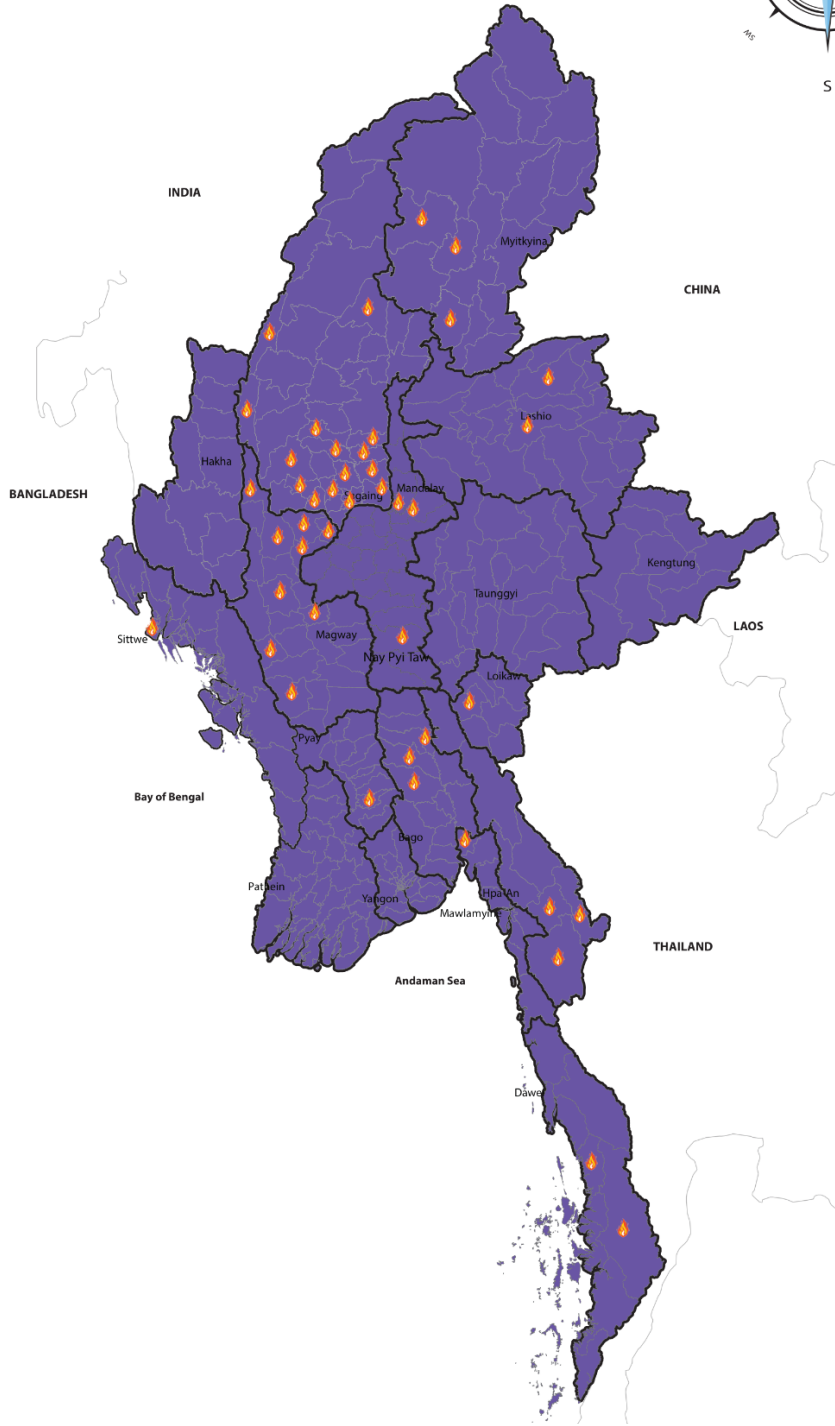
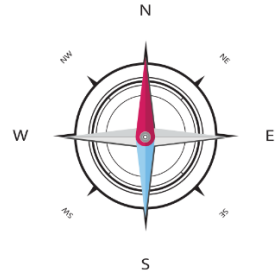

Week: August 15 to August 21, 2023

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Map of Myanmar Conflict (August 15-21, 2023)



Brief Overview

Bago

- 3 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 2 SAC soldiers killed
- 6 Civilians killed

Kachin

- 5 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 2 SAC soldiers killed
- 30 Houses burned down

Kayah (Karenni)

- 3 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 71 SAC soldiers killed

Kayin

- 6 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 35 SAC soldiers killed
- 1 Civilian killed

Magway

- 11 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 39 SAC soldiers killed
- 1 Civilian killed
- 33 Civilians arrested
- 1 Village set on fire
- 151 Houses burned down

Mandalay

- 1 Clash between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 1 SAC soldier killed
- 1 Civilian killed
- 15 Civilians arrested
- 1 Village set on fire
- 60 Houses burned down

Mon

- 3 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 26 SAC soldiers killed

Rakhine

- 1 Civilian arrested

Sagaing

- 13 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 61 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 Children killed
- 11 Civilians killed
- 11 Civilians arrested
- 2 Villages set on fire
- 238 Houses burned down

Shan (North)

- 6 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- Tanintharyi
- 1 Clash between SAC and PDF/EAOs
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Total:

- 52 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 237 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 Children killed
- 20 Civilians killed
- 60 Civilians arrested
- 4 Villages set on fire
- 479 Houses burned down

August 15, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: Salingyi township, the northside of Yinmarbin, and Yinmarbin township in the Sagaing region; Kyangin township, Ayeyarwaddy region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Seven SAC soldiers were injured in a mine attack organized by PDFs in Yesagy township, Magway region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed and another three injured by a mine attack organized by PDFs between Nyaung Pin Wun and None Twin villages in Sagaing township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDF and SAC forces near Pathein-Monywa road, Munaung township, Rakhine State.

There were more than seven SAC soldiers killed by a mine attack organized by PDFs in Pauk township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed while troops were out on patrol between Myay Phyu village and Aung Moe crossroad, Yesagy township, Magway region.

More than 30 SAC soldiers were killed and 40 injured in a clash with PDFs at Lat Khet mountain camp in Myawaddy township, Kayin State.

Human Rights Violations

Four Ngazun residents who managed to avoid a military column were brutally shot dead by SAC troops in Myinmu township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was arrested by SAC forces from Sittwe township, Rakhine State.

One civilian was arrested and one civilian was killed by SAC forces in Daik-U township, Bago region.

Five civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Rasak town, Taunggyi township, southern Shan State.

40 Houses were burned down and one civilian was killed by SAC forces in Aie Ka Ni village, Yebyu township, Tanintharyi region.

Six civilians were killed by SAC forces near Shwe Nyaung Pin, Pinlebu township, Sagaing region.

One child was killed and another five civilians were injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Pay Kone village, Yinmarbin township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

Nothing to report.

August 16, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in Yinmarbin township, the northside of Yinmarbin, and Taze township in the Sagaing region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Six SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

Three SAC militias were killed and one arrested in a clash with PDFs in Ku Toe Sake village, Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

Seven SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDF forces near Bu Taung village, Mindon township, Magway region.

Seven SAC soldiers were killed when five warships were attacked by the Myanmar Royal Dragon Army in Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

Six SAC soldiers were killed when they were attacked by landmines at night in Taganan village, Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

At least two SAC soldiers were killed when a military convoy was attacked by a landmine in Myinmu township, Sagaing region.

20 SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Thayet Kone village, Kyaikto township, Mon State.

12 SAC soldiers were killed by a mine attack organized by PDFs near Nyaung Git Pin village, Pakokku township, Magway region.

Human Rights Violations

Two civilians were killed when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Za Loke Gyi village, Htantabin township, Bago region.

Seven civilians were killed by SAC forces in Yinmarbin township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

The Chief of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) met with a military leader in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

The NUG opened up 28 court offices to investigate military crimes, according to the NUG Ministry of Justice.

The role for the 2026 ASEAN Alternate Chairman will be transferred from Myanmar to the Philippines, according to a PBS news station based in Thailand.

The new Defense Minister of the Military Council went to Russia.

August 17, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Taze township in the Sagaing region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Five SAC soldiers were killed when PDFs bombed soldiers who were extorting money in Myinmu township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed by a mine attack organized by PDFs on the SAC's camp in Ywar Thar Gyi village, Wetlet township, Sagaing region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in Ohn Taw Taung village, Pauk township, Magway region.

The battle continued for three days after the capture of Boma Than Daung military camp in the eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw in Pyinmana township, Mandalay region.

One SAC soldier was killed in a clash with PDFs at the SAC's camp by Moke Palin crossroad in Kyaikto township, Mon State.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in the SAC camp at Kha Lal Tagon Ti police station in Kyainseikgyi township, Kayin State.

Human Rights Violations

Two civilians were killed by SAC forces in Thegon township, Bago region.

60 Houses were burned down by SAC forces in Aung Thu Kha village, Ngazun township, Mandalay region.

30 Houses were burned down by SAC forces in Gway Pin Kone village, Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

15 Civilians were arrested: they were the owners and teachers of Mandalay Golden Gate Private school in Mahaangmyay township, Mandalay region. The school was also closed down after they were arrested.

Political and International Events

The military leader said that the dollar is being used as a weapon at a Russian Security Conference.

The Chief of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) visited refugee camps in the Rakhine State.

August 18, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: the northside of Yinmarbin, Salingyi township, and Yinmarbin-Salingyi township in the Sagaing region; Launglon township, Tanintharyi region; Myaing township, Magway region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Seven SAC soldiers were killed when PDFs ambused the SAC column marching into Yesagyo township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at the SAC's camp in East Kone Kan village, Pakokku township, Magway region.

There was a clash between TNLA's forces and SAC forces near Mine Yu village, Kutkai township, northern Shan State.

Human Rights Violations

In Sagaing, Samoon village was burned down by SAC troops, causing a 100-year-old grandmother to burn to death. Additionally, around 100 houses were also burned down in the fire.

Seven civilians were injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Nant Poke village, Hpakan township, Kachin State.

One child and one civilian were killed as well as one child and two civilians arrested by SAC forces in Mya Kanthar Ward, Khin-U township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Shwe Kyaung village in Banmauk township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

The ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights urges Indonesia to make use of its chairmanship to effectively solve the Myanmar issue.

The head of UNOCHA requested to allow more aid for the 18 million people in need of aid across Myanmar.

August 19, 2023

Strikes

Locals continue to boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: Yinmarbin township, Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, and the northside of Yinmarbin in Sagaing; Myaing township, Magway region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at Sal Gyi village, Wetlet township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDF and SAC forces at the SAC camp in Kyauk Hlay Kar village, Yesagyo township, Magway region.

SAC troops stationed inside a school in Taung Kyar Inn village were bombed with drones by joint PDF forces in Kawkareik township, Kayin State. One captain was killed and another five soldiers were injured.

Two SAC soldiers were killed when Pakokku Industrial Zone checkpoint was ambushed in Pakokku township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in Zee Kone village, Kyaukto township, Mon State.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Than Lwin guest house in Mogaung township, Kachin State.

Human Rights Violations

Two civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Palaw township, Tanintharyi region.

Political and International Events

In Kumin township, China, Military council ministers discuss establishing a Lanchang border economic zone.

The Russian Defense Minister states that it will conduct military exercises with Asia Pacific countries, including Myanmar.

August 20, 2023

Strikes

Locals continue to protest the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Wetlet township in Sagaing.

Locals are protesting the killing spree that is happening around the copper mines in Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Wetlet township in Sagaing.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

One SAC soldier and one civilian were killed by a drone attack organized by PDFs near Hmyar police station, Ngazun township, Mandalay region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs on Pyi Thaug Su road, Monywa township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces at the SAC's camp in the YCDC area, Tamu township, Sagaing region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed by a drone attack organized by PDFs in Tabayin township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed and another two injured by a drone attack organized by PDFs in Phaya La Hal village, Phyu township, Bago region.

Human Rights Violations

SAC forces burned down Chi Pa village in Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed by SAC forces in Ta Moke Chone village, Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region.

Political and International Events

In Tanintharyi, the formation of the "Bokpyin Township Public Police" began.

Don Prahmudwe Naing and Wan Yi said that they will work to find a solution to the Myanmar issue.

August 21, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Yinmarbin-Salingyi township in Sagaing.

Locals protest against the killing spree happening around copper mines in Yinmarbin township and Yinmarbin-Salingyi township.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

KNDF said that about 71 people, including the battalion commander and deputy commander of the SAC Military, were killed during the three-day battle on Demoso-Hpruso Union Road in Kayah (Karenni) State.

17 SAC soldiers were killed and another nine injured in a clash with PDFs near Pinlon Oil Shop along Monywa-Ayadaw road in Ayadaw township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with CDFs near Myay Latt village, along Minbu-Ann road, Ngape township, Magway region.

Five SAC police members were killed and another five PDF soldiers were injured when PDFs attacked the police station in Gangaw township, Magway region.

One SAC soldier was killed in a clash with PDFs near Pin Tin village, Khin-U township, Magway region.

Four SAC soldiers were injured in a clash with PDFs between Shwe Ma Kyi and Yoe Ku village, Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon township, Mandalay region.

There were three battles on the same day in Lashio and Kutkai township, northern Shan State.

Human Rights Violations

The Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) urged discussion to solve military problems.

Political and International Events

More than 100 houses were burned down when SAC forces set fires in Thar Si village, Kale township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed by SAC forces in Htaunt Kyint Kwin village, Minhla township, Bago region.

10 Civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Ye-U township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed and another civilian was injured by SAC forces in Pyigyitagon township, Mandalay region.

Sources: Than Lwin Times, PVTV, Khit Thit Media, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, Mizzima, BBC, DVB, The Irrawaddy, D Day News, Myanmar Now, VOA, RFA