

AERIAL ATTACKS CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY COUNCIL (2)

Research Methodology

The analysis delves into the civilian casualties and the devastation inflicted upon hospitals, schools, and religious structures as a result of the Military Council's airstrikes during the period spanning from May to August 2023. This report relies on press releases from revolutionary organizations, as well as information from a wide array of independent news media outlets. The data presented has been meticulously compiled from a comprehensive collection of 43 reputable news media, alongside a thorough examination of over 1300 Facebook pages associated with the revolutionary organizations.

The incidents of airstrikes mentioned in the report is calculated based on the number of places where airstrikes are carried out. One incident is counted if the airstrikes are conducted in one location on the same day. In cases where airstrikes occur in two different places on the same day, each incident is accurately accounted for as an individual event. If the frequency of airstrikes for an incident is not explicitly stated in the press releases of the revolutionary organizations or the media news, the number of airstrikes for that incident is counted as one time.

Introduction

Since the onset of the Spring Revolution in February 2021, the Military Junta has not only directed its aerial attacks towards the military base area of Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations, People's Defence Forces, but has also extended its targets to the gathering spots of civilians, health infrastructures, educational institutions, places of worship, residential complexes, and even the temporary shelters provided for internally displaced persons.

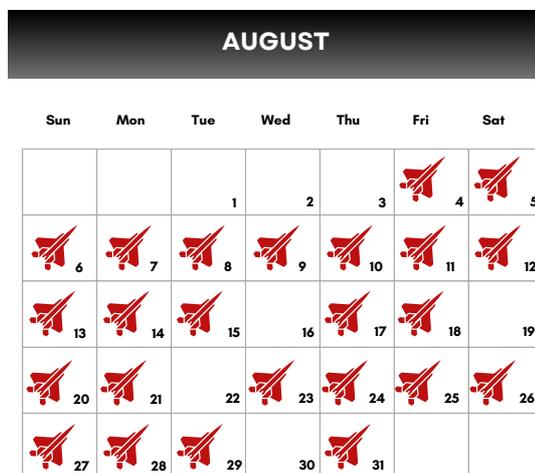
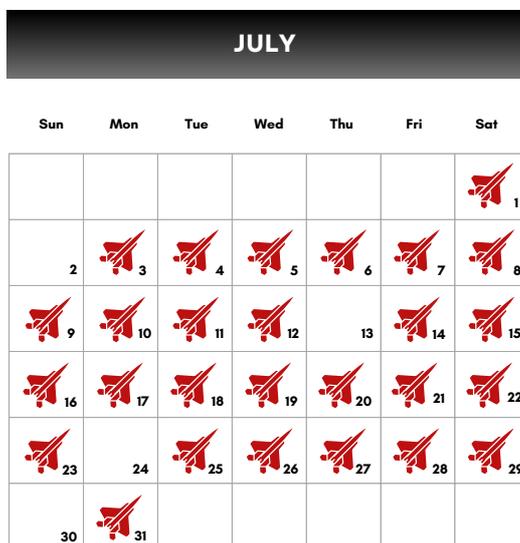
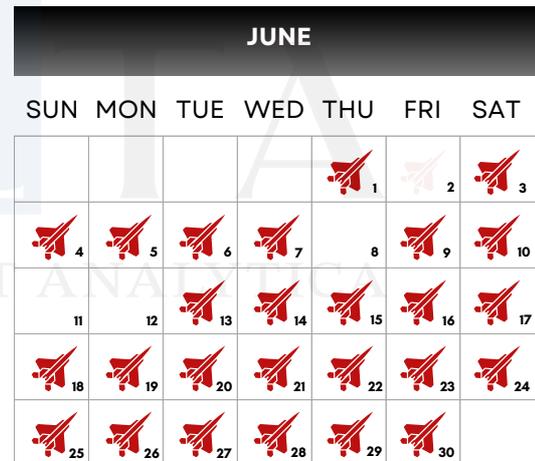
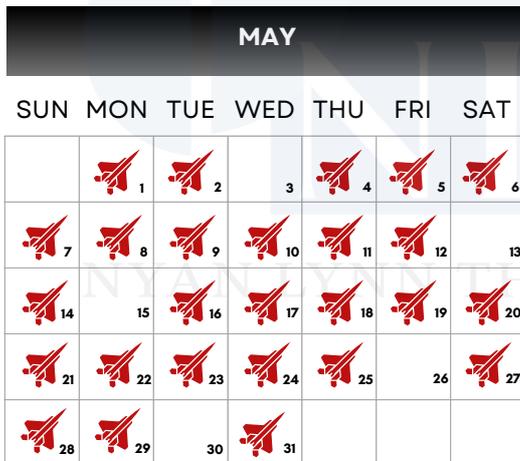
As per comprehensive observations, the Military Junta predominantly employs a variety of aerial assets, including fighter jets, helicopters, drones and training aircrafts for various purposes. These include (1) carrying out aerial operations, (2) conducting airstrikes during ground offensives, (3) executing aerial attacks when their military bases or columns are attacked (4) gathering information through reconnaissance, (5) replenishing/relocating troops and (6) transporting military resources.



Airstrikes and Civilian targeted by the Military Council from May 2023 to August 2023

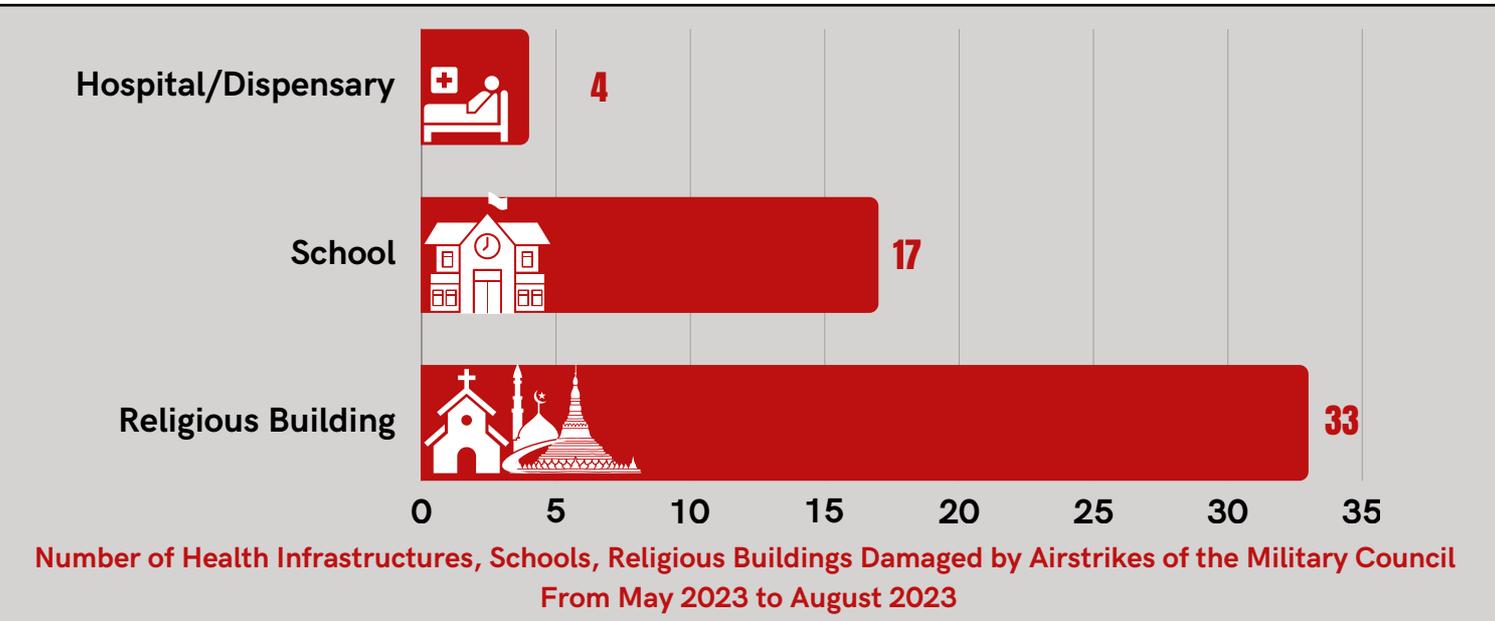
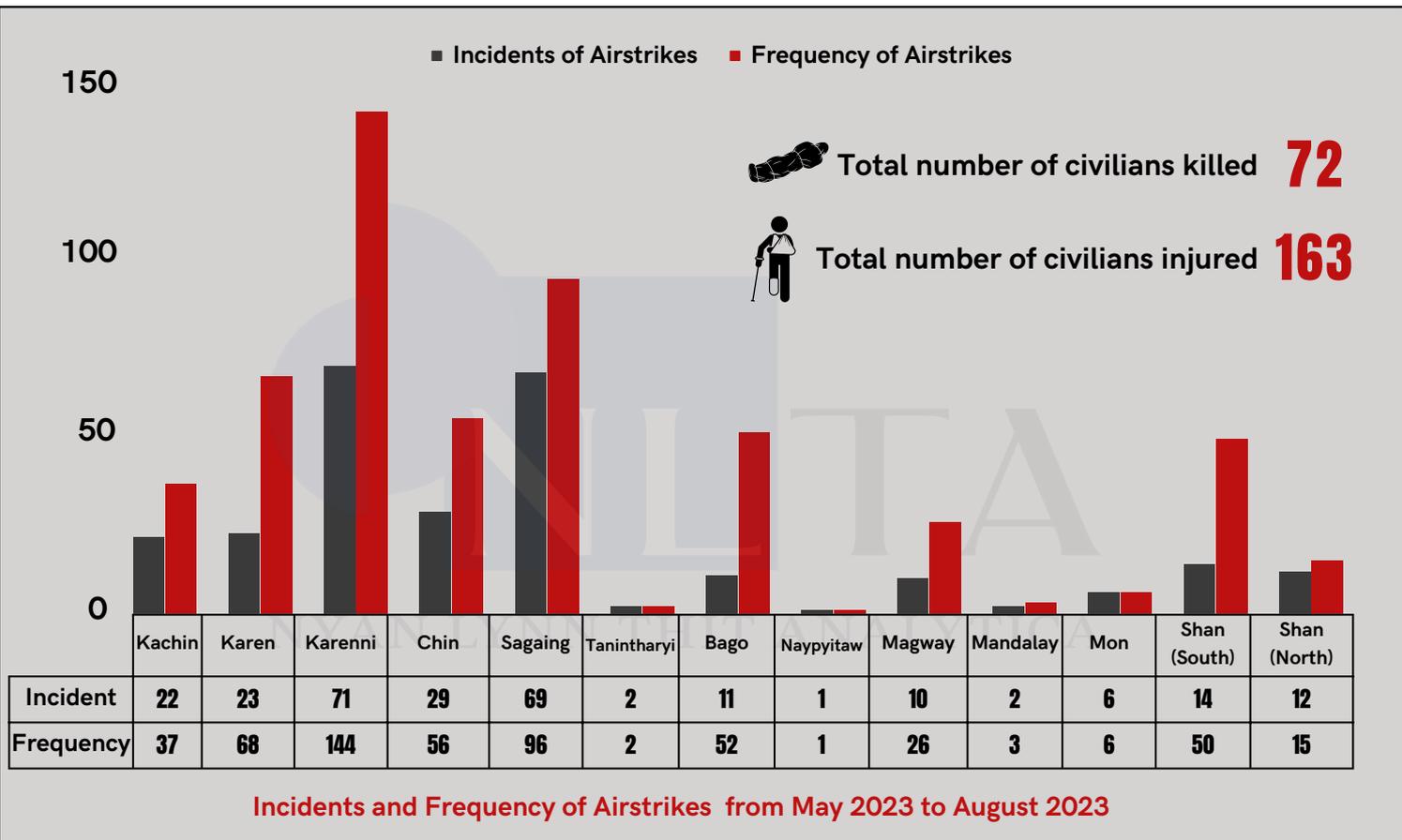


From May 2023 to August 2023, the military council conducted airstrikes on 104 days out of 123 days, indicating that aerial attacks occurred almost daily. During these 4 months, the Military Council carried out a total of 272 incidents of airstrikes, which equates to an average of 2 incidents per day.

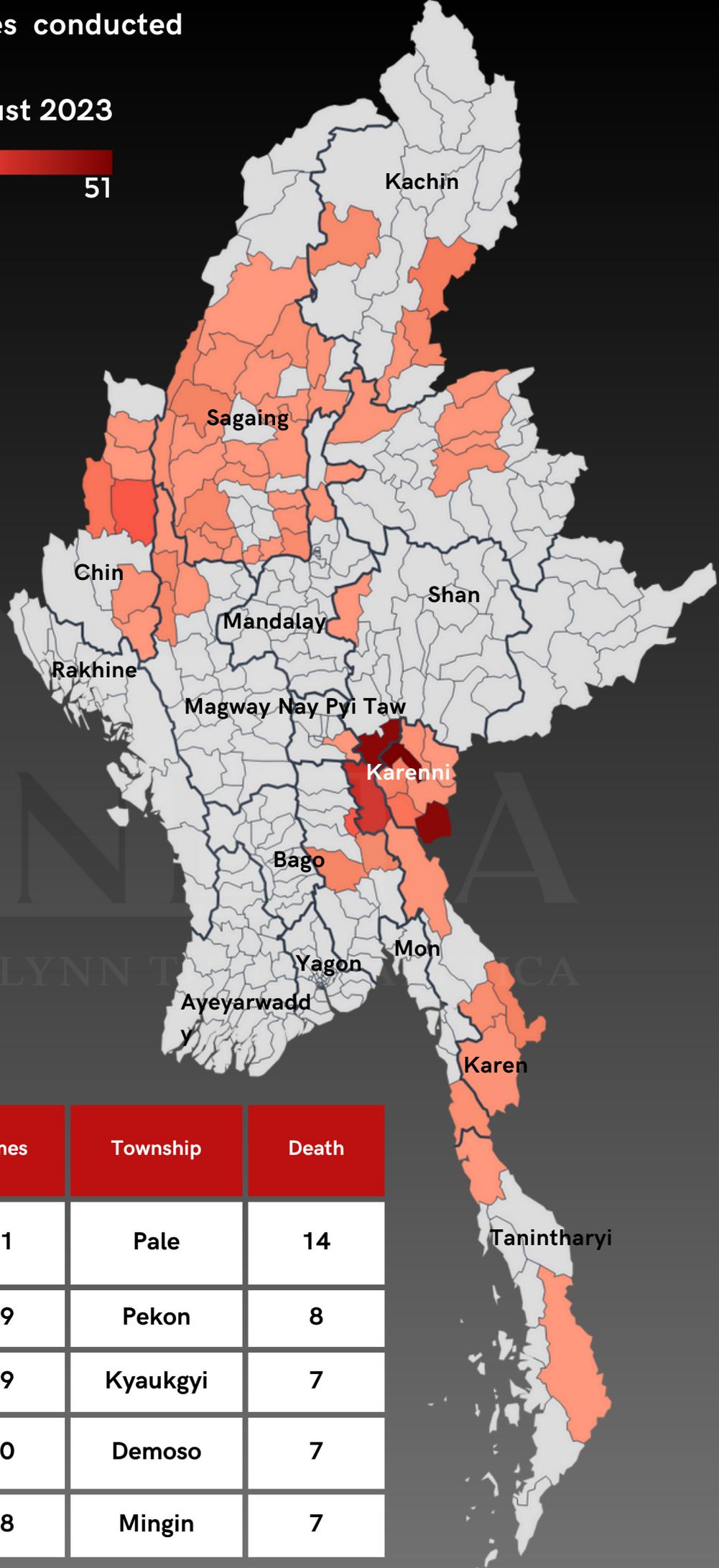
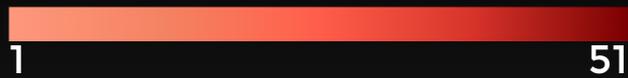


Calendar Showing the Dates of Airstrikes Conducted by the Military Council from May 2023 to August 2023

The military council conducted the highest incidents of airstrikes: 71 incidents in Karenni, Sagaing experienced 69 incidents, while Chin, Karen, and Kachin, each witnessed 29, 23, and 22 incidents respectively. The areas with the second highest incidents of airstrikes were 14 incidents in Shan (South), 12 incidents in Shan (North), 11 incidents in Bago, 10 incidents in Magway, and 6 incidents in Mon. Additionally, it was found that 2 incidents occurred in Tanintharyi, 2 incidents in Mandalay, and 1 incident in Nay Pyi Taw. From May 2023 to August 2023, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 72 civilians. Moreover, the incidents left 163 individuals wounded, while 33 religious buildings, 17 schools, and 4 health infrastructures were destroyed.



Frequency of Airstrikes conducted by the Military Council from May 2023 to August 2023

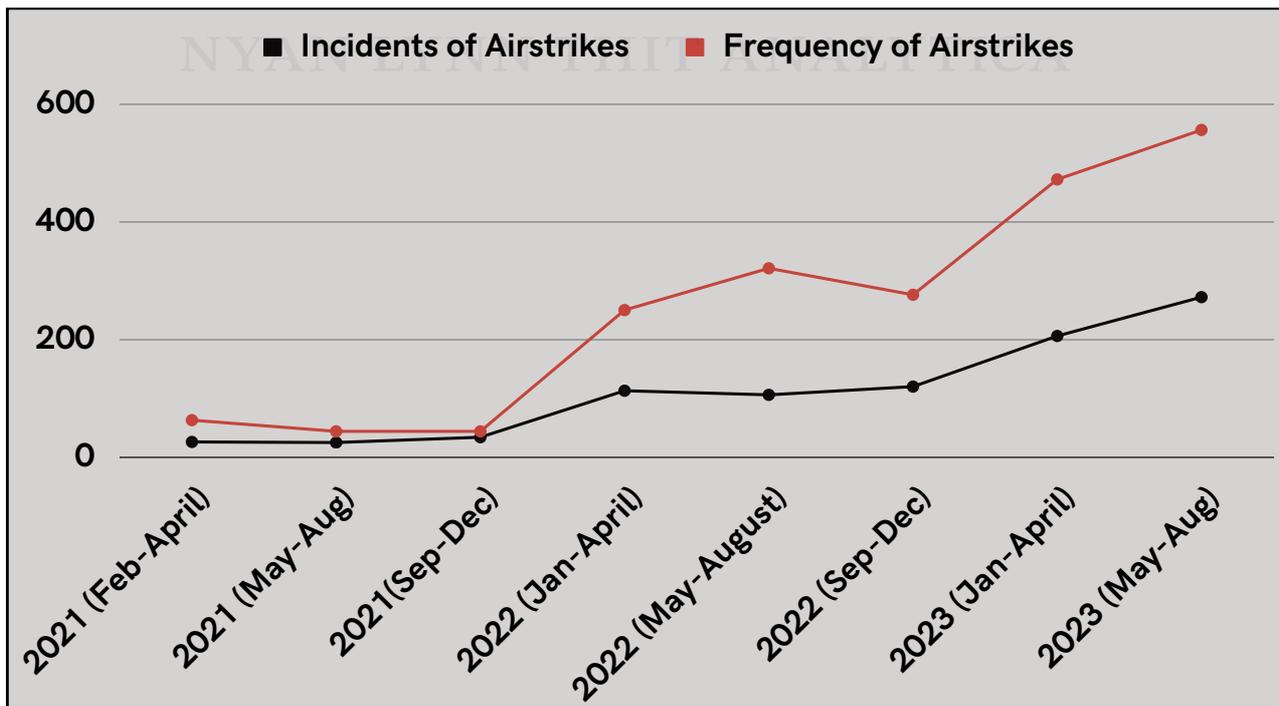
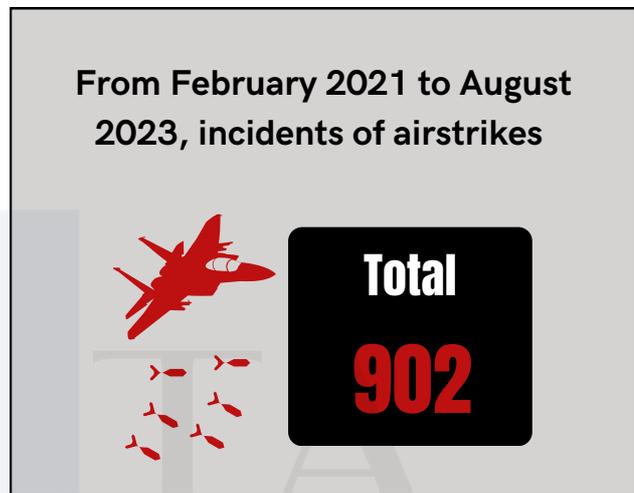


No	Township	Times	Township	Death
1	Demoso	51	Pale	14
2	Mese	49	Pekon	8
3	Pekon	49	Kyaukgyi	7
4	Thandaunggyi	40	Demoso	7
5	Hakha	28	Mingin	7

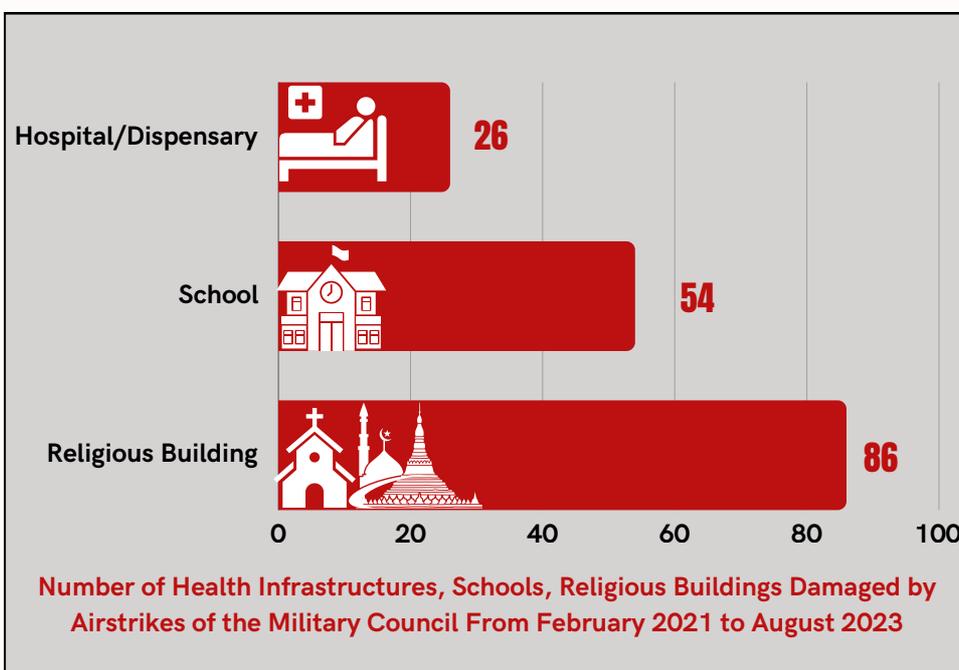
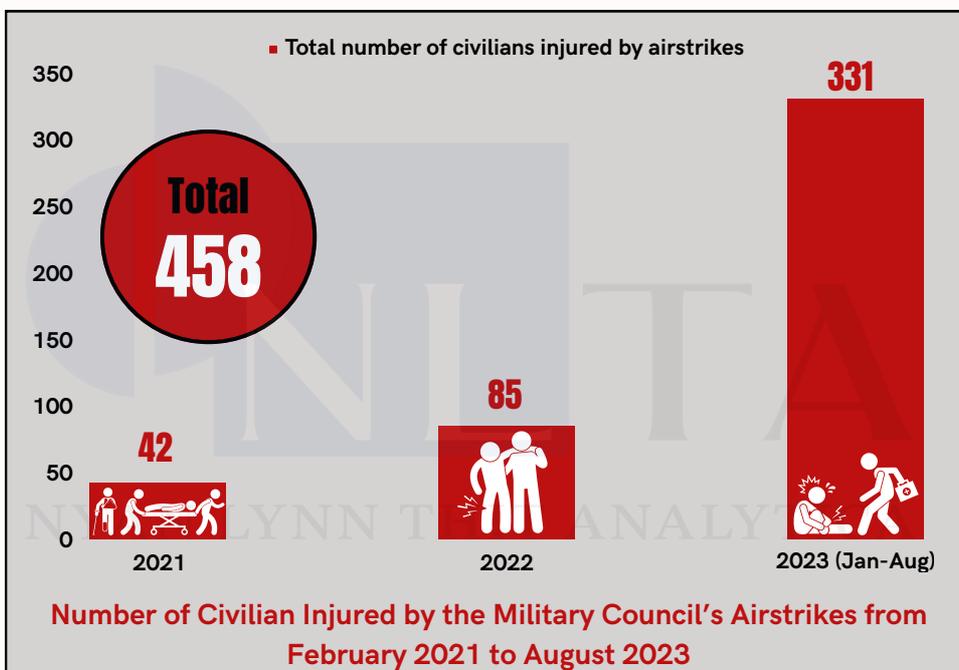
Tanintharyi

A Comparison of the Military Council's Aerial Attacks during the Periods of 2021, 2022 and 2023

The military council has conducted a wide range of airstrikes on 462 days out of 942 days from February 2021 to August 2023, and committed a total of 902 incidents of airstrikes. Based on the data analysis, there have been a total of 687 civilian fatalities and 458 injuries as a direct consequence of the military council's aerial operations. Notably, a comparative analysis of the military council's aerial attacks in 2021, 2022 and 2023 reveals that the frequency of aerial attack operation increased year by year, resulting in a harrowing toll of civilian casualties, injuries and substantial infrastructural damage.



A 4-month comparison of the incident and frequency of airstrikes carried out by the Military Council between February 2021 and August 2023



From February to December 2021, the Military Council conducted airstrikes on 58 days out of 334 days. From February to December 2021, the Military Council has committed a total of 85 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average an incident occurred every 4 days. From February to December 2021, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 63 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 42 individuals wounded, while 8 religious buildings, 7 schools, and 4 health infrastructures were destroyed.

During **334 days** from February 2021 to December 2021, incidents of airstrikes



Total
85

From February 2021 to December 2021, incidents of airstrikes on average



At Least
1 per
4 days

Due to airstrikes of the Military Council from February 2021 to December 2021

Total number of civilians killed **63**
Total number of civilians injured **42**

Damage by airstrikes of the Military Council from February 2021 to December 2021

Religious Building		8
School		7
Hospital/Dispensary		4

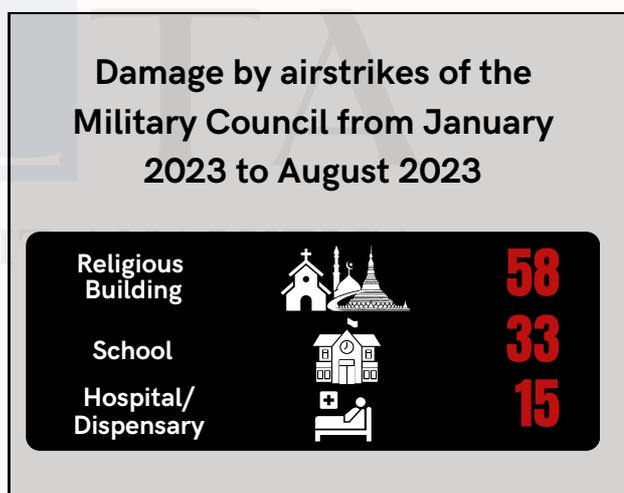
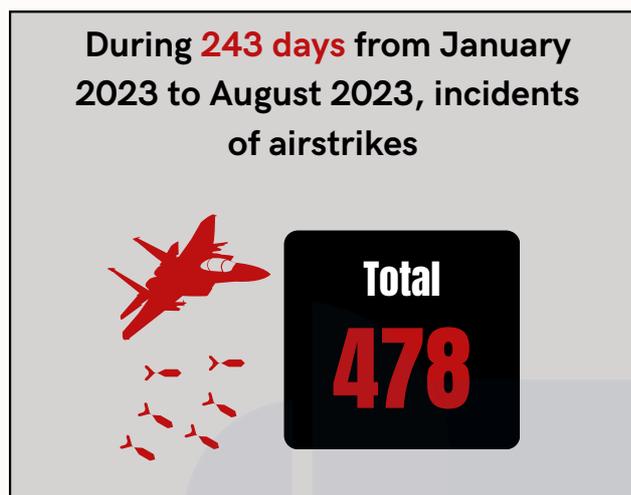
Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from February 2021 to December 2021

During the entire year of 2022, the military council conducted airstrikes on 205 days out of 365 days. In 2022, the Military Council committed a total of 339 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average an incident occurred per day. Throughout the year of 2022, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 260 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 85 individuals wounded, while 20 religious buildings, 14 schools, and 7 health infrastructures were destroyed.



Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from January 2022 to December 2022

From January to August 2023, the military council conducted airstrikes on 199 days out of 243 days, indicating that aerial attacks occurred approximately every day during these 8 months. In the 8 months up to August 2023, the Military Council has committed a total of 478 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average 2 incidents occurred per day. From January 2023 to August 2023, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 364 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 331 individuals wounded, while 58 religious buildings, 33 schools, and 15 health infrastructures were destroyed.



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