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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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During the thirty-eighth week since the coup, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Inndaw](#), [Danai](#), [Momauk](#), Kachin State, and in [Muse](#) and [Kutkai](#), Shan State. In other parts of the country, the BA clashed with [MNDAA](#), [KNLA](#), [KNDF](#), and [KA](#). Additionally, clashes between the BA and the People's Defence Forces (PDF) were reported in [Sagaing](#) Region, including in [Taze](#) Township. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in [Naypyitaw](#), [Buthidaung](#), [Thanbyuzayat](#), [Momauk](#), [Loikaw](#), [Taze](#), [Maubin](#), [Minhla](#), [Wantwin](#), [Thein Zayat](#), [Tigyaing](#), [Katha](#), [Nyaung-U](#), [Buthalin](#), [Paung](#), [Pyapon](#), [Hlaingtaryar](#), [Mandalay](#), [Beelin](#), [Taungoo](#), [Pathein Gyi](#), [Yesagyoo](#), and [Loikaw](#). Between October 19 and 22, people across Burma participated in the "[Thadingyut Revolution](#)" using candle lights, online campaigns, and prayer services.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On October 16 in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, security forces [raided a charity worker Ko Shine Ko's house to arrest him](#) but he was not home. They took money (approximately \$800), laptop, motorbike, and other valuables instead.
- On October 16 in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, the BA soldiers arrested a civilian who was sleeping at his home. He was [accused of working with the PDF and was beaten to death on the same day of his arrest](#).
- On October 16 in Matupi Township, Chin State, [a six-year old girl was killed by shrapnel](#) when the BA fired artillery near her family farm in Valangpi Village. According to locals, no clashes were taking place at the time of the incident.
- On October 17 in Sartaung, Sagaing Region, [the BA used an ambulance and several motorcycles to raid the Sartaung PDF training camp, killing two members and arresting one](#).
- On October 17 in Pyapon Township, Ayeyarwaddy Region, following news of the military-owned Mytel telecommunication tower being destroyed, [security forces arrested 30 local young people](#).
- On October 18 in Mandalay, [security forces attacked an anti-coup protest, injuring 20 civilians and arresting another 10](#).
- On October 18 in Taungoo Township, Bago Region, [security forces arrested two youth activists, Richard Soe and Wai Phyo Thu](#). Then on October 21, [Wai Phyo Thu passed away from the injuries he sustained during the arrest](#).
- On October 20 in Yebyu Township, Thanintharyi Region, [security forces shot and killed a 60-year old civilian](#), Kyi Thein, when they

Other Updates

- In Kengtung Township, Shan State, [three young people, Julie, Yun Lae Nandar, and Nan Khan Phue Myat, were sentenced to three years in prison](#). They were arrested back on February 15 for participating in anti-coup protests.
- Ko Lin Paing Soe, a Buddhist Gurkha student who led anti-regime protests in Naypyitaw and Mandalay, was [arrested on September 30, and died his first night in custody](#). Security forces reportedly used racial and religious slurs as they tortured him.
- On October 16, Duwa Bawmwang La Raw, the founder, President of the Kachin National Council, and vice-Chairman of the Kachin National Organization (KNO) passed

- could not find his son who has alleged connections with the PDF.
- On October 20 in Taungoo Township, Bago Region, [plain clothes officers arrested three college students who were playing video games](#) at a local tea shop. The arrest was likely prompted by news of local Mytel towers being destroyed.
- On October 21 in Nanmun-Inndawgyi, Kachin State, [a 13-year old boy was killed by a bomb explosion](#). The bomb is thought to be a leftover from the fighting in the area in May.
- On October 21 in Pale Township, [security forces arrested two teenagers and asked their families for money in exchange for their release.](#)
- On October 22 in Khin-U Township, Sagaing Region, the [BA troops opened fire in Ba-Oh Village](#), killing two locals and injuring one.
- In Chin State, [approximately 40,000 residents have fled their homes](#) due to rampant village torchings carried out by the BA troops.
- In Gangaw Township, Magwe Region, [thousands of displaced civilians from Hnan Khar Village had to flee their temporary shelters](#) due to severe flooding.

- away due to Covid-19 complications. His dream, and also the objective of the KNO, is to establish a liberated Kachin homeland.
- On October 18, [the coup regime released over 5,600 people](#), most of whom were arrested for participating in anti-junta protests. In Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, [11 of the 38 political prisoners released were arrested again as they walked out the prison.](#)



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