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his week, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and the joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) was reported in Shan State (<u>Manton</u>) and Sagaing Region (<u>Indaw</u>).

Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and the People's Defence Forces (PDFs) in Sagaing Region (<u>Kani</u>, <u>Phaungbyin</u>, <u>Sagaing</u>, <u>Pale</u>, and <u>Taze</u>), Magway Region (<u>Gangaw</u>, <u>Myaing</u>, <u>Pauk</u>, <u>Pakokku</u>, and <u>Yesagyo</u>), and Karenni State (<u>Demoso</u>). Additionally, the BA clashed with the Cobra Column in Karen State (<u>Myawady-Wawlaymyaing Highway</u>); with TNLA in Shan State (<u>Muse</u>); and with the joint forces of KA/KNDF in Karenni State (<u>Hpruso</u>); with KNU in Karen State (<u>Kawkareik</u>); and with the Arakan Army (AA) in Rakhine State (<u>Maungdaw</u>). The BA's aerial attacks were also reported in Sagaing Region (<u>Kani</u>, <u>Yinmarbin</u>, <u>and Pale</u>).

The ambush attacks on BA's troops, BA's checkpoints, BA's bases and military convoy/vehicles were reported in Sagaing Region (Ayadaw, Banmauk, Chaung-U, Indaw, Katha, Kale, Phaungbyin, Taze, Monywa-ChaungU Highway, Monywa, and Pale), Kayah State (Demoso), a security checkpoint on Mandalay-Monywa Highway, Mandalay Region (Madaya, Singu, and Wundwin), Tanintharyi Region (Yebyu), Mon State (Kyaikto and Thanbyuzayat), Magway Region (Gangaw, Myaing, Pauk, and Min Ywar). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Yangon Region (Dala and Shwepyithar).

Over the week, bomb explosions by guerrilla groups were reported in Kachin State (<u>Mogaung</u>), Ayeyarwady Region (<u>Myaungmya</u>), Yangon Region (<u>Dagon Myothit</u>, <u>Kyeemyindaing</u>, <u>Mayangone</u>), Shan State (<u>Naunghkio</u>), Karenni State (<u>Loikaw</u>), and Sagaing Region (<u>Taze</u>).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On August 13, in Myanaung Township, Ayeyarwady Region, security forces arrested Wai Phyo Paing and his wife Sabel Aung Aung for their alleged involvement in harming regime informants and collaborators.
- On August 13, in Pauk Township, Magway Region, <u>security forces arrested two</u> travelers, accusing them of being PDF members.
- On August 14, in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces arrested two</u> <u>civilians</u>: a National League for Democracy party representative from Mohnyin and a protest leader from Hpakant.
- On August 14, in Tedim Township, Chin State, the BA raided Haimwal Village and burned down at least 8 civilian homes. They also arrested Mai Lal Nun Puii, a 17-year old civilian, and her 15-year old brother Salai Lal Ruat Mawia. On August 16, locals found the bodies of the two siblings outside the village.
- On August 15, in Myothit Township, Magway Region, security forces arrested Tin Shwe, a 74-year old civilian and confiscated his home <u>under the suspicion</u> that his son was in the PDF.
- On August 15, in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, in Hlaykote Village, <u>the</u> <u>BA burned down about 150 houses and killed a 90-year old civilian</u> who could not run away.

Crisis in Sagaing Region

- On August 13, in Depayin Township, the BA arrested five villagers from Phont Htan Daw Village and <u>killed four of them</u>.
- On August 14, in Yinmarbin Township, locals found 25 bodies, including that of women and children, in Yinpaungtine Village where the BA camped for about four days in the previous week.
- On August 14, in Khin-U Township, security forces arrested 7 civilians who were on their way to work in the gold mines. <u>They were shot and killed the next</u> <u>day</u>.
- On August 15, in Tamu Township, <u>the BA</u> and <u>Pyusawhtee militia members</u> arrested a <u>Chin carpenter</u> Htan Khant Soon from Tanan Village for no apparent reason.

- On August 15, in Dagon Myothit Township, Yangon Region, <u>a bomb planted by</u> <u>unknown groups exploded and heavily injured two civilians</u> who collects used plastic bottles for a living.
- On August 16, in Pauk Township, Magway Region, <u>the BA burned down about 40</u> <u>houses</u> in Chaingzauk Village.
- On August 17, in Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, <u>security forces went door-to-door to check on civilian homes and arrested six civilians</u>.
- On August 17, in Dawei Township, Tanintharyi Region, <u>the police station in Pakari</u> <u>Village fired multiple rounds of gunshots into the village and damaged about four</u> <u>houses.</u> They started firing after an unknown armed group attacked the police station.
- On August 17, in Mongmit Township, Shan State, <u>security forces confiscated</u> <u>seven houses</u> including those of two NLD party representatives.
- On August 17 and 18, in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, <u>the BA burned</u> <u>down houses for two days and destroyed the entire village</u> of Ngatamyaw Village.
- On August 18, in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, <u>security forces arrested a</u> <u>CDM worker for posting anti-coup posts</u> on social media.
- On August 19, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, <u>security forces confiscated the</u> houses of a Huttaw Representative and two pro-democracy activists.

Other updates

- On August 16, KNU reported that <u>there are over 300,000 displaced people in</u> KNU-controlled areas.
- On August 16, in Demoso Township, Karenni State, <u>heavy rain caused flooding</u> in <u>Saungdu Village</u> where displaced civilians had been staying.
- On August 17, the regime's court sentenced a member of the Basic Education General Strike Committee to 5 years in prison.
- On August 17, in Naypyitaw, <u>UN's special envoy on Myanmar Noeleen Heyzer</u> met with the coup leader Min Aung Hlaing. NUG's spokesperson Kyaw Zaw <u>expressed concerns about the timing of the meeting and the legitimacy of the</u> <u>regime.</u>
- On August 19, in Tharyarwady Township, Bago Region, <u>the regime's court</u> sentenced Wai Wai Lwin, wife of a Bago Weekly reporter Nyein Chan Wai, to 10 years in prison. She was arrested on November 17 last year when she came to her arrested husband's trial.

- On August 16, in Kale Township, the BA raided a local resistance base, burned down two houses in Four-Household Village, and killed two farmers for no apparent reason.
- On August 16, in Pale Township, <u>the BA</u> <u>burned down multiple houses</u> in Chin Pyit Village.
- On August 17, in Kani Township, <u>the BA</u> raided Kin Village and killed a local woman for unknown reasons.
- On August 18, in Kanbalu Township, in Kotaungbo Village, the BA's artillery shells fell near a civilian home and <u>killed</u> <u>two women</u>. <u>They also burned down</u> <u>about 40 houses</u> in In-ngote Tu Village and Pintthar Village.
- On August 18 and 19, in Yinmarbin Township, the BA burned down about <u>1,000 houses</u> in Kapine and Katheekone Villages, forcing the locals to flee.
- On August 19, in Katha Township, <u>about</u> 80 BA soldiers marched into Kyauk Htone Gyi Titenal Village, and burned down at least 10 houses.



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