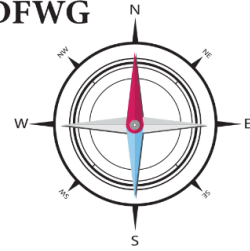

Week: March 15 to March 21, 2023

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



Brief Overview

Ayeyarwady

- One Civilian arrested

Bago

- 3 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 6 SAC soldiers killed
- 5 Houses burned down

Chin

- 6 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 17 SAC soldiers killed
- 4 Children killed
- 11 Civilians killed
- 10 Houses burned down

Kachin

- 8 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 28 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 Children killed
- 9 Civilians killed
- 7 Civilians arrested
- 69 Houses burned down

Kayah (Karenni)

- 7 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 12 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 PDF killed
- 38 Houses burned down

Kayin

- 4 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 50 SAC soldiers killed
- 88 Houses burned down

Magway

- 11 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 50 SAC soldiers killed
- 8 Houses burned down

Mandalay

- 1 Clash between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 9 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 Civilians arrested
- 5 Villages set on fire
- 27 Houses burned down

Mon

- 5 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 7 SAC soldiers killed
- 1 Child killed
- 2 Civilians killed

- 10 Civilians arrested
- 34 Houses burned down

Sagaing

- 13 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 33 SAC soldiers killed
- 10 PDF killed
- 10 Civilians killed
- 16 Civilians arrested
- 8 Villages set on fire
- 299 Houses burned down

Tanintharyi

- 4 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 20 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 Civilians killed
- 4 Civilians arrested
- 20 Houses burned down

Yangon

- 1 SAC soldier killed
- 1 Civilian arrested

Total:

- 62 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 233 SAC soldiers killed
- 15 PDF killed
- 7 Children killed
- 37 Civilians killed
- 55 Civilians arrested
- 15 Villages set on fire
- 598 Houses burned down

March 15, 2023

Strikes

Local people held strikes against the SAC's 2023 elections in Ayadaw township and the Northside of Yinmarbin, Sagaing region.

Locals held strikes for sanctions on the military, for people to "Stop paying blood money to the Junta " in Lapataung Hill, Sagaing region.

Election Updates

According to the new political party registration law, which is due by March 26, the Military Council announced on March 14 that there are already 23 parties that have applied to the Election Commission for permission to establish a party.

According to the Political Parties Registration Law, parties are required to re-register within 60 days, and the Military Council has set March 28 as the last date for registration.

Military Clashes

Seven PDF soldiers and 15 Members of SAC troops were killed in a clash that took place at Kabyar village, Palaw township, Tanintharyi region.

Two members of the SAC were killed in a mine attack organized by PDFs near the forest office in Pale township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDFs and the SAC's forces in Budalin township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDFs and the SAC's forces in Ye township, Mon state.

There was a clash between PDFs and the SAC's forces. It is reported that the local defense forces attacked the terrorist army column all around and because the army column was stuck, they came with 1 MI-35 helicopter.

Human Rights Violations

There were about 50 villages who fled to safety from the military's column in Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Four houses were damaged when the SAC's forces fired mortar bombs at Wintarpan village, Bilin township, Mon state.

30 Civilians were arrested by the SAC troops from 10 villages in Madaya township, Mandalay region.

Almost 50 SAC soldiers raided the house of the KIO administrative officer, arresting five people in Ayemyatharyar Ward, Hpakan township, Kachin state.

Residents of eight villages fled when Tanongtawtaung village was set on fire by SAC troops in Monywa township, Sagaing region.

Tharyarkaine village was set on fire by SAC forces in Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

A political prisoner was killed and at least 10 inmates were injured in a prison riot on the morning of March 14, according to prison staff. The prison riot happened in Nyaungshwe Prison, Taunggyi township, Shan state.

Two members of PDFs were killed by SAC troops when they came to scout Thanbo Village, Khin-U township, Sagaing region.

The SAC's Forces burned two people to death, shot five people and burned houses in Singu and Mandaya townships, Mandalay region.

Two villages were burned down by the SAC's forces and also the residents of 10 neighboring villages fled in Monywa township, Sagaing region.

Two members of PDFs and a woman were killed by SAC forces in Ppell Pyit Taw villages, Budalin township, Sagaing region.

Two comrades of the Chin National Defense Force (CNDF) and two comrades of the local People Defense Force in Shwebo township of Sagaing region were killed yesterday as the group were ambushed by the junta troops while they were resting.

Political and International Events

It is reported that the members of the Union Political Discussion and Coordination Committee (FPNCC) are meeting in Pangsang, which is the headquarters of the "Wa" state Unity Army (UWSA).

The Minister of International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing, who was appointed by the Military Council, led a group to meet the refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh through the Maungdaw border in Rakhine state at 8:30 this morning on March 15.

March 16, 2023

Strikes

Locals continued to protest for sanctions against MOGE in Yinmarbin Salingyi township and the northside of Yinmarbin, Sagaing region.

Locals continue to boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in the Kyangin township, Ayeyarwady region.

Election Updates

The date for re-registration of political parties is set for March 28, and parties that do not re-register will be dissolved, according to the March 16 issue of the Military Council Propaganda Mirror newspaper.

The PDF raided and burned down the immigration office in Yephyu township, which was compiling population statistics for the military council's fake election.

Military Clashes

More than eight SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Maeu park, Yesagyo township, Magway region.

The PDFs fired a mortar bomb at Taze Prison in Monywa township, Sagaing region.

Six SAC soldiers were killed when PDFs fired a mortar bomb at a SAC soldier camp in Thit Kyin Gyi village, Ayadaw township, Sagaing region.

Eight members of PDFs and another 20 civilians were arrested when three regional defense bases and a weapons manufacturing base was attacked by SAC troops in Monywa township and Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

One PDF member was killed and another four were injured when the Myint Nge PDF camp was attacked by SAC forces in Thit Kyin Gyi village, Myaung township, Sagaing region.

There was a mine attack on SAC forces by PDFs along Mawlu-Nansieaung-Indaw road, Indaw township, Sagaing region.

As the regime is escalating its offensive in the Kayah state, an army helicopter was attacked at 1:00 pm today by a local PDF near the army base of Light Infantry - 102 in Demoso.

10 SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs on the Matupi-Paletwa road, Chin state,

Human Rights Violations

Three elderly civilians were killed when SAC troops burned down Htanaungtaw village, Monywa township, Sagaing region.

More than 2,000 villagers fled to safety when SAC forces invaded the villages near Thanbo village and Kyoekan village, Khin-U township, Sagaing Region.

Eleven local residents are still missing from Nang Naing village, Pinlong township, Shan state.

Five PDF members and two civilians were arrested by SAC forces in Thamataw village, Patheingyi township, Mandalay region.

A 72-year-old woman was arrested by the military for allegedly registering her grandchildren in Free Online Education Institution Myanmar (FOEIM).

Political and International Events

The NUG informs that actions will be taken against political parties that register with the Military Council.

Khun Myint Tun, chairman of the PANO National Federal Council (PNFC), said that PNO/PNA hopes to review its cooperation with the military council.

The Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government (NUG) announced on March 15 that the coup military council committed 64 massacres nationwide and 766 people were killed.

March 17, 2023

Strikes

Locals continue to boycott MOGE in Yinmarbin-Salingyi, the northside of Yinmarbin, and Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

Locals boycott against the SAC's 2023 election in Myaing township, Magway region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

20 SAC soldiers were killed and five PDF members were injured in a clash that took place in southwest Nang Naing village, Pinlaung township, South Shan State.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at a SAC camp located on the eastern part of Salween, Kayah state.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces between Htain Tine village and Say MinTaw village, Tilin township, Magway region.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces that resulted in the burning of two tents, the death of a civilian, 4 SAC soldiers killed, and another 11 SAC soldiers injured in Banlamyut village, Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region.

There was a drone attack on SAC forces by PDFs in Pauk Chaung village, Myaung township, Sagaing region.

At least five SAC soldiers were killed by a mine attack organized by PDFs between Htan Kone village and Chay Pin village, Paungde township, Bago Region.

One SAC soldier was killed another two were injured during a drone and mine attack organized by PDFs at East Ta Aone village, Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

Four SAC soldiers were injured by a mine attack on SAC forces by PDFs at the foot of Nan Moon mountain in Inndawgyi region, Mohnyin township, Kachin state.

One member of the police was killed and another two were injured when entering the print-copy shop in front of the police station of 10 North Ward, Thaketa township, Yangon region.

Seven SAC soldiers and one PDF fighter was killed in a clash by the SAC's forces camp by Well Two Oil Field, Myaing township, Magway region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs on top of the Chanthar Kone village, Khin-U township, Sagaing region.

Two militia soldiers were killed and one police was killed in a clash between PDFs and the SAC military by the SAC forces camp in Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack organized by PDFs in Net Gyi village, Ngazun township, Mandalay region.

Human Rights Violations

On March 15th, a large weapon fired from Nat Than Kwin Village near Sittaung Bridge exploded in the Kanyin Kyo village and Nattalin village, injuring three men and two women with the shrapnel from the explosion. Two houses and one tractor were also destroyed in the crossfire.

Myanmar's junta arrested a man, aged 57, yesterday in Shwebo town of Sagaing region for sharing a Facebook post of media from 2021 with the comment "root out the military regime" on 22 June 2021.

The villages of Mway Ye Yin, Mway La Kha, Katoe Sate, Mway Nyaung Gyo were burned by SAC forces in Madaya township, Mandalay region.

A blind elderly woman was burned to death when Shwe Gone Tine village was set on fire by SAC forces in Tilin township, Magway region.

Around 54,000 civilians were forced to flee for safety because the military marched into the villages in Myaung, Salingyi, and Khin-U township, Sagaing region.

A nurse was arrested by the SAC's forces in Myat Mon Hospital, Myintkyina township, Kachin state.

Three civilians were arrested by the SAC in Danubyu, Bagan Myothit and Ayeyarwady region, Mandalay region.

Political and International Events

The coup military council and the National Unity Government (NUG) are both intensifying their attacks, and there is no prospect of reconciliation between the two sides, said Ms. Nolin Heza, the UN Secretary-General's special representative for Myanmar, today.

The Northern Alliance members of the Union Political Discussion and Coordination Committee (FPNCC) have welcomed China's intervention to resolve the conflicts in Burma. This was stated in the 7-point statement released after the meeting of the Seven Northern Alliance held for two days on March 15 and 16 in Pang Sang, Wa Autonomous Region.

The military council army's crimes against the people are not just human rights violations, but systematic. Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations, said that it is a widespread and connected attack on the people, which is a crime against humanity and a war crime.

March 18, 2023

Strikes

Locals led demonstrations against the SAC's 2023 elections in the northside of Yinmarbin, Sagaing region and Kyangin township, Ayeyarwady region.

Locals continued to protest for PTT to stop paying blood money to the Junta in Let Pa Taung hill, Sagaing region.

In Yangon, Bakhta students hung up anti-dictatorship banners.

Election Updates

Shan National League for Democracy Party (SNLD) has decided not to register, Party General Secretary U Sai Laik told DVB.

Military Clashes

PDFs fired a mortar bomb at Pyu Saw Htee village, Dee Doke Kwin, Pauk township, Magway region.

More than 40 SAC soldiers were killed and another 30 were injured in a clash with PDFs between Magyi Kalat village and Kawt Kamar village, Kyainseikgyi township, Kayin state.

Four SAC members were killed by a mine attack organized by PDFs on the north side of Say Min Taw village, Tilin township, Magway region.

PDFs fired a mortar bomb at Tatmadaw (Army) Combat School, Thandaunggyi township, Kayin state.

One Pyu Saw Htee member was killed and two guns were seized in a clash with PDFs in Yesagyo township, Magway region.

The Chin National Army (CNA) burned the junta base in Darkhai village of Tongzang township located in northern Chin state of Myanmar.

A PDF support vehicle was burned down in a clash between PDFs and SAC soldiers in Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

Four religious buildings were destroyed and one child was injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at villages in Mu township, Nyaunglebin, Bago region.

SAC's forces arrested more than 10 civilians after the administration office of Kyaite Rwal village was bombed in Mudon township, Mon state.

Two civilians were killed and another three injured when the military launched an airstrike in Seikkhun village of Shwebo township at around 2:00 pm today. The regime sent a Mi-35 attack helicopter from northwest headquarter from Monywa in northwest Myanmar.

Nearly ten thousand local residents fled when SAC troops occupied Mal Zali Chuang village and Shwe Gal Pyan village in Sagaing township, Sagaing region.

On March 17, the army seized the women's empowerment office opened by the Kachin National Social Development Foundation in Phyu Sin Kone ward, Hmaw Si village, Hpakan township, Kachin state. At 11:00 p.m., they broke into and destroyed a civilian office guard.

Political and International Events

Nothing to report.

March 19, 2023

Strikes

Locals held a boycott against the 2023 SAC elections in Kale township, Yinmarbin-Salingyi, and the northside of Yinmarbin, Sagaing region.

Election Updates

The National League for Democracy (NLD) will decide whether to register with the Election Commission under the Military Council at the Interim Central Committee regular meeting to be held on March 20th. U Tun Myint, a member of the Central Working Committee (CWC), told Mizzima that the details of the issues must be made known.

Military Clashes

PDFs fired mortar bombs at the No. 2 Municipal office in Yesagyo township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed and around another ten were injured in a clash with PDFs. Seven civilians were also arrested during this conflict.

15 SAC soldiers were killed and another two were injured in a clash with PDFs between Puta-O and Swan P Yan village in Kachin state.

At least three police were killed in clash between PDFs and SAC soldiers near Lonekhin village, Hpakan township, Kachin state.

Four SAC soldiers and one PDF soldier were killed in a clash between PDFs and SAC troops in Say Hmin Taw village, Gangaw township, Magway region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed and many injured by a mine attack on SAC forces by PDFs between La Mine and Ma Gyi Kone in Madaya township, Mandalay region.

Five SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs on the west side of Inpat Kwa Market Row in Khin-U township, Sagaing region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs near Kan Net village, Myaing township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs between Shout Pin village and Hkout Hkuu village, Gangaw township, Magway region.

Human Rights Violations

14 Muslims were arrested by SAC soldiers in Chauk township, Magway region.

One monastery and 269 houses were burned down and one elderly woman was killed when SAC troops burned down Tha Ma Yoe village, Wetlet township, Sagaing region.

Three men, one woman, and one child were killed when SAC troops fired mortar bombs at Lonekhin village.

One child was killed when SAC troops fired mortar bombs at A Win Gyi village, Belin township, Mon state.

Numerous houses were burned down when Yesagyo township of Magway region was set on fire by SAC troops.

Political and International Events

Nothing to report.

March 20, 2023

Strikes

Locals hold protests against the 2023 SAC elections in Kanbalu township, Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, the northside of Yinmarbin, and Lapataung hill in Sagaing region.

Locals continue to demonstrate against the PTT, requesting them to stop paying blood money to the junta in the villages on the banks of Chindin river in Sagaing region.

Election Updates

The Rakhine National Party (ANP), one of the most powerful parties in Rakhine State, will re-register as a state-level contesting party, according to the party.

Daw Saw Mya Raza Lin became the ALP chairman

Military Clashes

It was recorded that the SAC troops shot back with chemical weapons after the military-controlled Monywa Na-Ma- Kha Gate was attacked by heavy weapons. The conflict happened at the Sagaing Division Northwestern military headquarters based in Monywa.

Four SAC soldiers were killed and two PDF members were injured in a clash between PDFs and SAC troops in Sin Ma Hill SAC's camp in Domoson township, Kayah state

Five SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs east of Kopin village, Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Six SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in Ye Lal Kyune, Yesogyi township, Magway region.

There was a clash between KIA and SAC forces on Myintkyina-Sumprabum road, Kachin state.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces near Kyaung Hell village, Falam township, Chin state.

Five SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack organized by PDFs in Kyauk Rait police station, Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs between New Yone village and Yay Myat village, Singu township, Mandalay region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs between Shout Pin and Khout Khu village, Gangaw township, Magway region.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces near the toll gate in Htone Hkar village, Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region.

The military army was forced to retreat from the battle frontlines after suffering huge casualties near Ta Nee Lar Lae. At least five soldiers were killed and dozens more injured in a clash with Karenni Armed groups on March 18 in the Demoso township of Kayah state.

There was a mine attack on SAC forces organized by PDFs on Kyauk Htu-Mintap road, Saw township, Magway region.

One camp in Yesago township, Magway region that was occupied by military troops was reclaimed by PDFs.

Seven members of SAC troops were killed in a mine attack organized by PDFs in Thaton township, Mon state.

Six SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs in Htin Pin village, Myingyan township, Mandalay region.

Human Rights Violations

The SAC's Forces destroyed the homes of some people in Phakant. An unknown armed group of Lonekhin village arrested a trustee in Hpakan township, Kachin state.

Two women were injured when a military convoy opened fire on civilians in Myeik township, Tanintharyi region. One of the women was not-able-bodied.

When Win Yadana passenger bus exploded, three passengers were killed and another two injured in Kyaukkyi township, Bago region.

The director Steele was arrested by the military council and sent to be interrogated in Thanlyin township, Yangon region.

42 Houses were destroyed by SAC troops near Lonekhin village, Hpakan township, Kachin state.

Three people were arrested by the Military Council in Shwebo City for sharing anti-military content on social media networks.

Political and International Events

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) issued a statement yesterday that the Myanmar Military Council delegation went to Bangladesh to meet with the refugee group for the Bangladesh-Myanmar 2-country pilot project for the return of Rohingya refugees.

March 21, 2023

Strikes

Locals continue to boycott the 2023 SAC elections in Kale township, Lapataung hill, and the northside of Yinmarbin in the Sagaing region. Additionally there were demonstrations in Myaing township, Magway region.

Election Updates

The decision not to re-register the Military Council to the Election Commission was approved by the second interim regular meeting of the National League for Democracy (NLD) Party held today, March 21.

On March 20th, ALP secretary U Khaing Kyaw Khaing issued a statement saying that Daw Saw Mya Raza Lin, who is the vice-chairman of the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP), did not accept the new central committees and the new formation of the ALP party. He also said that he has absolutely nothing to do with the party.

Democratic National Party (DNP); The Kachin National Congress Party (KNC) and the Rakhine National Party (ANP) applied to the Union Election Commission yesterday (March 20) for permission to continue to establish and register as political parties, according to a press release from the Ministry of Information of NASAKA.

Military Clashes

There was a drone attack on the 44th Division Headquarters and the division commander's house by PDFs in Kyaikto township, Mon state.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Daung Ngan Khar village, Demoso township, Kayah state.

13 SAC soldiers were killed and another two arrested in a clash with PDFs in Puta-O township, Kachin state.

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces in Kan Ni village, between Indaw-Katha townships, Sagaing region.

Three PDF soldiers were injured in a clash with SAC troops between Zee Kone village and Hmaw Kyauk village, Htigyaing township, Sagaing region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at the SAC soldiers camp in Phaya Mae village, Dawei township, Tanintharyi region.

There was a mine attack on SAC troops by PDFs near Ma Taung bridge, Thabeikkyin township, Mandalay region.

There were clashes between PDFs and SAC soldiers in Zee Phyu Kone village, Pale township, Sagaing region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs in Nyaung Kine village, Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a mine attack by PDFs between Ala Pa Ka village and Wan Pyae village, Myinmu township, Magway region.

Human Rights Violations

More than 10,000 local residents were forced to flee when SAC soldiers entered Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Two civilians were killed by SAC forces in Mee Laung Kyone Ywar Thit village, Yesagyö township, Sagaing region.

Residents of both Nyaw Pyin and Aout Kyawwat Waut village fled when their villages were burned by SAC troops in Launglon township, Tanintharyi region.

Two civilians were killed when SAC troops fired mortar bombs in Ka Ya Way Sate village, Bilin township, Mon state.

In Budalin Township, Sagaing Division, a landmine planted by SAC soldiers was triggered, killing one civilian and injuring three others.

The SAC's forces fired mortar bombs in Thapyay Shaung and Bae Inn village, Launglon township, Tanintharyi region. More than 20 houses were burned down and two women were arrested during the conflict.

Political and International Events

Nothing to report.

Sources: PVTV, Than Lwin Times, RFA, BBC, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, DVB, Khit Thit Media, Delta News Agency, Mizzima, Chindwin News Agency, The 74 Media, D Day News, Myaelatt Athan, The Standard Time Daily, The Irrawaddy Burmese