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## WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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**D**uring the forty-seventh week since the coup, the Burma Army (BA) continued to air bombardments in Sagaing Region ([Yay Myat village](#), [Yay U](#), [Kalay](#), and [Pale](#)), Magway Region ([Gangaw](#)), Shan State ([Mongkoe](#)), and Karen State ([Lay Kay Kaw](#)). Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Sagaing Region ([Katha](#)), Kachin State ([Hpakant](#)), and Shan State ([Kutkai](#)). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Yangon Region ([Thanlyin](#)), Chin State ([Mindat](#)), Sagaing Region ([Myaing and Pauk](#), [Nat Chaung](#) of [Kalay](#), [Yinmabin](#), [Monywar](#), [Kani](#), [Chaung U](#), [Taungta](#), and [Tamu](#)), Magway Region ([Chauk](#)), and Shan State ([Hsensi](#)). Additionally, the BA clashed [with the joint forces of KNDF and KA in](#) Karenni State ([Loikaw and Demoso](#)), with MNDA in Shan State ([Mongkoe](#)), with KNLA in Karen State ([Lay Kay kaw](#), [Myawaddy](#), and [Kawkareik](#)), Mon State ([Thaton](#), [Belin](#)), and Bago Region ([Taungngu](#)). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices, junta's assets and Mytel tower was reported in Sagaing Region ([Kalay](#), [Palaik](#), [Monywar](#) and [Taze](#)), Magway Region ([Minbu](#), [Kamma](#), [Pakokku](#), [Magyikan](#) and [Magway](#)), Yangon Region ([Dagon Seikkan](#)), Bago Region ([Kyauk Gyi](#) and [Pyay](#)), and Ayeyarwady Region ([Kyonpyaw](#)). The bombings of military vehicles and troops were reported in Sagaing Region ([Taze](#), [Ayadaw](#), [Hti Chaingk](#), [Kani](#), [Sar Lin Gyi](#), [Monywar](#), [Pale](#), [Pale-Gangaw](#), and [Gangaw](#)), Magway Region ([Saw](#)), [Pyinmana in Naypyitaw](#), Mon State ([Thaton](#)), Yangon Region ([Thongwa](#)), and Karen State ([Kawkareik](#)).

## Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- Due to continued intense armed clashes in the Karen area, on December 19, thousands of residents of villages from Myawaddy Township, Karen State [crossed a river along the Thai-Burma border to seek shelter](#) in Thailand. The UN refugee agency recently stressed [the need for urgent assistance and protection for displaced people from Myawaddy](#). About 3,900 people sheltered in Thailand and 10,000 others were internally displaced.
- The BA arrested 19 residents in Pekon Township, Shan State two months ago. Recent reports indicate that [2 of 19 residents have been killed](#). The BA did not return the bodies.
- On December 19 in Pathein, Ayeyarwady Region, [the police shot and killed a 60-year-old woman](#).
- On December 19 in Moe Nyo, Bago Region, [the BA shot motorbikes passing by and killed a 25-year-old young man from Letbadan](#) and injured a man.
- On December 20 in Madaya, Mandalay Region, [the BA raided a village and detained the residents](#).
- Between December 20 and 22 in Ye-U Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA torched houses in Yay Myat village](#).

## Violence in Karenni State

- On December 17 in Loikaw Township, [the BA destroyed at least 20 houses in Daw Saw Wea and Kunnar villages](#). Then on December 20 [the BA torched another 19 houses](#) in Kunna village while retreating.
- On December 19 about [150 Karenni IDPs relocated to Demoso Township](#) due to water and firewood scarcity at the place where they had been taking shelter since late May.
- On December 24 in Loikaw Township, [the BA's artillery killed a villager and injured another one](#).
- On December 24 in Hpruso Township, the [BA killed and burned at least 39 civilians including women and children](#). According to autopsy reports, most of the bodies had their hands tied to the backs, and were violently beaten and stabbed.

- On December 21 in Naypidaw, [a teacher from Lewe died in the BA's custody](#). The victim was arrested the previous day for participating in the strike.
- On December 22 in Gangaw, Magway Region, [the BA torched houses in San Myo village](#); the villagers had fled ahead of the BA arrival. [The displaced villagers are in urgent need](#) of food, medicine and warm clothes.
- On December 23 in Kalay Myo, Sagaing Region, [the BA conducted airstrikes in Nat Chaung Village and killed at least 4 civilians](#). [The BA also torched over 30 houses](#) in the village,
- December 24 in Mandalay, [the junta abducted four lawyers](#) who worked on the defence teams for political cases on December 19.
- December 24, [the junta sentenced a 22-year-old CEC member of Yangon University Students Union](#) to three years in prison with hard labour on December 22.
- On December 24 in Gangaw, Magway Region, [two recently displaced elders from Hnan Hka village died of extreme cold in their shelters](#). The displaced villagers are in urgent need of blankets, warm clothes, food and medicines.

## Other Updates

- On December 19, [the BA troops raided two jade trading compounds](#) in Mandalay.
- On December 20, [the military junta shut down the office of UN Special Envoy](#) for Myanmar in Naypyitaw.
- On December 22, [a landslide \(waste heap\) collapsed in Tharyarkone, jade-mining Hpakant, Kachin State](#). Four bodies were recovered and dozens were still missing. A [similar incident occurred in Seng Ja Bum three days ago](#), and 5 people were reportedly killed.
- On December 22, [the junta's ministry issued a joint statement pushing China to restart the implementation of several stalled joint projects](#).



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