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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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During the thirty-ninth week since the coup, fighting between the Burma Army (BA) and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in [Danai](#), Kachin State and [Muse](#), Shan State. Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in [Falam](#), [Kawlin](#), [Myaung](#), [Moebye](#), [Kangyidaunt](#), [Pakokku](#), [Yangon](#) and [Mandalay](#); with [MNDAA in Pan Sai](#), [Muse](#), Shan state. This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in [Yangon](#), [Magwe](#), [Ayarwaddy](#), [Bago \(Pyay and Min Hla\)](#), [Sagaing \(Myaung and Ayadaw\)](#), [Mandalay \(Madaya and Patheingyi\)](#), [Kachin \(Hopin, Banmaw, Myitkyina\)](#), Chin ([Hakha](#).) and [Shan \(Aung Ban\)](#). The bombing of military-owned Mytel telecommunication towers continued across the country, including in [Bagan](#), [Kyaung Kone](#), [Lashio](#), [Taungtar](#), and [Yesagy](#). There are also reports of COVID-19 spread, and thus needs of urgent healthcare assistance, in [a remote town like Nongmung](#) and [Chipwi](#) in Kachin State, [IDP camps in Karenni State](#) and [a boarding highschool](#) in the KIO-controlled area.

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On October 23 in Yangon, a former student leader of 88 Generation, [Ko Jimmy was arrested](#), and [in intensive care](#) at a military hospital.
- On October 24 in Pekon Township, Shan State, the BA's artillery killed [a 44-year-old woman and seriously injured five civilians, including 2 young children](#) during clashes between the BA and Moebye PDF. Because of these clashes, [about 1,000 civilians have had to flee their homes](#).
- On October 25 in Falam Township, Chin State, [the BA torched 11 houses in Tal village](#) in the morning and [3 houses in Thalan Rawn village](#) in the afternoon. It was the second time in both villages and the first time was on 14-19 October.
- On October 25 evening in Demoso Township, Karenni (Kayah) State, [the BA fired around \(6\)miles Village and destroyed a new Catholic church](#).
- On October 26 in Nyaung Pin Tha, Pekon Township, Shan State, [the BA's random shooting injured two civilians](#), and one is in critical condition.
- Between October 26 and 27 in Mingin Township, Sagaing Region, [fear of imminent BA raids displaced 4,000 villagers](#) in one day.
- On October 27 in Pekon Township, Shan State, [the BA arrested 19 villagers](#) from Shwe Pyi Aye village and used them as human shields during a raid.
- On October 27 in Shwe Pyi Aye village, Pekon Township, [the BA's dawn raid and random shooting destroyed houses](#) including

Violence in Thantlang, Chin State

- Thantlang is a town near the India-Burma border. There has been intense fighting between the Chinland Defense Forces - Thantlang and the BA since early September. On September 18 a pastor was shot dead while he was trying to put out the fire started by the BA's artillery.
- On October 29 in Thantlang, Chin state, the BA fired the artillery several times into the city causing a massive fire. After 14 hours of razing fire, over 100 houses including two churches were burned. [No one was in town to put out the fire as the residents had been forcibly displaced](#) due to recent fighting in the area.
- Between September and October, the BA's artillery [destroyed more than 200 homes](#) in Thantlang.
- An estimated 7,225 people are displaced from [Thantlang, Chin](#)

the village clinic and displaced over 270 villagers.

- On October 27 in Kyaukme, Shan State, [the continuous intense fighting relocated the IDPs](#) from Nar Munn camp.
- On October 27 in Myaing Township, Magwe Region, [the BA raided Padaingdaw village at dawn and arrested 15](#) villagers. Only one of the arrested villagers was reported to have been released later.
- On October 28 in Ye-U Township, Sagaing Region, the [BA arrested 15 residents from Chantha village](#). Some were released afterward.
- On October 28 in Taze Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA torched houses in Kar Paung](#) village for the fifth time in October.
- On October 29 in Kyun Hla Township, Sagaing Region, the [BA fired artillery at Kwe Te village, causing people to flee](#) for safety.

[State, and are in urgent need of food supplies and medical care.](#)

- The BA's presence and fighting have led to continued displacement of civilians in other parts of Chin State including in [Matupi](#).
- Dr. Lian Hmung Sakhong of the National Unity Government's Ministry of Federal Union Affairs has [suggested that there is a genocidal intent](#) behind the BA's ruthless military action in Chin State in the past few months.

Other Updates

- On October 25, hundreds of [pro-military supporters rallied](#) in Naypyitaw, Pyin Oo Lwin, Meiktila, [Lashio](#), [Myitkyina](#) and [Putao](#). Local sources indicate that the [military paid the demonstrators](#) to attend pro-military rallies.
- On October 25, UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment of [Noeleen Heyzer as the new United Nations special envoy on Myanmar](#).
- On October 26, [the junta turned down ASEAN's conditional invitation to its summit](#), insisting it can only accept the participation of head or ministerial-level representatives. ASEAN decided not to invite the junta on October 15, and invited the participation of a non-political representative instead.
- On the first day of their annual meeting (October 26), [Southeast Asian leaders voiced disappointment at the junta](#) and expressed concerns over the situation.
- On October 27, members of [ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights \(APHR\) urged the ASEAN](#) and governments around the world to engage with NUG and impose sanctions on the junta and their economic interests.
- On October 27, India's largest port operator, [Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited, said it would withdraw plans](#) to build a container terminal in the military-owned Ahlone Port, Yangon by June next year.
- On October 29, [NUG formed a military command structure](#) to coordinate between civilian resistance forces and the Ethnic Armed Organizations.
- On October 29, [U Win Htein, the detained patron of the NLD, was sentenced](#) to 20 years in prison.



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