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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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During the forty-eight week since the coup, the Burma Army (BA) continued to conduct airbombardment in Karen ([Lay Kay Kaw](#)) and Karenni ([Demoso](#)) States. Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Kachin State ([Hpakant](#) and [Mohnyin](#)), and Shan State ([Kutkai](#)). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Kachin State ([Putta-O](#)), Sagaing Region ([Ye-U](#), [Pale](#), [Taze](#), [Monywa](#), [Chaung-U](#), [Myaung](#), [Ayadaw](#), [Tigyain](#)), Mon State ([Thaton](#)), and Magway Region ([Gangaw](#), [Myaing](#), [Yesagy](#)). Additionally, the BA clashed with the KNLA/KNU in Karen State ([Lay Kay Kaw](#), [Thaton](#), [Kawkareik](#), and [Myawaddy](#)). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State ([Bhamo](#)), Mandalay Region ([Kaukse](#), [Kyaukpadaung](#), [Amarapura](#), and [Mandalay](#)), Magway Region ([Taungdwingyi](#) and [Pakokku](#)), Bago Region ([Taungoo](#)), Sagaing Region ([Wetlet](#), [Kale](#), and [Sagaing](#)), and Karenni State ([Loikaw](#)). Urgent humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Karen State ([Myawaddy](#)), [Karenni State](#), and Sagaing Region ([Kale](#) and [Ye-U](#)).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On December 26 in Taze Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA set fire to 6 residential homes in Myaut Inn Village.](#)
- On December 27 in Kale Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA fired artillery shells and set fire to multiple villages in the area.](#)
- On December 27 in Depayin Township, Sagaing Region, [four PDF members in their 20s were killed by an unknown group.](#)
- On December 27 in Natmauk Township, Magway Region, the [security forces barged into a civilian home, started shooting at the residents](#) and arrested Thein Shwe (age 65), his wife Kyin May (age 52), and their son Phyo Paing Ko (age 27).
- On December 28 in Kale Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA set fire to at least five residential homes, and people from six villages in the area had to flee to safety.](#)
- On December 28 in Paletwa Township, Chin State, [the security forces arrested Tin Htun Aung and Tin Oo for unknown reasons.](#)
- On December 28 in Kale Township, Sagaing Region, [the BA set fire to Nat Chaung Village forcing all the villagers to flee. Elderlies who could not flee were found dead and burned in their homes.](#)
- On December 29 in Pathein Township, Ayeyarwady Region, [the security forces arrested a ritual performer \(medium\) Htet Paing Phyo for allegedly performing curses against the coup regime.](#)
- On December 30 in Minkin Township, Sagaing Region, the BA arrested residents of Patkat Village [to be used as human shields to fight against the PDFs.](#)

Other Updates

- This week, the coup regime sentenced a number of celebrities to three years in prison, including [Lu Min](#), [Ye Tike](#), [Paing Takhon](#), and [Author Than Myint Aung](#). They were arrested for participating in anti-coup protests and activities.
- The [United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)](#) announced that the pandemic and political crisis could result in half of Myanmar's population living in poverty by 2022.
- The [United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken](#) condemned the BA's inhumane killings of the civilians and urged the international community to stop selling weapons to the coup regime.

- On December 31 in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, [the BA randomly fired artillery shells at the surrounding areas of](#) Kanyin Myaing Village even though there was not any fighting going on at the time.
- On December 31 in Pyi Township, Bago Region, the security forces raided a PDF member's home to arrest him but because they did not find him, they [arrested his mom, his two brothers, his sister, and his one-year old daughter instead.](#)



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