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KACHIN REGION UPDATE



Highlight News

August

- The Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) headquarters in Laiza was struck by two major floods. The first, on August 4, killed at least six civilians, left several people missing, destroyed 116 homes, and knocked out power. A second flood on August 11 further worsened the humanitarian crisis, leaving residents and IDPs struggling for shelter, electricity, clean water, and sanitation. [DVB](#) [KNG](#)
- KIO Deputy Chairperson Sumlut Gun Maw rejected the SAC's request for online talks, insisting instead on an in-person meeting in Myitkyina following his meeting with resistance groups on August 9. [DVB](#)

September

- On September 29, two State Administration Council (SAC) jet fighters dropped four bombs on a market and hill area in Sadung Town, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State. The strike killed eight civilians, including three young children, seriously injured six others, and destroyed more than ten civilian buildings, prompting mass evacuation and the closure of all schools and offices. [KNG](#)
- On September 11, India's Ministry of Mines initiated efforts to collect samples and negotiate a deal for heavy rare-earth minerals with the Kachin Independence Army (KIA). [DVB](#)

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

The SAC's declaration of a state of emergency in Kachin Townships has sparked widespread civilian displacement due to the heightened fear of airstrikes.



- Since August 7, thousands of IDPs fleeing intense fighting from Hpakant to Namti Town have faced a severe humanitarian crisis, urgently needing food, medicine, and clean water to combat rising illness rates. [KNG](#)
- Following the SAC Ministry of Health's August 7 restriction on distributing vital medicines, a major health crisis has hit IDP camps in Waingmaw Township, with over 110 people suffering from malaria, flu, and diarrhea. [KNG](#)
- As of August 21, residents in Mohnyin Township are finding it increasingly difficult to work their fields due to the Shanni Nationalities Army (SNA) intensifying forced recruitment arrests. [KNG](#)
- As of August 22, primary school students in Kazu Village, Waingmaw Township, continue to struggle for an education due to the lack of a proper school building and limited resources. [KNG](#)
- Between August 28–31, the SAC intensified inspections and reinforced troops in Hpakant Township, leading to the arrest of at least 35 young people and random shelling of civilian areas, causing further casualties. [KNG](#)
- On August 31, five civilians, including a child, were seriously injured by an artillery shell explosion in Waingmaw Township. [KNG](#)
- On September 16, continuous heavy rain in Putao, Kachin State, triggered a landslide and stream erosion that destroyed approximately 100 acres of paddy fields across five local villages, leaving the farmland covered in silt. [KNG](#)
- The SAC's indiscriminate shelling and drone attacks on civilian areas in Hpakant Township during the week of September 17–23 killed five civilians and injured eight. The surge in violence displaced more than 3,000 people from at least eight villages. [KNG](#)
- As of September 23, large numbers of residents in Hpakant Township have been fleeing in convoys toward Myitkyina, waving white flags due to intensifying conflict, shelling, and increased military arrests. [KNG](#)

Armed Conflicts and Other News

- On August 15–16, KIA-allied forces captured two villages in Mohnyin Township but have struggled to establish full control due to the SAC's ongoing airstrikes and heavy artillery drone attacks. [KNG](#)
- On August 24, intense clashes between KIA-allied forces and SAC troops, accompanied by heavy shelling and airstrikes in Waingmaw Township, forced the remaining residents of nearby villages to flee once again. [KNG](#)
- Starting September 13 in Putao Township the People's Pioneer Party (PPP) began preparations for the SAC's upcoming election by opening an office and raising its party flag. [KNG](#)
- September 16, KIA stated that the SAC's planned election in highly contested areas, such as Bhamo, will be illegitimate by voter fraud and invalid vote counts. [DVB](#)
- On September 17, the KIA-allied forces lost control of two villages in Seng Tawng Village, Hpakant Township, after the SAC launched a heavy artillery offensive. [KNG](#)



- On September 17, the SAC launched a deadly airstrike on a joint KIA/PDF training facility in Shwegu Township, killing at least 17 trainees and injuring 19 others. [DVB](#)
- As of September 18, the SAC has regained the upper hand and recaptured some areas in Bhamo Township, where the KIA and allied forces had attempted a takeover. [KNG](#) [BBC](#)
- On September 19, SAC forces launched a counter offensive in Hsotlaw Township, attempting to retake the gold-mining hub of Lang Se Village from the KIA. [DVB](#)
- On September 20, the SAC escalated its offensive in Bhamo, launching repeated airstrikes and heavy artillery shelling against KIA and allied resistance forces positioned near the airport and Manau Park, leading to sustained and intense fighting. [KNG](#)
- On September 23, a joint force of Khaunglanphoo local militia and SAC troops suffered heavy losses and was forced to retreat while attempting to recapture the strategic Lahay Sin Camp in Kachin State. [KNG](#)
- On September 29, the SAC resumed airstrikes after a five-day lull in fighting in Hsotlaw Township, dropping three bombs from a Y-12 aircraft near Lang Se Village. [KNG](#)

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