



RECAP



WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

MAY 8-14, 2021

In the fifteenth week since the coup, the death toll rose to [788](#).¹ Between May 8 to 14, there were 21 clashes between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Burma Army (BA), 9 bomb/mine attacks, 64 instances of artillery shelling, and 21 air strikes in the Kachin area. In Kachin state, fighting between the KIA and BA intensified in Mansi Township as [BA attempted to seize a base on a major road](#) connecting Mansi with Namkham, northern Shan State. Throughout the country, clashes between the security forces and civilian resistance forces continued in Kani Township, Kalay Township, and Taze Township in Sagaing Region, [Mindat](#) in Chin state and [Myingyan Township](#) in Mandalay. On May 13, the [coup regime declared martial law](#) in Mindat, after bombarding the town with artillery in response to the residents' week-long resistance. Despite unmatched force and power, civilian defense fighters show incredible courage as they defend their town/village/city with the little resources they have.

May 8 - 14

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between KIA and Burma Army

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9 bomb attacks
12 airstrikes
in the Kachin area

February 1 - May 14

[788](#) killed
by Burma security forces

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On May 8, in Kani Township, Sagaing Region, the [security forces arrested at least 17 people](#) from Zee Pin Twin village, including three teachers who joined the civil disobedience movement (CDM). As of Saturday, nearly 13,000 villagers were displaced and were hiding in nearby forest due to deadly shootouts between the security forces and civilian resistance forces earlier in the week.
- On May 8, in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, [a woman was killed](#) due to the fighting between BA and KIA.
- On May 8, it is reported that in Putao Township, Kachin State, the security forces planned to [arrest 6 youths who organized a prayer service](#) one month earlier. The youths are currently in hiding.
- On May 8, in Hopin Township, Kachin State, the [security forces shot a veterinarian through the nose](#), killing the victim. Afterward, the security forces disposed of the body on a nearby street. When villagers found the body, the victim's arms and legs were dismembered.
- On May 8, in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region, the security forces took a poet Ko Zaw Tun from his home, and the next morning, it was reported that he was [tortured to death](#).
- On May 9, in Yangon, the security forces [detained the daughter of an ousted Rakhine State chief minister](#), Daw Moe Hsan Suu Kyi, from her apartment in Hledan.
- On May 10, in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, after failing to arrest an alleged protest leader, the [security forces arrested his wife, 3 children and 13 other people](#).
- On May 10, in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, the [security forces killed a civilian and injured another after aimlessly shooting](#) into a residential area. Later that night, the security forces reportedly drove around the city with two vehicles randomly shooting.

¹ This figure does not include the ethnic armed organizations' soldiers killed in action or civilian casualty of the armed conflict between the BA and the various ethnic armed organizations.

- On May 10, in Kalay Myo, Sagaing Region, Daw Zar Chi Oo, a new mother who recently gave birth, [died of a heart attack](#) after hearing intense shooting and fighting nearby.
- On May 10, in Hpakant, Kachin State, the [security forces abducted ten civilians](#) after raiding and looting items from their houses.
- On May 10, in Mogaung Township (Namti), Kachin State, the [BA troops shot and killed a civilian](#) as he was coming home from a funeral.
- On May 11, in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, the [security forces killed a civilian and injured three others](#) after shooting near a noodle shop.
- On May 11, in Muse, Shan state, the [security forces arrested two young anti-regime protesters](#). The security forces said the two were arrested along with weapons, a claim family members said was fabricated.
- On May 11, in Kani Township, Sagaing Region, the [security forces shot and killed a mentally disabled man](#). The victim's condition was reportedly exacerbated by an intense fighting nearby.
- On May 12, in Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay Region, the [security forces in plainclothes violently arrested around 30 protesters](#), including teachers.
- On May 12, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, [a land mine set up by the security forces killed a ten year old child](#) and injured the mother.
- On May 12, in Myitkyina, Kachin state, the [security forces mistakenly arrested two women](#) tending their shop for two other women who were [participating in an anti-coup protest that day](#). When family members of the arrested women explained the situation, the security forces threatened them with guns.
- On May 12, in a village about 13 miles outside of Myitkyina, the [security forces searched phones, interrogated and violently beat passerby villagers](#). The villagers were asked whether they were involved in anti-coup protests or CDM.
- On May 12, in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, the [security forces tortured a university student to death](#) after they detained him during a raid. The security forces [detained 50-100 civilians](#) during the same raid.
- On May 12, in Hpakant Township, Kachin State, the security forces searched a tea shop in Lone Khin village and [arrested the owner's wife](#) when they could not find him. The tea shop was reportedly a meeting point for anti-coup protesters.
- On May 13, in Mindat, Chin State, [junta's artillery killed a teenager and injured six others](#).
- On May 13, in Chaung-U Township, Sagaing Region, the [security forces raided an anti-regime protesters' camping site](#). The security forces seized homemade firearms and bombs, took away food stockpiled, burned down some houses and the stairway of the pagoda.
- On May 14, in Bhamo Township, Kachin State, the [security forces arrested a Catholic Priest](#), Rev. Fr. Columban La Di.
- On May 14, in Monywa, Sagaing Region, U Sein Win, a poet and philanthropist, was [burned alive while collecting donations for those displaced](#) by violence. The murder, who is still at large, poured gasoline on U Sein Win's back and set him on fire.

Other updates:

- On May 9, the [coup regime charged a prominent democracy activist Ko Mya Aye under Article 505\(c\)](#) of the Penal Code for incitement of hate speech, based on a 2014 email found on his seized phone. Ko Mya Aye was arrested on February 1 along with other government officials and has been detained in Insein Prison, Yangon since then.
- This week, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, the [education minister threatened staff who participated in the CDM](#). He threatened to suspend them and cut off their salary for this month. In Waingmaw Township, 474 education staff are currently participating in the CDM. In Bhamo and Njangyang Townships, the coup regime [suspended 14 education staff](#) and [29 education staff](#), respectively. The coup regime also [suspended 106 teachers and 39 administrative staff](#) from a university in Monyin Township.



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