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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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During the thirty-third week since the coup, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Danai](#). In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with the [Karenni Army](#). Additionally, clashes between the BA and local People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in Chin State ([Tedim](#), and [Kanpetlet](#)), Karenni State ([Demoso](#)), Sagaing Region ([Kani](#)), Magwe Region ([Saw](#), [Myaing](#), and [Gangaw](#)), and [Naypidaw](#). Explosions and gunshots occurred in [Hakha](#) and [Falam](#) while a lock down started in [Matupi](#), Chin. Violence against regime informants and collaborators were reported in at least 12 townships, including [Belin](#), [Mandalay](#), [Myitkyina](#), [Tantze](#), [Pathein Gyi](#), [Pale](#), [Pyigyitagon](#), [Saw](#), [Hpakant](#), [Khin-U](#), [Kantbalu](#), and [Myothit](#). Resistance against the coup regime by destroying their assets continued in several townships. Bombings of the military-owned Mytel telecommunication towers were reported in [Walet](#), [Hpakant](#), [Kantbalu](#), [Khin-U](#), [Kyiakto](#), [Monywa](#), [Bogale](#), [Mogoke](#), [Minhla](#), [Ye](#), [Taungdwingyi](#), [Tantze](#), [Yinmarpyin](#), and [Pale](#). A Myanmar Beer factory in [Monywa](#) was also bombed.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On September 11 in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, the junta forces [arrested 8 youths](#) in Kawa Hka village due to an identification mistake. Only six have been released so far. The remaining two were reported to have been [sent to the military base](#).
- On September 12 in Tedim, Chin, the [police opened fire on civilians](#) leaving one villager dead and two others injured.
- On September 12, the [Thantlang Placement Affairs Committee -IDPs help \(#TPAC\)](#) reported that over [1,395 civilians have been displaced](#) from 11 villages in Thantlang Township, Chin State. As of September 17, [a total of 5,227 civilians](#) have been displaced in the Thantlang area due to the recent fighting between Chinland Defense Force- Thantlang and the BA.
- On September 13 in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, junta forces based at the police station near BEHS 5 [randomly shot at passersby](#).
- On September 13 in Tanai Township, Kachin State, [BA shot a female civilian](#) in the head during a fierce battle with KIA.
- On September 13 in Loikaw townships, Karenni State, fighting between the BA and the resistance forces [destroyed several houses and injured at least three civilians](#).
- On September 14 in Hopin, Kachin State, the junta forces [raided Takwin village and abducted 10 youths](#) following a shooting and bomb explosion in the area.
- On September 14 in Thantlang, Chin State, [the BA fired artillery on a church](#). In Kanpetlet, Chin State, heavy weaponry used by the BA [destroyed civilians' homes and residential areas](#).

Rampant Torching and Violence in Magwe and Saging Regions

- On September 12 in Taungdwingyi Township, Magwe Region, [junta forces killed two brothers](#) in Taung Lyaung village after a Mytel telecom mast was destroyed. Four other villagers were detained. In Gangaw Township, the junta troops torched about 40 houses since September 10. During a village raid, the troops shot and killed a villager and resistance fighter.
- On September 12 in Myaung Township, Sagaing Region, the BA troops torched several houses in Kyauk Yit village and then shot and [killed seven villagers](#).
- On September 14 in Myaing Township, Magwe Region, [three civilians including a teenager were killed during junta raids](#) on villages. Maung Nay Htet Oo, 13, and Ko Tun Myint, 18, were

- On September 15, in Laiza, Kachin State, [BA fired artillery near Laiza](#) even though there were no attacks between the Myanmar military and KIA the previous day. Some of the shells landed near a COVID-19 quarantine center in Mai Sak Pa village.
- On September 15, in Yangon, [one youth was reportedly killed and several were arrested by junta forces in violent raids](#). According to locals, the junta forces raided an apartment in Latha Township and opened fire on three youths. One was reportedly killed and two were injured in the shooting. Four other youths were also reportedly arrested in Lanmadaw Township after the incident.
- On September 16, in Kyaito Township, Mon State, the husband of an NLD member was reported to have [died 4 days after his arrest by the junta forces](#). On September 12, junta forces arrested Oo Yan Nine Oo and a neighbor when they could not locate his wife Daw Thi Tha Aye.
- On September 15, the junta forces [arrested the former editor-in-chief of Mizzima News](#), Ko Myo Thant, in Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyarwady Region. Junta forces reportedly threatened to detain his aunt if he did not surrender.
- On September 17 in Hakha, Chin State, [a 50 year old woman was hit by a bullet in her house](#). The local residents reported hearing several rounds of gunshots and explosions around 11:30 am.
- This week, there were at least three reports of bombing and armed clashes which resulted in [injury](#) or [death](#) of underage children.

- gunned down by junta soldiers as they fled a raid in Sanpya Village. The third victim, 26, was burned alive along with a house.
- On September 14 in Pale Township, Sagaing Region, the BA troops [violently entered Sanpya village](#) in an attempt to clear PDF. Thousands of villagers fled the homes because the troops started torching the village.
- On September 15 in Gangaw Township, Magwe Region, five civilians were found [dead with their bodies mutilated](#) close to where junta troops clashed with local resistance fighters in the previous week.
- On September 15 in Pale Township, Sagaing Region, junta forces [arrested seven young people](#) from Pan village who were on their way back home from tending cattles. Villagers suspected that junta forces arrested them because they are Gen Z youth.
- On September 15 in Kawlin township, Sagaing Region, junta forces bombed the area of Kyauk Tan village. [Stray bullets from the troops injured a villager](#) whom the troops took with them.

Other Updates

- September 13 was the scheduled trial date for the three pastors who were arrested in Nomung Township, Kachin State back in June [for leading a peace prayer](#). However, the [trial has been postponed](#) because the plaintiff was not in attendance.
- The establishment of the [Mon State Defense Force](#) was announced on September 16.
- On September 17 in Kyuakme Township, Shan State, [34 of 82 IDP tested positive](#) for Covid-19. Other IDP camps in Shan State also reported the on-going Covid-19 crisis.
- On September 14, it is reported that Myanmar's [military regime cut off internet access in several townships in Sagaing and Mandalay regions](#). The affected townships are strongholds of anti-regime resistance groups that have inflicted heavy casualties on junta forces. The [internet shutdown in Hpakant, Kachin State](#), which started in late August continues.



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