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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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In the thirtieth week since the coup, the Covid-19 virus and flooding disaster continued to pose serious challenges for the people of Burma. During this week, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Putao](#), [Hpa-kant](#), [Danai](#), Kachin State and in [Shan State](#). In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with [the Karen National Liberation Army \(KNLA\)](#). Additionally, clashes between the BA and the local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in [Magwe](#), [Sagaing](#), [Chin](#), and [Kayah States](#).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On August 21 in Myitkyina, Kachin State, [a bomb exploded in the residential area of Kachin Su Ward](#).
- On August 21 in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, the [security forces shot and killed two civilians](#), a married couple Ko Maung Aye and Ma Nwe Nwe Aye, for allegedly refusing to stop at the security checkpoint. The perpetrators also stole \$610 from the couple's belongings.
- On August 21 in Hnan Khar Village, Magwe Region, [a 72-year old man died of internal injuries from being tortured by the security forces](#).
- On August 22 in Thaketa Township, Yangon Region, [a private teacher Ko Soe Paing was detained by soldiers for participating in anti-coup protests. He died overnight in detention and his family was asked to collect his body the next day](#).
- On August 22 in Yesagyo Township, Magwe Region, the security forces stormed a village using an ambulance, [killing one 21-year old man and arresting four others](#).
- On August 22 in Dawei Township, Thanintharyi Region, [one of five army deserters was shot dead and three were arrested](#). The five soldiers deserted their units and tried to go into hiding.
- On August 23 in Sanchaung Township in Yangon, [the security forces arrested five civilians during a night raid](#).
- On August 24 in Thaketa Township, Yangon Region, [the security forces opened fire during a night raid and arrested three young people](#). One of the detained persons was reported to be badly injured.

COVID-19 AND FLOODING UPDATES

- According to a report by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), which monitors fatalities and detentions since the coup, [at least 143 people were detained between August 14 to 24](#), including [several NLD](#) members.
- On August 26 in Myitkyina, Kachin State, [the military attempted to arrest the General Secretary of the Kachin Baptist Convention](#).
- The coup regime cut off mobile internet and Wifi in some parts of Kachin State this week. Towns like Bhamo, [Mogaung](#), [Hpakant](#) were affected by the internet cut-off.
- [The coup regime confiscated radios from shops and restricted radio imports](#) to prevent people listening to Radio NUG, which was launched by the National Unity Government last week.
- In Myitkyina, Kachin State, [the security forces warned the local shoe stores to stop selling "Point" boots](#) which are widely considered to be soldier boots. ■

- On August 24, in Mandalay, four members from a philanthropic group supplying food and oxygen were [arrested for helping those in need at night](#).
- On August 24 in Kayan Township, Yangon, [the security forces tortured a civilian, Ko Ming Aung, to death while in detention](#).
- On August 25 in Yangon, [the security forces detained the wife and son of Yangon's former social affairs minister U Naing Ngan Lin](#) when they brought supplies to him in Insein Prison.
- On August 25 the [security](#) forces [arrested Dr. M. Kawn La, the chairman of Kachin National Congress](#), which is a Kachin political party, in Naypidaw.
- On August 25 in Monywa, Sagaing Region, [Ko Thet Naing Soe, a philanthropist, died in less than 24 hours of being detained by the coup regime](#).
- On August 25 in Yangon, Ko San Win Aung, [a 19-year-old philanthropist, was killed in the coup regime's custody](#).
- On August 25 in Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA shot and killed a local man, Ko Phone Kyaw](#).
- On August 26 in Putao Township, Kachin State, Tan-ja villagers [fled their homes due to fighting in the area](#).
- On August 26 in Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, [the security forces opened fire randomly and killed a civilian](#), U Thein Min Tun, a 42 year-old vendor.
- On August 27 in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, [random bullets shot by BA troops killed a civilian](#), Lon Bang Hkaw Zung (age 50), [who was walking past the army's post](#), on the way to Kawa Hka agriculture field. On that same day, the BA troops indiscriminately fired artillery and small arms, the shelling from which landed in the villages of Tang Bawng, Ma Dein and Hka Kun. Several houses were destroyed.
- In Rakhine State, [Rohingya communities in villages and displacement camps in Sittwe and Buthidaung townships have had a food shortage for more than three months](#) due to the coup regime's aid restrictions.



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