

Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG

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Weekly Summary (July 15 -21, 2024)

Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses During the Second Week of July

In the third week of July, a total of 103 civilians lost their lives in Myanmar due to airstrikes, artillery fire and killing conducted by the Military Council. The casualties included two children and four women.

The highest number of fatalities occurred in Mandalay with 30 deaths, followed by Northern Shan State with 29, Mon State with 15, Sagaing Region with 14, Rakhine State and Magway Region with 6 each, Thaninthary Region with 2, and Chin State with 1.

Out of the total casualties, 41 individuals were killed by artillery attacks, 44 by aerial and drone strikes, and 18 were murdered.

Villages Set on Fire

The Military Council's actions resulted in the destruction of 155 homes in Bago, Thanintharyi and Mandalay Regions of Myanmar. On July 15, in Minhla Township, Bago Region, 30 houses in Tha Chaung Village were set ablaze. 15 houses were burnt down on July 15th, and an additional 10 houses were destroyed on July 17th in Khamokgyi Town, In Kawthaung District, Thanintharyi Region. In Mandalay Region, Wards 1 and 2 were set on fire, while the Military Council troops withdrew from Singu Township, leading to the destruction of over 100 homes.

Arrest of Civilians by the Military Council

During the third week of July, a total of 153 civilians were detained in different regions of Myanmar. The arrests included 100 individuals in Rakhine State, 35 in Bago Region, 10 in Sagaing Region, 4 in Mandalay Region, 3 in Irrawaddy Region, and one in Kachin State.

Aerial Assaults on Civilians by the Military Council

In the third week of July, the Military Council carried out a total of 58 airstrikes in various areas of Myanmar. These attacks included 32 instances in Mandalay Region, 15 in Northern Shan State, 5 in Rakhine State, 3 in Chin State, and 1 each in Kachin State, Mon State, and Tanintharyi Region.

The Conflicts and Casualties in the Second Week of July

During the third week of July 2024, a total of 60 significant and minor skirmishes, including drone attacks, took place. The highest number of conflicts, totaling 32, occurred in Mandalay Region, followed by 10 clashes in Northern Shan State. Sagaing Region witnessed 9 clashes, while Magway Region experienced 8, and Kachin and Mon States each had 2. Rakhine, Karenni, Southern Shan States, and Bago Region each reported one clash. No fighting was recorded in Thanintharyi Region, Irrawaddy Region, Yangon Region, and Karen State.

In these clashes, 138 Military Council soldiers were killed, while 19 Revolutionary fighters were reported fallen during the past week.

Operation 1027 (Part 2)

Operation of MDY-PDF and Joint Forces

In Mandalay Region, the People's Defense Forces successfully captured 11 military council camps in Singu Township. They launched attacks on the remaining two camps, the township police commander's office, and the Htone Gyi military camp on July 17 and July 18, detaining around fifty prisoners of war. The town of Singu was completely seized on July 17, located just 40 miles away from Mandalay.

During the Battle of Singu Township, a lieutenant colonel from the Military Council and 28 soldiers, along with members of the Pyu Saw Htee militia group, were apprehended on July 18 by the 1222nd Battalion of the Mogoke Strategy Division of the People's Defense Force under the NUG.

On July 20, the Joint Revolutionary Forces launched an attack on and took control of the Innet Village checkpoint and camp in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region. In the operation, 8 Military Council soldiers were killed, and 8 were captured alive.

Operation by TNLA and Joint Forces

Intense clashes occurred between the Military Council Army and the combined forces of the Taang Army (TNLA) and the People's Defense Forces (PDF) Mogoke Strategy. The joint forces successfully seized control of Yay Kan Taung Camp, Tower Taing Camp, the Ruby Pagoda Camp, as well as weapons and ammunition.

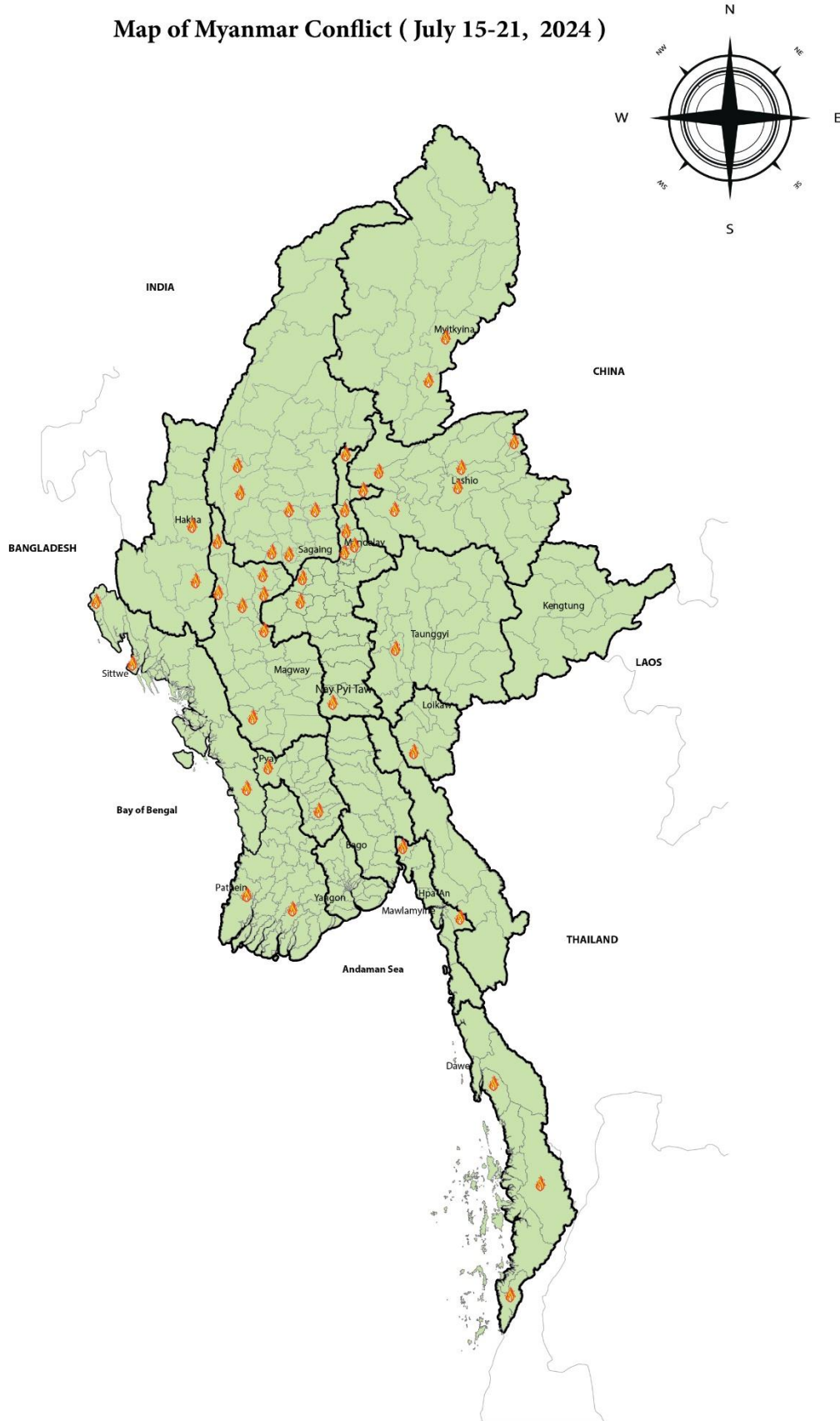
Operation by MNDAA and Joint Forces

Despite the Myanmar National Democratic Army (MNDAA) declaring a temporary ceasefire from July 19 to 31 at China's request, fighting continued in Lashio on July 21 around the 507th base in Ward 5. Reports indicate that the Military Council deployed heavy artillery in addition to carrying out airstrikes.

All information provided is based on local news reports between July 15th and 21th, 2024

Data of Myanmar Conflict 15-21, July 2024									
States	Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs	SAC's soldiers killed	PDF killed	Children killed	Civilians killed	Civilians arrested	Air Strike	Villages set on fire	Houses burned down
AYEYARWADY						3			
BAGO	1	7				35			30
CHIN	1				1		3		
KACHIN	2					1	1		
KARENNI	1		3						
MAGWAY	8	26			6				
MANDALAY	32	74		2	28	4	32		100
MON	2	3	9		15		1		
RAKHINE	1				6	100	5		
SAGAING	9	8	2		14	10			
SHAN (North)	10		1		29		15		
SHAN (South)	1	20	4						
TANINTHARYI					2		1		25
TOTAL	68	138	19	2	101	153	58		155

Map of Myanmar Conflict (July 15-21, 2024)



Other Notable News in the Third Week of July

MFTB Managing Director Arrested by Military Council for Embezzlement

The managing director of the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank (MFTB), Daw Kay Thi, has been arrested by the Military Council for allegedly misappropriating over 4 billion kyats from the bank.

MNDAA Announces Ceasefire Until July 31 At China's Request

The Burmese National Democratic Army (MNDAA) announced a temporary ceasefire from July 19th to 31st at the request of China. The announcement, made in Chinese, states that there will be a 12-day ceasefire with the option for defensive measures if attacked by the Internal Military Council during this period.

Sources - The Irrawaddy, RFA, Ayeyarwaddy Times, D Day News, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency,

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