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## Introduction

Following the military regime's violence crackdowns, the Spring Revolution in which unarmed people staged peaceful protests since the beginning of the military coup, shifted rapidly from self-defense to armed revolution. On 7 September 2021, the National Unity Government (NUG) declared a nationwide people's defensive war against the junta.

Hundreds of battalions and units of People's Defense Forces (PDFs) under the NUG, Township PDFs, People's Security Forces, hundreds of urban-based People's Defense Forces/Local Defense Forces (PDFs/LDFs) which have sprung up under various regional names rather than under the NUG, need the help and support from the already-existed Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs).

The Three Brotherhood Alliance's "Operation 1027"<sup>1</sup> has revealed the necessary assistance required for revolutionary

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1 Operation 1027: Military Dynamics in Northern Myanmar. – Issue 128  
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forces which are engaging in the Spring Revolution as well as guidance and leadership. It can stimulate all the revolutionary forces throughout the country to simultaneously conduct coordinated military operations for the end of the military dictatorship.

The Burma News International (BNI)-Myanmar Peace Monitor's weekly news review for this week highlights "Operation 1027" (or) the Northern Call which started on 27 October and coordinated military operations of the Spring Revolution forces.

## **"Operation 1027" (or) the Northern Call**

On 9 November, 2023 which is 14th day of "Operation 1027", the Three Brotherhood Alliance said it successfully captured 128 small and large army bases of the military council.<sup>2</sup> It has taken control of Chinshwehaw, Hpawng Hseng, Kyukoke (Pang Hseng),

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<sup>2</sup> Battle news of the Three Brotherhood Alliance in Shan State, 9 November.  
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Theinni, Namkham, Monekoe and Kunglong<sup>3</sup> in Shan State from the military council. It also captured and destroyed up to nine armoured vehicles.<sup>4</sup>

“Operation 1027” is implemented after two years of thorough preparation. In addition to the Three Brotherhood Alliance — Myanmar National Truth and Justice Party/Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNTJP/MNDAA), Palaung State Liberation Front/ Ta’ang National Liberation Army (PSLF/TNLA) and United League of Arakan/Arakan Army (ULA/AA), relevant urban PDFs, Mandalay (MDY)-PDF and the Spring Revolution forces, namely the Bamar People’s Liberation Army (BPLA), the Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF) and the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) are engaging in “Operation 1027”.

Brig-Gen Tar Bone Kyaw, General Secretary of the PSLF/TNLA said they already have cooperation with the NUG’s Ministry of Defense (MOD).

“In the current revolution, we held a series of talks with the NUG. We are coordinating with the battalion units under the Chain of Command (CoC) of the MOD under the NUG and implement works together as much as possible in the wave of the revolutionary “Operation 1027”. We understand that the PDFs under the MOD, the PDFs which are not under the MOD and the forces connected to us, are conducting coordinated military operations in various parts of the country.”<sup>5</sup>

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3 Military press statement, 9 November, 2023. <https://bit.ly/3MDtsKh>

4 KIA said it raided and captured two military outposts on the border of Sagaing and Kachin. <https://bit.ly/3SA3afQ>

5 “There should be no land for tyrants to live in.” – TNLA Brig-Gen Tar Bone Kyaw. <https://bit.ly/3QvJB5M>

## The Spring Revolution's Coordinated Attacks

The NUG's Ministry of Defense (MOD) announced on 27 October that it will engage in "Operation 1027" and conduct coordinated military operations by joining hands with the Three Brotherhood Alliance. The military press statement of the NUG (MOD) from 27 to 30 October, released on 2 November said that the NUG (MOD) is carrying out coordinated attacks across the country in cooperation with the LDFs and allied EROs. On 7 November, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), the NUG's MOD, PDFs and revolutionary forces, fully captured Khampat in Tamu Township in Tamu District in Sagaing Region under the command of No.1 military region, Tamu District. The revolutionary forces involved in the operation are: Tamu District Battalion-2, Military Region Special Battalion-2, No.1 Military Region Heavy Weapon Force, Frontline Command, Chin National Defense Force (CNDP), Thadou Defense Army (TDA), Rawn Chinland Defense Force (RCDF), Kuki National Army (KNA)-(Burma). On 6 November, the revolutionary forces captured district capital Kawlin and seized a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.



The Commander-in-Chief of Kachin Independence Army (KIA) serves as the commander of No.1 military region under the Central Command and Coordination Committee (C3C) while KIA officers are acting as district commanders. It is a military region where PDF battalions and units are under close command. <sup>6</sup> No.1 military region includes Kachin, Sagaing, Chin, Shan (north), Magway and Mandalay. It is based in northern and western areas of Myanmar. (Remark-the NUG's MOD formed the Central Command and Coordination Committee (C3C) in cooperation with the four allied EROs, in September 2021. <sup>7</sup>



On the morning of 9 November 2023, the joint force of KIA and the PDFs captured three military outposts stationed by the military council and Shanni Nationalities Army (SNA) in Homalin Township of Sagaing Region. These are the military outposts of the SNA on the road on Thanyawzin hill (locally-called) in Homalin Township in Khamti District. The distance between one military outpost and another is only about 300 meters. <sup>8</sup>

On 7 November, the Karenni joint force comprised of the Karenni Army (KA), Karenni National People's Liberation Front (KNPLF), Karenni Nationalities Defense Force (KNDF) and PDF which are the revolutionary forces in Karenni (Kayah) State, attacked and captured the military council's outpost based in Pantain village in Mese Township on the Thai-Myanmar border, as " Operation 1107 " to show that it welcomes the "Operation 1027 " in northern Shan State.

6 Military Press Statement, 7 November 2023. <https://bit.ly/40MxciJ>

7 "All Roads to Nay Pyi Taw" or A Study of Southern Military Regional Command. – Issue 111 <https://bit.ly/3FSOwbT>

8 KIA captured three key military outposts of SNA in Homalin, which are crucial for military council. <https://bit.ly/46Xfzih>

"We have launched the "Operation 1107" in order to coordinate with all armed forces across the country," KNPLF spokesperson Comrade Lawreen Soe said. <sup>9</sup>

## **The military council in a tight corner**

The National Defense and Security Council's meeting held on 8 November mainly focused on "Operation 1027" launched by the Three Brotherhood Alliance. At the meeting, Coup leader Senior General Min Aung Hlaing himself confessed that the MNDAA, the TNLA, the KIA, the AA and PDFs are involved in the attacks linked to "Operation 1027" in Chinshwehaw, Kunglong and Mandalay-Lashio communication route near Naungcho.

In addition, the coup leader said that the MNDAA had made preparations for the operation in the territory controlled by the United Wa State Party/ United Wa State Army (UWSP/UWSA). However, the coup leader failed to point out coordinated military activities of the revolutionary forces across the country along with "Operation 1027". At the National Defense and Security Council's meeting, Acting President Ex-General U Myint Swe warned that if the current border issue is not resolved, the country may be broken into pieces.

The coup leader seems to want to cover up all the situations happening in the country, even at the National Defense and Security Council's nominal meeting.

At the meeting of NDSC, the military leader lied that the military had "regained control" in order to patch up their crippled strength of the military, which now mainly relies on air strikes and long-range artillery shelling. He vowed that necessary responses would be made.

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<sup>9</sup> Karenni Revolutionary Force has launched "Operation 1107". <https://bit.ly/3sqR4uU>



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## Review

Along with the Three Brotherhood Alliance's "Operation 1027" (or) "Northern Call", the revolutionary forces of the Spring Revolution including the NUG are preparing to step up coordinated military operations in their respective regions. The 2023 was declared as the decisive year of the Spring Revolution. The country has started to see military operations in the respective regions under the C3C formed between the NUG and the K3C—the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), Karenni Army (KA), Karen National Union (KNU) and Chin National Front (CNF).

During the "Operation 1027" from 27 October to 9 November 2023, the military council lost seven towns and two towns in No.1 military region where the coordinated military operations are being carried out under the C3C. Hundreds of military outposts and police stations were captured in a short period of time. Many military council soldiers lay down their arms while some others get arrested and lose their lives every day. Military analysts estimate that the success of the Spring Revolution is 70 percent certain if the military equipment captured during the "Operation 1027" can be distributed to the Spring Revolution forces which are in need of military equipment.

Not only local ethnic armed groups and neighbouring China are still monitoring the shift of Spring Revolution which is marching with a goal of ending the military dictatorship and building up a federal democratic union (that is to say) the win or lose. It is found that they are constantly calling for coordination and ceasefire. It is reviewed that along with the Northern Call, the coordinated military operations of the Spring Revolution forces shall surely put the military council which is experiencing weaknesses and demoralization simultaneously and has to rely mainly on heavy shelling and airstrikes, in a tight spot.

## Weekly Highlight Quotes



This is bad news for us Lisu people. It looks like they have a plan to scapegoat Lisu people somewhere - say, force us to come and die with them because they don't want to die alone. But they can't do as much as they declare they will. They can start from Waingmaw and especially in Myitkyina. But they won't be able to do it in remote areas. I think they'll do it by force with the army. In my opinion, they have gone too far. With the strength of the Lisu National Development Party (LNDP) alone, they can't do anything across all of Kachin State.



**Lisu musician Yaw Ti Far**

*(Excerpted from "Militia leader threatens house-to-house recruitment if people do not register their names in time" published on BNI-MPM Website.)*

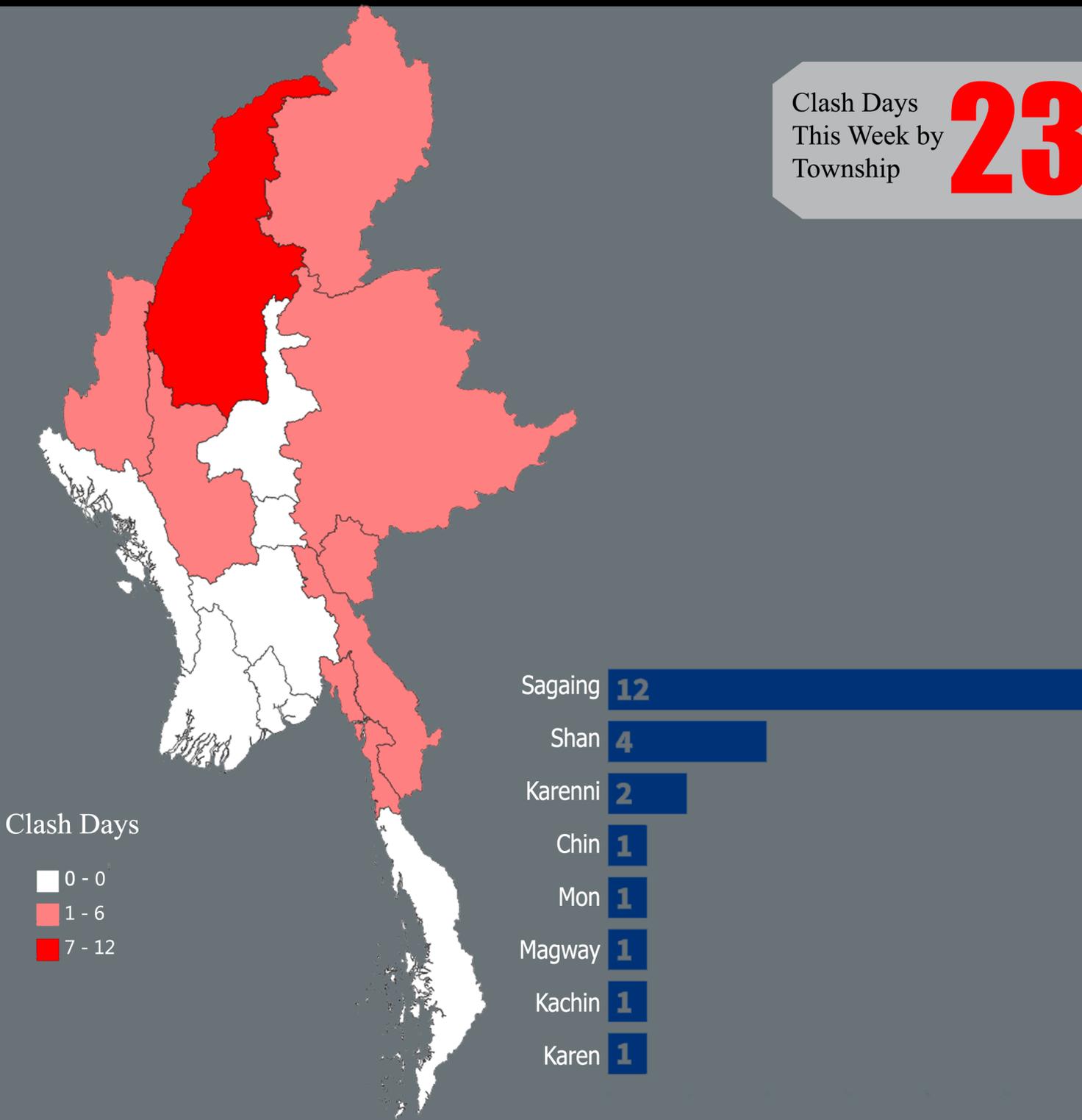
# Part II

## What Happened This Week

According to data collected by BNI- Myanmar Peace Monitor (MPM), there were 23 days of clashes between the Myanmar Army and the People's Defense Forces/Local Defense Forces (PDFs/LDFs) and Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs) from 1 to 7 November. Broken down by state and region, Sagaing Region recorded most clashes, totaling 12 days. MPM records the situation of fighting by township in terms of days, but the actual number of incidents may be higher.

Clash Days  
This Week by  
Township

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# Military, PDF Member and Civilian Deaths

1 - 7 November 2023



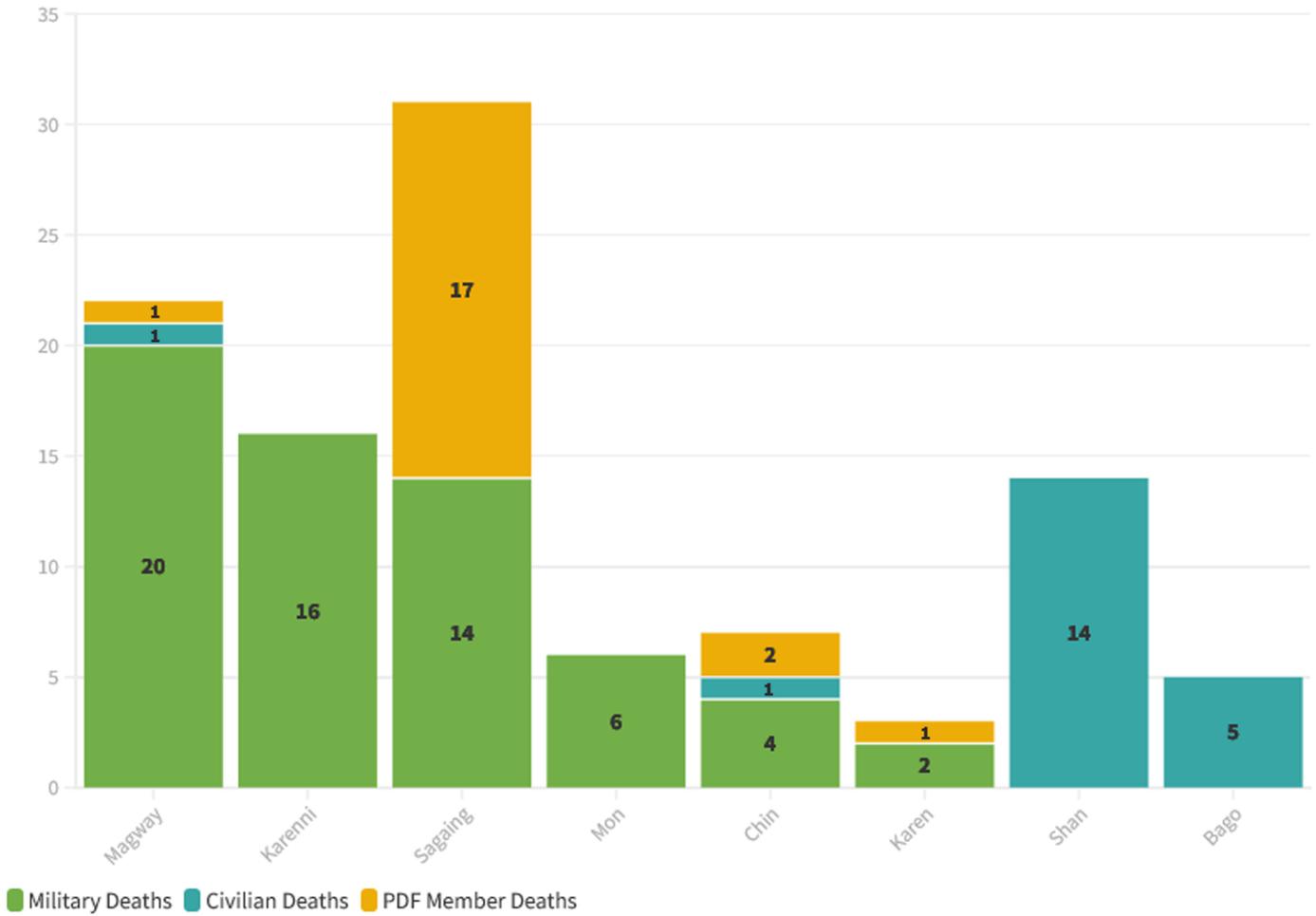
Military Deaths



PDF Member Deaths

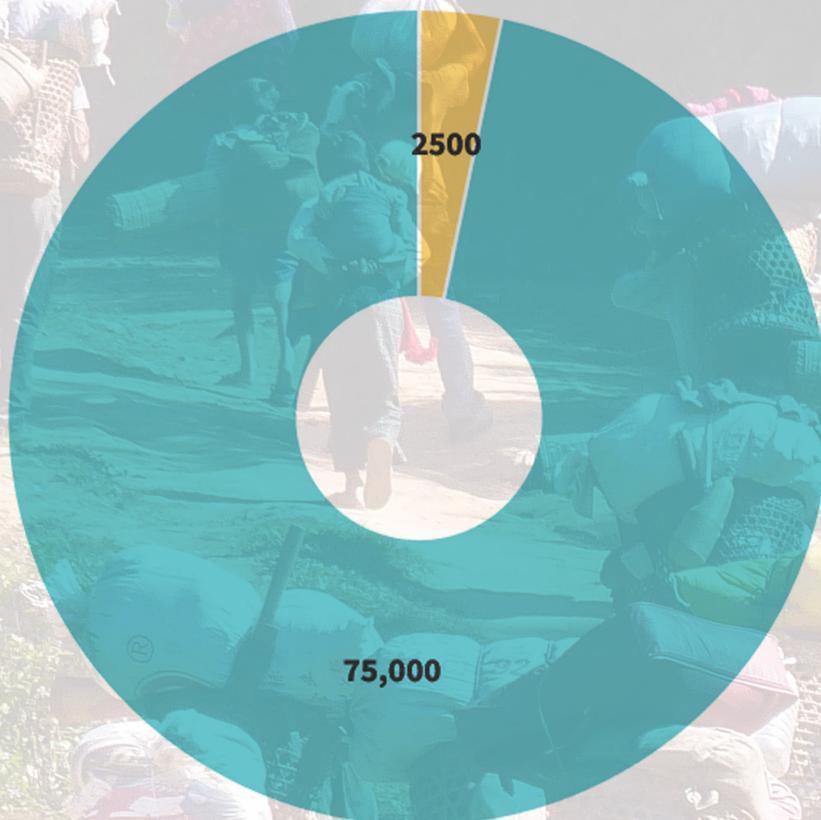


Civilian Deaths



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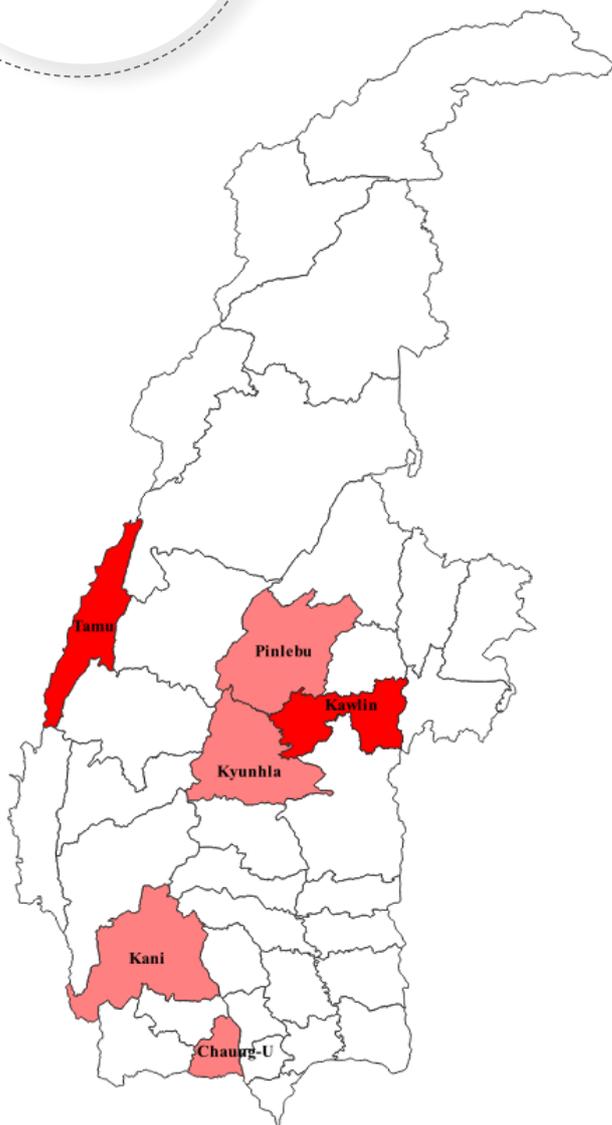
**Total Number of IDPs ( 1 - 7 November 2023)**



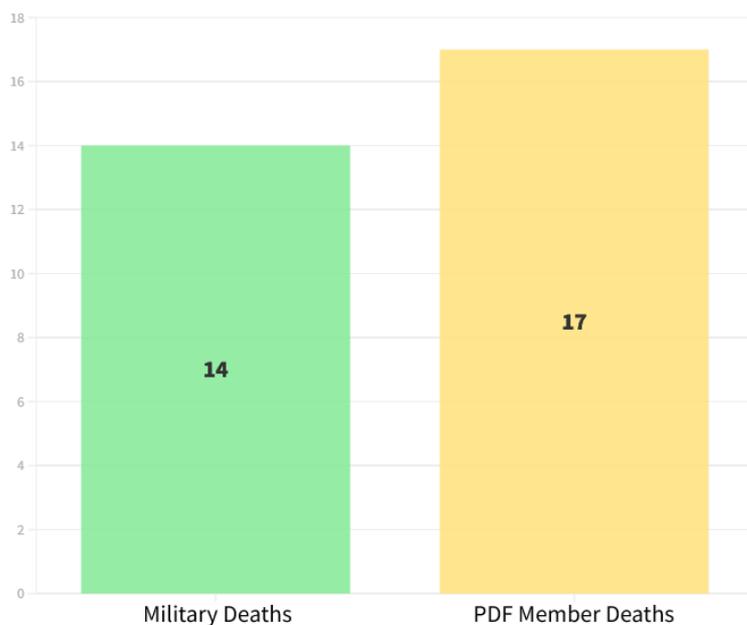
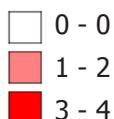
■ Sagaing ■ Shan

## Sagaing Region

Clashes occurred between the Myanmar Army and PDFs in Kawlin, Chaung-U, Kyunhla, Tamu, Pinlebu, and Kani Townships, resulting in the deaths of 14 junta soldiers and 17 resistance members. In addition, more than 75,000 locals from Monywa, Pale, and Kawlin Townships have been displaced due to artillery shelling by the army.



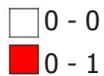
Number of Clash Days



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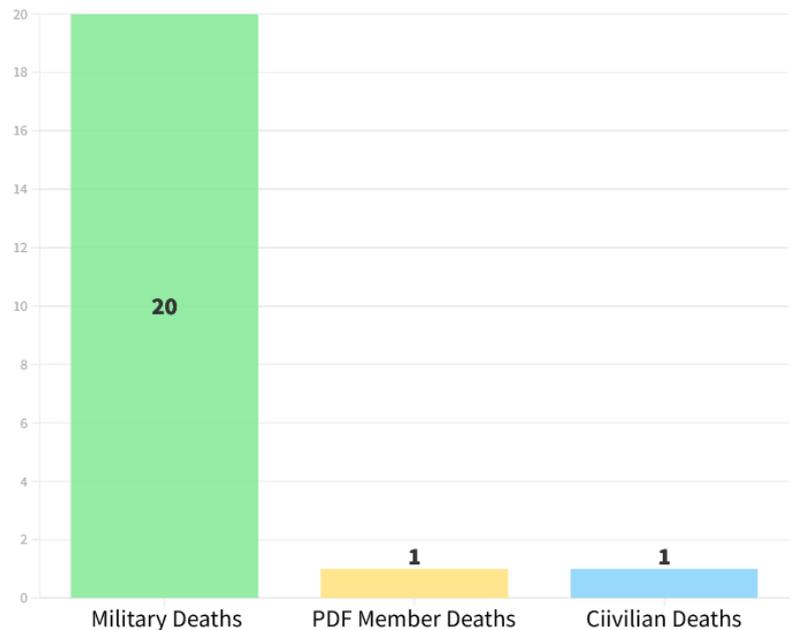


Number of Clash Days



## Magway Region

On 3 November, combined forces of the All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) and the PDF raided Minywa police station in Gangaw Township, killing about 20 junta soldiers. <sup>1</sup> In addition, on 7 November, Salai Hlei Mang, deputy commander of the Tumei Battalion of the Chinland Defense Force – Kanpetlet, and his father pastor U Mang Kwi were shot and killed by junta soldiers in Saw Township. <sup>2</sup>



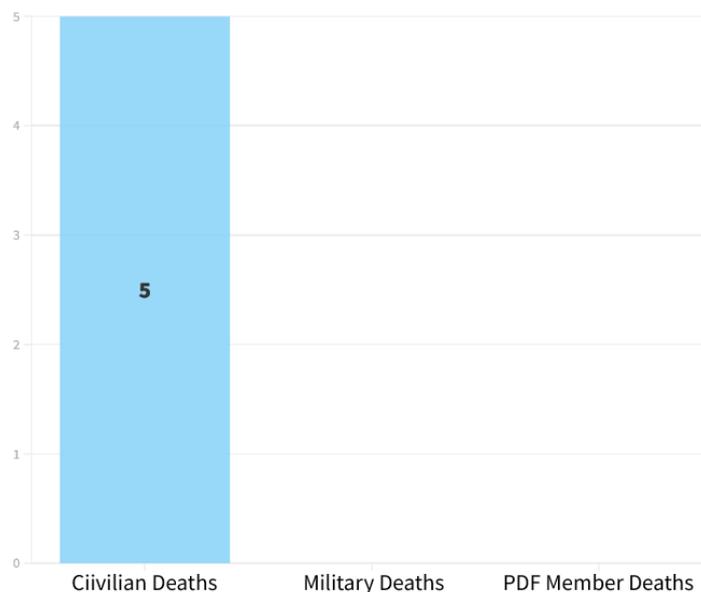
1 ABSDF, combined forces seize Minywa junta outpost, 10 soldiers captured <https://bit.ly/40puFKS>

2 CDF Kanpetlet deputy battalion commander, his father shot dead in Saw <https://bit.ly/465cXxx>



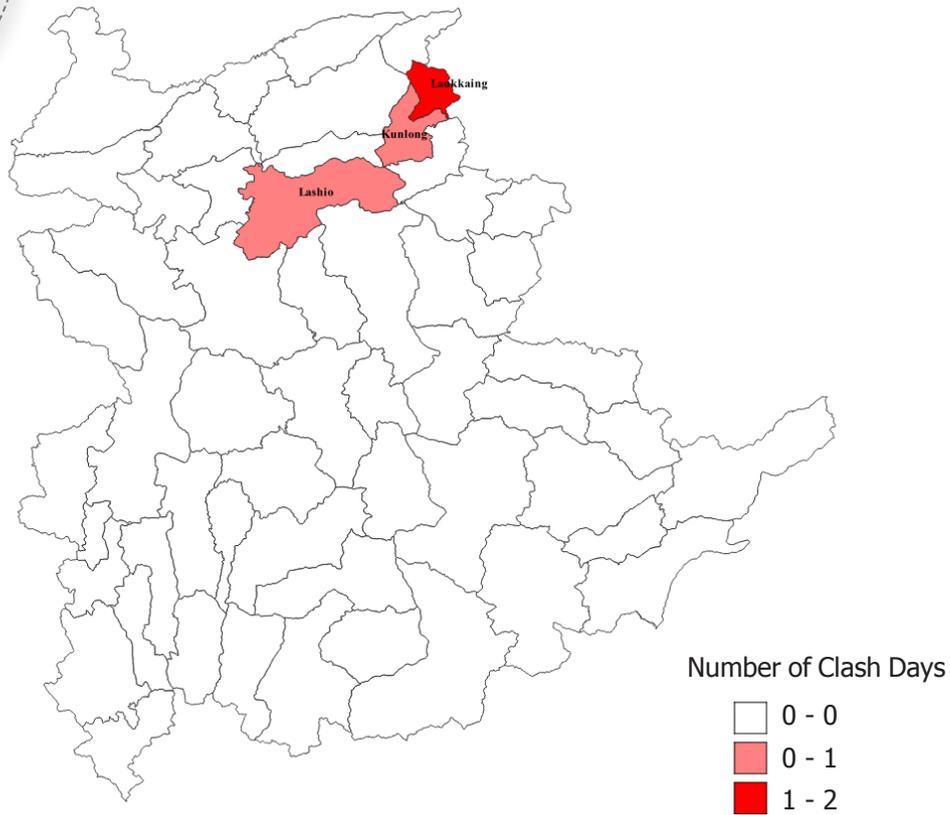
## Bago Region

On 4 November, a seven-year-old girl named Ma Nway Nway Aung from Layeinsu village in Phyu Township was killed artillery shelling by the Myanmar Army and Ma Aye Aye Aung (14) and Daw Lwin Maw (51) were also injured.<sup>3</sup> In a similar incident, six travelers were killed and six others injured when an artillery shell struck the boat stand of Tanawkyun village in Phyu Township.<sup>4</sup>



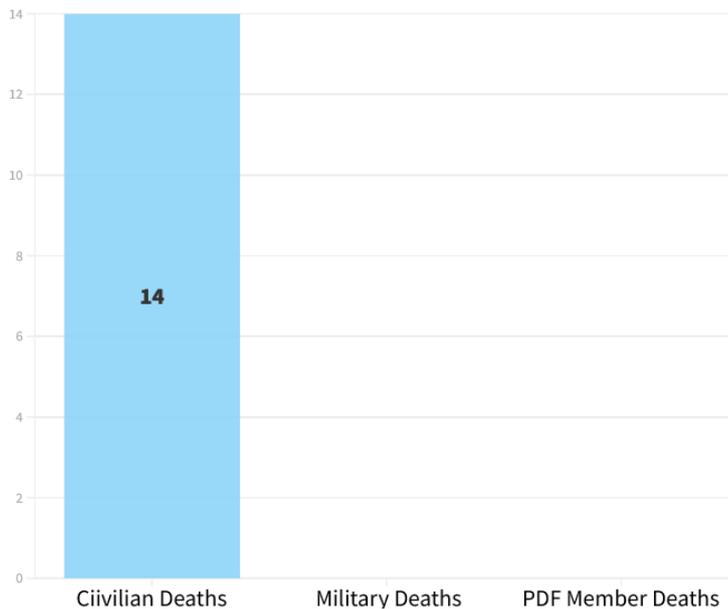
<sup>3</sup> Child killed, two others injured by artillery shelling in Phyu's Layeinsu village <https://bit.ly/3QudcwX>

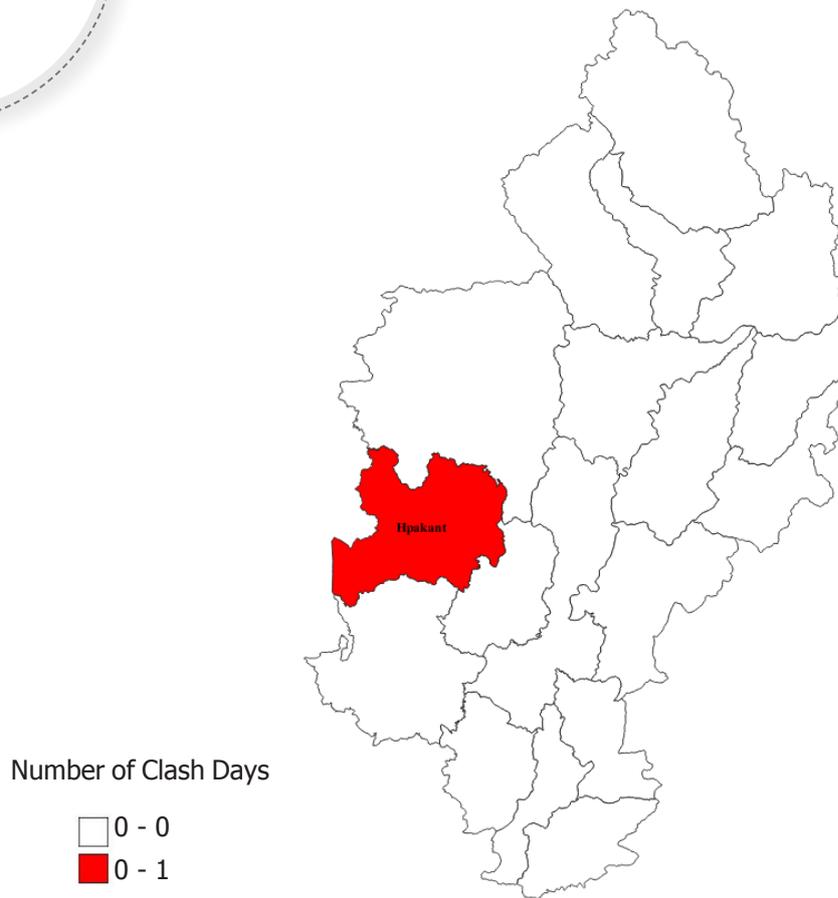
<sup>4</sup> Four locals killed, six others injured by artillery shelling in Waw <https://bit.ly/49w8l6o>



## Shan State

Battles took place between the Myanmar Army and the Arakan Army (AA), Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) and the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) in Kunlong, Lashio, and Kokang Townships. The ongoing fighting in northern Shan State has displaced more than 2500 locals. In addition, 14 civilians died due to the shootings by junta soldiers in Lashio, Kutkai, Muse, Kokang, and Theinni Townships.



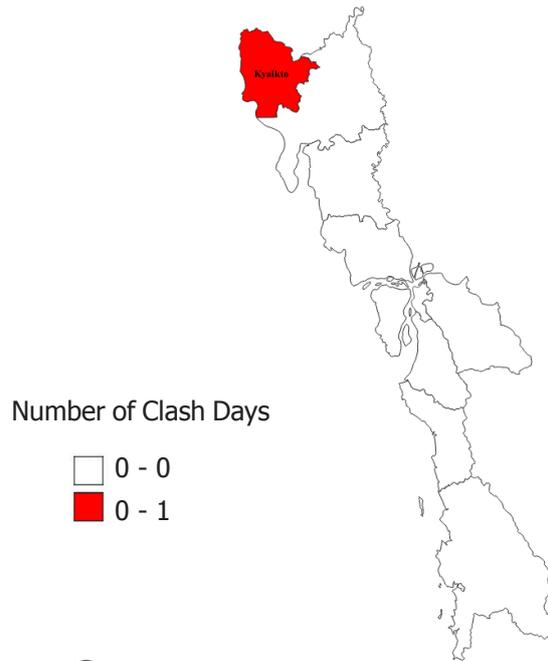


## Kachin State

On 1 November, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked Myanmar Army troops near Bum Ra Yang village when they were advancing towards Hpakant. <sup>5</sup>

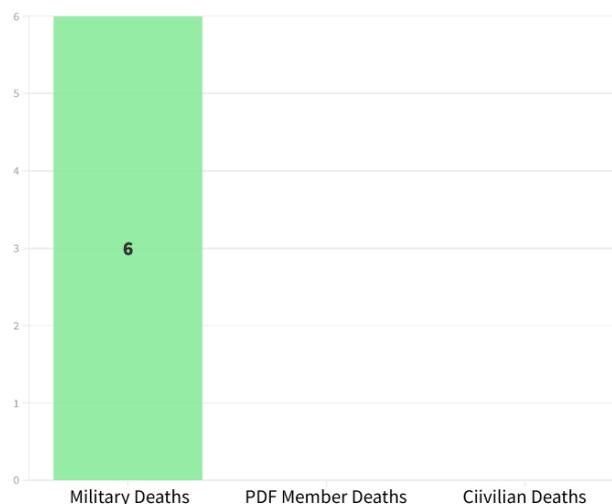
<sup>5</sup> Junta troops attacked while advancing towards Hpakant <https://bit.ly/3FGnK6L>

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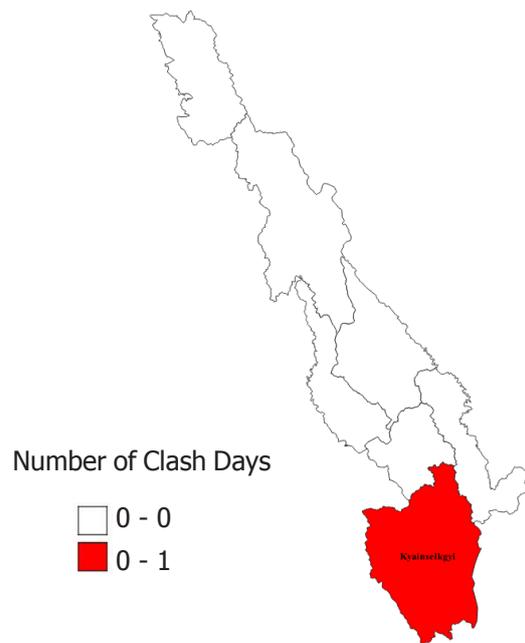
## Mon State

On 7 November, the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA), ABSDF, Kyaikto Revolutionary Force (KRF) and PDF attacked Myanmar Army troops providing security for a military convoy on Yangon-Kyaikto road, killing five junta soldiers. <sup>6</sup> In addition, on 4 November, a junta policeman named Zaw Naing Win was shot dead by unidentified gunmen at the liquor shop in Winka village, Bilin Township. <sup>7</sup>



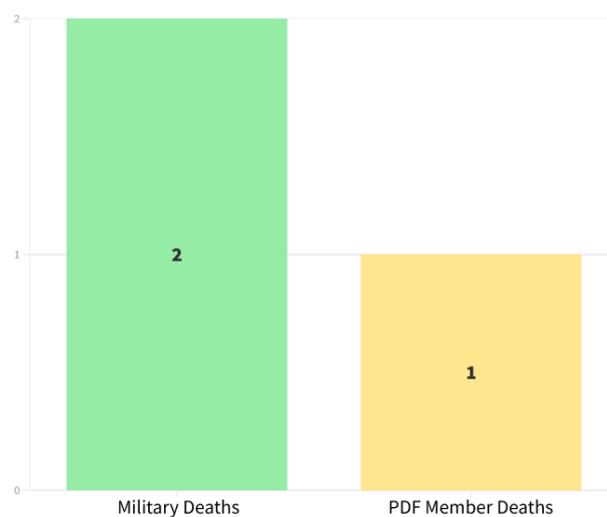
<sup>6</sup> Junta soldiers guarding military convoy attacked, five killed <https://bit.ly/47a9vD9>

<sup>7</sup> Junta policeman shot dead in Bilin <https://bit.ly/3u3gIGB>



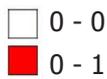
## Karen State

On 2 November, the combined KNLA forces attacked the police station and administrative offices in downtown Kyainseikgyi, resulting in the deaths of two junta soldiers and one resistance member.<sup>8</sup>



<sup>8</sup> Casualties on both sides in resistance raid on Kyainseikgyi <https://bit.ly/40oA7O9>

Number of Clash Days

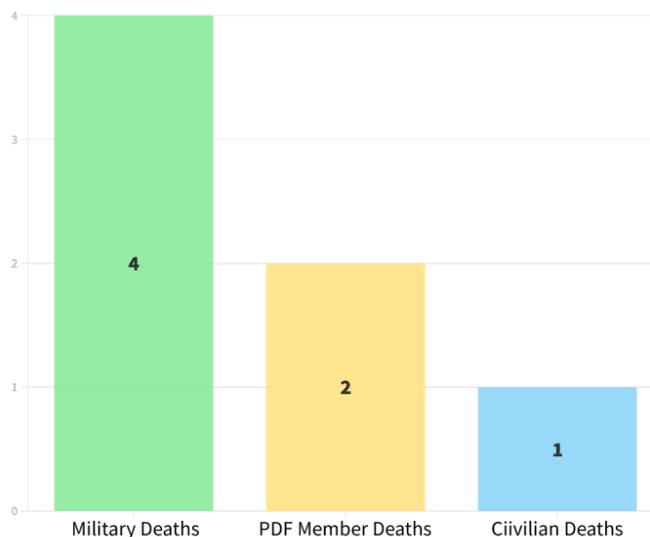


## Chin State

On 4 November, the Chin National Army (CNA) attacked the hill outpost of the Myanmar Army near the entrance to Sami in Paletwa Township, resulting in the deaths of four junta soldiers.

<sup>9</sup> On 24 October, military council soldiers arbitrarily arrested a man and a woman. The man died and the woman was released, as stated by the Chinland Defense Force-Mindat on 2 November.<sup>10</sup>

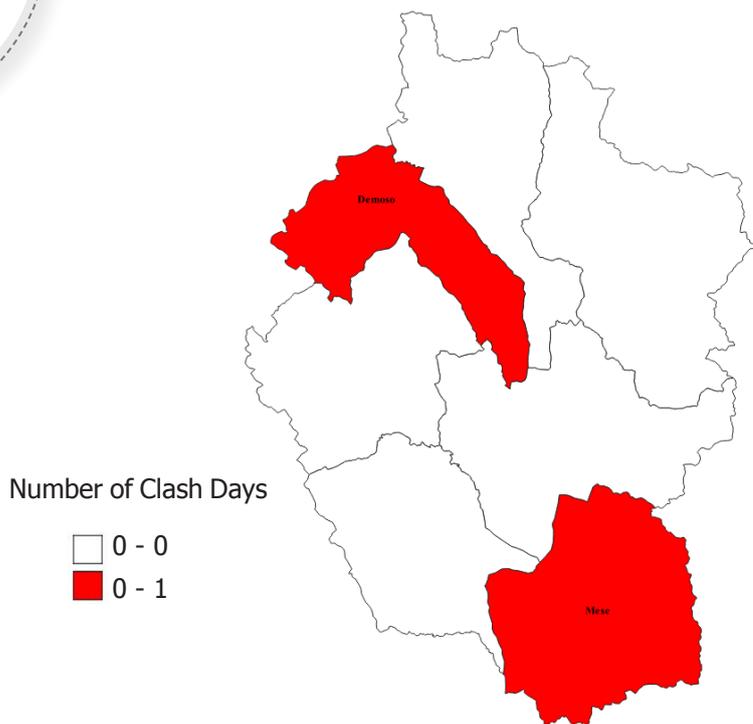
On 7 November, two members of a local defense force were killed when a mine accidentally exploded on a vehicle near B.E.H.S (2) intersection in Lawi Bual Ward, Tedim Township. <sup>11</sup>



9 Three firearms seized in attack on junta outpost in Paletwa, says CNA

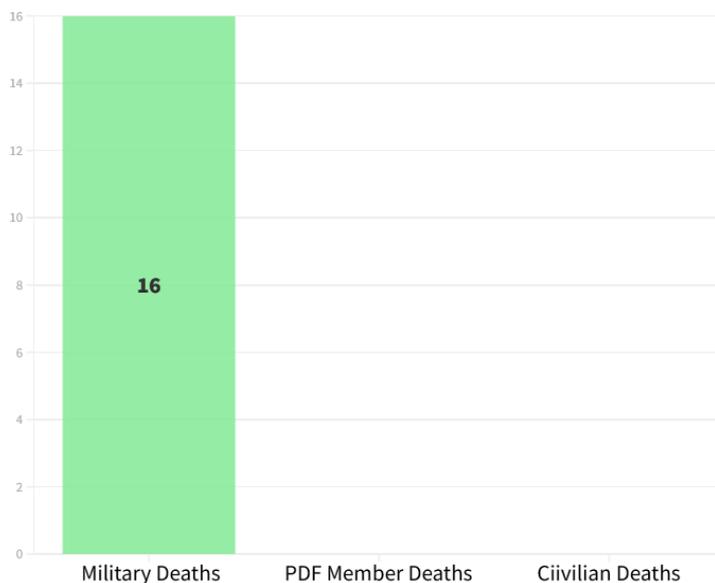
10 One dead after junta arrest of three civilians in Mindat <https://bit.ly/3SyO1LJ>

11 Mine explosion on vehicle kills two defense force members in Tedim <https://bit.ly/3QxePtb>



## Karenni (Kayah) State

Clashes occurred between the Myanmar Army and Karenni Army (KA), Karenni National People's Liberation Front (KNPLF), Karenni Nationalities Defense Force (KNDF), and PDF in Mese and Demoso Townships, resulting in the deaths of 16 junta soldiers.





Myanmar authorities rescued 162 Thai nationals who were arrested in Laukkai, Myanmar, in online gambling operations run by Chinese nationals. Deputy National Police Chief Pol Gen Surachate visited Myanmar to facilitate the repatriation of the Thai nationals. They will first be taken to Kunming in China via Myanmar's northern Shan State and then repatriated to Thailand by plane, the deputy national police chief said. <sup>1</sup>

Amid fierce fighting between the Myanmar Army and the Three Brotherhood Alliance in some Shan State's townships including China-Myanmar border area, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Nong Rong visited Nay Pyi Taw and called on the Myanmar's military council to cooperate with China to maintain stability along the China-Myanmar border and effectively ensure

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1 <https://www.rfa.org/burmese/news/thai-citizen-myanmar-onlinescam-11052023161149.html>



China expressed deep concern over the casualties of Chinese nationals in the armed clashes...



the personal and property safety of Chinese border residents, according to a statement from the Chinese Foreign Ministry. During his visit to Myanmar, the assistant Chinese foreign minister held separate meetings with junta Foreign Minister U Than Swe and Deputy Foreign Minister U Lwin Oo and discussed continuing to implement joint projects between the two countries and accelerating the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects. <sup>2</sup>

The fierce fighting between the Myanmar Army and the Brotherhood Alliance in northern Shan State and the military council's airstrikes have displaced more than 30,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs), causing many casualties. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres the displaced people should therefore be protected and unhindered humanitarian access should be allowed. <sup>3</sup>

China expressed deep concern over the casualties of Chinese nationals in the armed clashes in northern Myanmar, and strongly condemned the escalating violence, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, according to Beijing-based Global Times. <sup>4</sup>

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2 <https://www.rfa.org/burmese/news/china-myanmar-boder-security-11062023152304.html>

3 [t.ly/lnGxO](https://t.ly/lnGxO)

4 <https://www.mizzimaburmese.com/article/135317>

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