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WEEKLY COUP UPDATE BY THE KACHIN ALLIANCE

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This week, the Burma Army (BA) continued airbombardment in Kachin State ([Sumpiyang](#)), Karenni State ([Demoso](#)), Sagaing Region ([Kani](#), [Kyunhla](#), and [Yinmarbin](#)), and the [Shan-Karenni State border](#). Fighting between the BA and Kachin Independence Army (KIA) occurred in Kachin State ([Sumpiyang](#)), Sagaing Region ([Indaw](#)). Over the week, there were clashes between the BA and PDFs in Chin State ([Kanpetlet](#)), Kayah State ([Demoso](#)), Sagaing Region ([Depayin](#), [Katha](#), [Wuntho](#), [Shwebo](#), and [Ye-U](#)), Magway Region ([Saw](#), and [Yesagyo](#)), Mandalay Region ([Madaya](#)). Additionally, the BA clashed with the Chin National Army (CNA) in Chin State ([Hakha](#)), and with the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) in [Karen State](#) ([Bilin](#)). This week, violence against regime informants and collaborators, and around government offices and junta's assets was reported in Kachin State ([Myitkyina](#), [Shwegu](#)), Shan State ([Hseni](#)), Mandalay Region ([Maha Aung Myay](#), [Kyaukse](#), [Saintgaing](#), [Pyigyitakon](#), [Chanmyatharsi](#), and [Mandaya](#)), Sagaing Region ([Chaung-U](#), and [Yinmarbin](#)), Bago Region ([Taungoo](#)), Yangon Region ([Shwepyithar](#), [Hlaingtharyar](#), and [Mingaladon](#)), and Tanintharyi Region ([Dawei](#)). Urgent humanitarian assistance for Internally Displaced Persons is needed in Kachin State ([Putao](#)).

Humanitarian Crisis and Human Rights Violations

- On February 28 and March 1, in Gangaw Township, Magway Region, the BA and its militia Pyu Saw Htee [burned down at least 210 houses surrounding villages and killed more than 10 innocent civilians](#).
- On March 2 and 3 in Taunggyi Township, Shan State, security forces arrested about 7 locals including Hein Ko Ko, [who was active in local anti-coup activities](#).
- On March 2 in Maubin Township, Ayeyarwady Region, [security forces arrested 10 civilians for using social media](#). They were trying to find social media users who were spreading information against the coup regime but they randomly arrested civilians when they did not know the actual account users.
- On March 2 in Pauk Township, Magway Region, the BA and its militia Pyu Saw Htee [burned down the entire village of Laeyar which had about 300 houses](#).
- On March 2 in Hpa-kant Township, Kachin State, a 45-year old civilian [U Kayin, who regularly participated in anti-coup protests, was shot and killed](#) by an unknown gunman.
- On March 2 in Demoso Township, Karenni State, [the KNDF and PDF found three civilian bodies, killed and burned by the BA soldiers last week](#).
- On March 2 in Chin State, [the BA burned down dozens of residential properties in a village located on the main road connecting Hakha and Falam](#).

Village Torching in Sagaing Region

- On February 26 in Yinmarbin Township, the BA conducted [airbombardment in Chinbone Village](#) and also dropped off about 70 soldiers who burned down houses in the village. There were preschool age children trapped in the village during the bombardment. When the villagers came back, they found that [21 villagers had been killed](#). In the same township, the BA fired artillery shells in Banbwe Ywama Village the next day, and [injured a local Buddhist monk](#).
- On March 3 in Chaung-U Township, the BA's militia Pyu Saw Htee raided Waya Village [ransacking and burning down many houses](#).

- On March 3 in Sumpiyang Village, Putao Township, Kachin State, [the BA burned down at least five civilian homes.](#)
- On March 3 in Demoso Township, Karenni State, [the BA's artillery shelling burned down at least four homes, and the soldiers burned and killed two civilians.](#)
- On March 4 in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, the [BA raided Kin Village and burned down four houses](#), forcing about 5,000 locals to flee.
- On March 4 in Pyay Township, Bago Region, [security forces arrested four young civilians for protesting against the military commander MAL](#) who was visiting the town.
- After clashes on March 4 in Bawlahke, Karenni State, [the BA raided Nan Phe village track, burned 5 houses, and burned two villagers](#) from Kwet Thit village alive.

- On March 4 in Myaing Township, the BA and its militia Pyu Saw Htee [raided Naypigyun Village killing domestic animals and burning down houses.](#)
- On March 4 in Myaung Township, [the BA burned down houses in Naypu-kone Village and also took civilians' livestock.](#)

Other Updates

- On February 28 in Hpa-kant Township, Kachin State, [over 50 people went missing in a gold mine landslide, but the mining company did not try to find them](#) in fear of getting criticized.
- In Bhamo Township, Kachin State, [illegal gold mining has increased significantly since the 2021 February coup.](#)
- The coup regime's SAC [revoked the citizenship](#) of 11 people who are members of the parallel National Unity Government and well-known pro-democracy activists.
- On March 2, the coup regimed released [a few celebrities who arrested their pro-democracy activism following the coup.](#)
- Starting March 3, [the coup regime cut off internet access in 33 townships across Sagaing Region.](#) In Chin State, [the internet is available for two hours a day through Mytel](#), a telecom company owned and operated by military families. Other telecom services were unavailable for usage.
- The coup regime's media spokesperson spoke to the Russian media Sputnik that [the regime agrees with Russia and supports the Russian invasion of Ukraine.](#)



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