

**JULY 16 - JULY 22, 2022** 

his week, fighting between the Burma Army and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) was reported in Shan State (Kutkai), Kachin State (Hpakant, Kanoithu, and Waingmaw). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Magway Region (Pauk, Saw, Seikphyu, and Salin), Sagaing Region (Sagaing and Yinmarbin), Kachin State (Shwegu), and Shan State (Moebye). Additionally, the BA clashed with AA in Rakhine State (Maungdaw), with the joint forces of the KNLA/KNDO in Bago Region (Nyaunglebin), Karen State (Hpapun); and with the joint forces of KA/KNDF in Karenni State (Hpruso)

The BA's aerial attacks were reported in Tanintharyi Region (Myeik), Sagaing Region (Kanbalu), and Kachin State (Hpakant). The ambush attacks on BA's troops, BA's checkpoints, BA's bases and military convoy/vehicles were reported in Kachin State (Myitkyina), Sagaing Region (Chaung-U, Monywa, Kani, Sagaing, Tamu, and Yinmarbin), Karen State (Myawady), Mon State (Kyaikto, Thaton, and Ye), Tanintharyi Region (Dawei), Rakhine State (Maungdaw), Magway Region (Seikphyu and Yesagyo), and Karenni State (Hpruso).

This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Sagaing Region (<u>Salingyi</u> and <u>Sagaing</u>), Yangon Region (<u>Oakkan</u>, <u>Hlaingtharyar</u>, <u>Hlaing</u>, and <u>Shwepyithar</u>), Mandalay Region (<u>Patheingyi</u>, <u>Madaya</u>, and <u>Thazi</u>), Mon State (<u>Ye</u>), Tanintharyi Region (<u>Myeik</u> and <u>Launglon</u>), and Kachin State (<u>Bhamaw</u>).

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

- Over the week, bomb explosions by unknown group were reported in Karen State (Myawady) and Sagaing Region (Kale, and Tamu).
- In Hpa-an Township, Karen State, the BA's militia <u>BGF has been robbing</u> <u>bamboo and timber from locals</u> in order to build their military base.
- In Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State, the <u>BA cut off all roads in the area</u>, leaving 50 villages in the township to be in dire need of food and gas supplies.
- In Putao Township, Kachin State, one of the BA's local militia went around the houses of anti-coup activists and <u>threatened the family members</u> to collaborate with the BA.
- On July 16, in Myothit Township, Magway Region, security forces confiscated the house of Kyaw Thura Aung, a PDF member who is in prison and facing charges under Section 505a.
- On July 16, in Matupi Township, Chin State, <u>security forces arrested 6 civilians</u> after a BA general Than Naing Win was killed on July 15.
- On July 16, in Okpho Township, Bago Region, security forces confiscated and locked down houses of four lawyers: Ko Ye, Ko Maung Win, Aye Min, and Min Nay.
- On July 16, in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, security forces arrested Su Myat Thandar, <u>a teacher at Kaung for You Federal School started by the NUG.</u>
- On July 18, in Hlaingtharyar Township, Yangon Region, the <u>BA shot at three people on a motorcycle</u> who refused to stop at the security checkpoint. Two passengers riding in the back died from the gunshots and one of them escaped by riding away.

## **Crisis in Sagaing Region**

- On July 16, in Homalin Township, one of the BA's collaborator Shanni Nationalities Army (SNA) arrested Aung San Win, a CDM school teacher, then killed and discarded his body near a stream.
- On July 16, in Yinmarbin Township, the BA arrested about 30 male civilians and 40 female <u>civilians</u> to be used as human shields.
- On July 17, in Kale Township, <u>security</u> <u>forces arrested Thura Kyaw</u> from Chanmyaeaungzi Ward for posting antiregime posts on social media.
- On July 17, in Monywa Township, a BA's truck chased and hit two civilians on a motorcycle. When the bike fell from getting hit, the soldiers shot the civilians. The reason for such violence and the identities of the victims are not yet known.
- On July 18, in Ayadaw Township, the BA fired multiple shots at a 20-year old civilian,
  Pyaesone Oo, on his motorcycle for not stopping at a security checkpoint. When he died on the scene, they took his phone and motorcycle, and discarded his body on the roadside.

- On July 19, in Pyi Township, Bago Region, <u>security forces arrested five 7th grade</u> <u>students</u> possibly for not attending public schools.
- On July 19, in Myeik Township, Palaw Region, the BA randomly fired artillery shells in the area and killed a 20-year old civilian Zin Waine.
- On July 20, in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Region, the <u>BA burned down two houses in Thingan Don Village</u>. They also shot at a TV, a refrigerator, and other valuable items.
- On July 20, in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State, the <u>BA arrested 3 civilians</u>, Bone Kan Naing, Htun Chay, and Atar, for unknown reasons.
- On July 21, in Mongmit Township, Shan State, the BA fired artillery shells from Nyaungni Village and the shells killed a local man and two children who were working in a field nearby.
- On July 21, in Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State, security forces confiscated the
  houses of a NLD party officer Min Aung, and pro-democracy activists Ye Lin Htun
  and Paing Soe. Family members who were living in the houses were kicked out
  immediately.
- On July 22, in Kale Township, the <u>BA burned down houses</u> in Kinmunchone Village for the second time this week. They first came into the village on July 21 and burned down some houses.

- On July 18, in Kanbalu Township, the <u>BA conducted aerial attacks over Kyisu Village</u>, and when villagers tried to flee, the soldiers arrested about 200 civilians. Afterwards they <u>burned down houses in the village including two mosques</u>, and allegedly killed 10 civilians.
- On July 19, in Tamu Township, security forces arrested a female PDF member, Moe Moe Aung, along with shirts that had anti-coup slogans printed.
- On July 20, in Myaung Township, the BA marched into Tayathar Village, <u>forcing over</u> 500 villagers to leave their homes and flee to safety.
- On July 21, in Yinmarbin Township, the <u>BA</u> torched 12 huts of displaced people in Banbwe Village.
- On July 21, in Kawlin Township, the <u>BA</u> <u>burned down about 30 residential homes</u> in Kanlegyi Village.

## **Other updates**

- Urgent humanitarian assistance is needed in the KNU area (<u>Nyaunglebin</u>), Magway Region (<u>Gangaw</u>, and <u>Seikphyu</u>),and Sagaing Region (<u>Kale</u>).
- On July 13, in Mogoke Township, Mandalay Region, security forces found a picture of Aung San Suu Kyi in a civilian's phone during their door-to-door search. They shot the civilian right away.
- From July 10 to 12, in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, the BA fired artillery shells at the villages in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, forcing about 4000 locals to flee their homes.
- On July 20, in Rakhine State, the regime's Sittwe court sentenced two civilians, Naylin Htay and Maung Saw Aye, from Ponnagyun Township, to 3 years in prison under Section 52a. They were arrested for alleged connections to the AA.
- On July 21, in Kyaukphyu Township, Rakhine State, the regime's court sentenced 8 civilians from Alechaung Village and one civilian from Zinchaung Village to 3 years in prison for alleged connections to the AA.



## Kachin Alliance

1628 16th ST NW, Washington DC 20009 contact@kachinalliance.org (202) 299-9545, www.kachinalliance.org