alleged connections to the PDF.

Imprisonments

- On July 1, in Pathein Township, Ayeyarwady Region, the coup regime's court sentenced Myint Aung and his two sons, Zarni Aung and Ye Hein, to 1<u>0 years</u> each in prison for destroying a Mytel cell tower.
- On July 6, in Rakhine State, the Sittwe regime's court sentenced each of the five villagers from Kyauksake Village, Ponnagyun Township, to <u>3 years with hard</u> labor for alleged connections to the Arakan <u>Army.</u>
- On July 7, in Wetlet Township, Sagaing Region, the regime's court sentenced a DVB reporter Aung San Lin to <u>6 years with</u> hard labor under Sedition 505a and 52b.
- On July 8, in Mandalay Township, Mandalay Region, the regime's court sentenced 5 monks and three civilians, who were arrested for peacefully protesting against the regime, to <u>3 years each in</u> <u>prison under Sedition 505a</u>.

- On July 4, in Hopin Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces arrested four male</u> <u>civilians</u> from 5-mile Village. One of the victims was a CDM teacher.
- On July 4, in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State, <u>a local stepped on a landmine</u> while tending his livestocks and died at the hospital.
- On July 5, in Gangaw Township, Magway Region, the <u>BA soldiers shot and killed</u> <u>Mone Phay, a local man</u> from Yeshin Village, for unknown reasons.
- On July 5, in Tamu Township, Sagaing Region, the <u>BA's militia Pyu Saw Htee</u> <u>killed two Indian citizens</u> who crossed the border to visit friends.
- On July 6, in Pauk Township, Magway Region, <u>security forces arrested a traveling</u> <u>civilian</u>, Zaw Zaw Aung, for an alleged connection to the PDF.
- On July 7, in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, security forces confiscated the house of Mogaung NLD party President Khin Ma Gyi.
- On July 7, in Kalay Myo Township, Sagaing Region, <u>security forces arrested four</u> <u>civilians</u> after two bombs exploded in South Fila Ward.
- On July 7, in Hlaing Tharyar Township, Yangon Region, <u>security forces arrested</u> <u>four male civilians</u> for unknown reasons; two were sitting at a restaurant while the other two were in their homes at the time of the arrest.
- On July 7, in Hlaing Township, Yangon Region, security forces <u>ran a car into a</u> <u>group of protesters</u>, injuring one. The protest was held to commemorate the 7th July demonstrations against the 1962 coup in Burma.
- On July 7, in Myawaddy Township, Karen State, the <u>BA fired artillery shells</u> randomly in the area, forcing villagers from Falugyi Village to flee to safety.
- On July 8, in Myaing Township, Magway Region, the BA destroyed 37 oil wells in Kyaukwat oil region.
- On July 8, in Myauk-U Township, Rakhine State, four boys who were tending their flocks near a BA base camp got injured from stepping on a landmine.
- On July 8, in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces locked and</u> <u>confiscated the house of a lawyer and a NLD party leader</u>, Tin Htun Thein.
- On July 8, in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region, <u>an unknown assailant</u> <u>group killed a 13-year old male civilian</u>. The perpetrators left a note on the victim's body saying that all students and teachers who continue to attend school would be killed. According to locals, the BA has been conducting such murders and left such notes to pretend that PDF are the ones killing civilians.

Other Updates

- Urgent humanitarian assistance for displaced persons is needed in Sagaing Region (<u>Tabayin</u>, and <u>Yinmarbin</u>), Magway Region (<u>Tilin</u>), and Tanintharyi Region (<u>Thayetchaung</u>).
- On July 5, Karen National Union announced that the <u>shooting from the BA</u> and their militia border patrol groups killed <u>12 civilians and injured 15 in the month of</u> <u>June</u> in Karen State.

