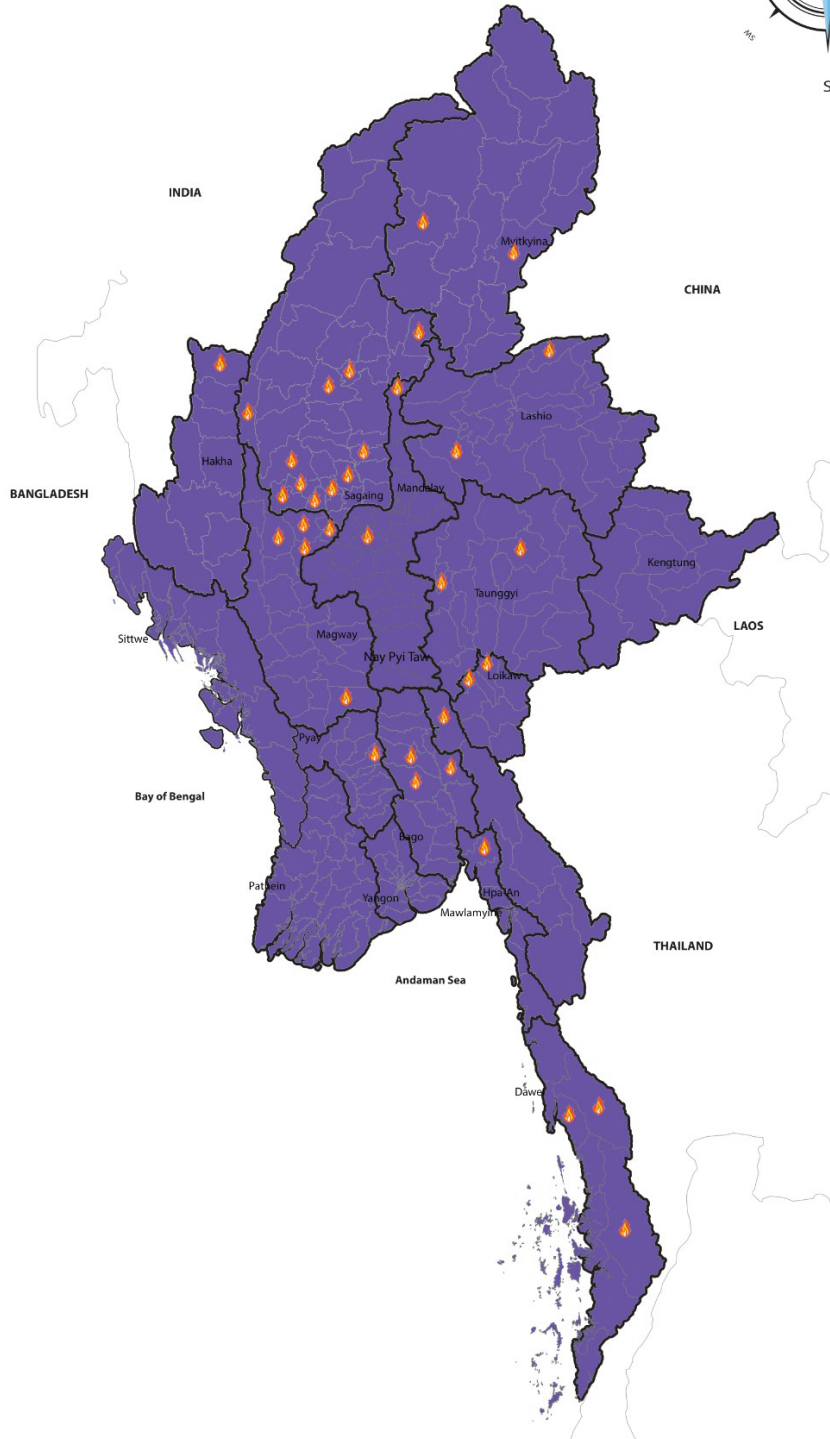
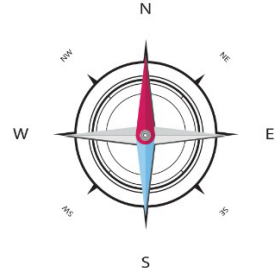

Week: August 1 to August 7, 2023

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Map of Myanmar Conflict (August 1-7, 2023)



Brief Overview

Bago

- 2 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 8 SAC soldiers killed
- 1 Child killed
- 3 Civilians killed

Chin

- 2 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 4 SAC soldiers killed

Kachin

- 2 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs

Kayah (Karenni)

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

Kayin

- 3 Villages set on fire
- 8 Houses burned down

Magway

- 8 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 31 SAC soldiers killed
- 2 PDF soldiers killed
- 1 Civilian killed
- 2 Civilians arrested
- 1 Village set on fire

Mandalay

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

Mon

- 1 Clash between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 1 SAC soldier killed

Sagaing

- 13 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 85 SAC soldiers killed
- 3 PDF soldiers killed
- 3 Civilians killed
- 9 Civilians arrested
- 3 Villages set on fire
- 66 Houses burned down

Shan (North)

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

- 2 Civilians arrested

Shan (South)

- 1 Clash between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 10 SAC soldiers killed
- 1 PDF soldier killed
- 1 Civilian arrested

Tanintharyi

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

Total:

- 38 Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs
- 179 SAC soldiers killed
- 6 PDF soldiers killed
- 2 Children killed
- 14 Civilians killed
- 69 Civilians arrested
- 7 Villages set on fire
- 82 Houses burned down

August 1, 2023

Strikes

Locals held boycotts against the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Kani township in the Sagaing region; Launglon township, Tanintharyi region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Two SAC soldiers were killed and another four injured when PDFs, in a guerilla style with heavy weapons as well as small arms, attacked the police station and general administration department in Myaung township, Sagaing region.

At least 20 SAC soldiers were killed during the two day battle with PDF soldiers along Loikaw-Moby road in Maw Chee Su Si village, outside of Loikaw city in Kayah (Karenni) State.

Six SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at the SAC camp outside of Min village in Yesagyo township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers and eight civilians were shot dead, including the village governor's family, in That Kal Kyin village, Ma Hlaing township, Mandalay region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Ywar Thit To Pagoda in Pale township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at Kyauk Yiet police station in Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

Three children and 14 civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Kyunsu township, Tanintharyi region.

One child was killed when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Shaw Phyu village in Ye-U township, Sagaing region.

About 60 Civilians were arrested when the military raided the White House KTV in Sittwe township, Rakhine State.

Two young men were arrested and killed when the army set fire to Pae Yin Taung Village in Ywangan township, Shan (South) State.

Political and International Events

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Win Myint had their prison sentence reduced by 10 years.

The junta regime in Myanmar has gradually started the release of political prisoners nationwide. Currently there are 77,749 domestic prisoners and 125 foreign prisoners in detention.

The release of 22 members of ethnic armed forces is a relief from the military council.

In the SAC's pardon of prisoners, some who were sentenced to Section 505 (a) were released and some others who were sentenced to capital punishment had their term changed instead to a lifetime in prison.

The NUG Ministry of Justice commented on the Military Council's recent moves to give amnesty to prisoners as an attempt to hide the instability and decline of the regime.

The United States raised concerns about the extension of the rule of the Military Council in Myanmar.

The Malaysian Prime Minister's attitude towards the Military Council, and the implications on the relationship between the two governments, is concerning for ASEAN members.

The Canadian Embassy has expressed concern over the prolonged illegal rule of the military over Myanmar.

The city government of Di Paying (Pakapa), in Ye-U Township in the Sagaing region, did not allow a 96 member soldier group to settle in the area.

August 2, 2023

Strikes

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

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Five SAC soldiers were killed by a landmine when troops came to remove an anti-dictatorship banner hanging on a wall in Shwebo township, Sagaing region.

One SAC police, four SAC soldiers, and one PDF soldier was killed in a clash between the two forces at the police station and SAC camp in Tonzang township, Chin State.

PDF forces killed two SAC soldiers who were drinking beer in Pakokku township, Magway region.

There was fierce fighting after a military convoy triggered a mine in the western part of Demoso township in Kayah (Karenni) State.

Eight SAC police and soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at the police camp in Pakokku township, Magway region.

One SAC soldier was killed when local defense forces attacked the military troops stationed in Kanni (Pyu) village in Myaing township, Magway region.

More than 10 SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in the Kyatto area police station in Pakokku township, Magway region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with TNLA forces in Muse township, Shan (North) State.

Human Rights Violations

Fifteen female political prisoners in Tharyarwaddy Prison, Bago Region were beaten and held in solitary confinement for wearing black ribbons in solidarity on Martyr's Day.

One civilian was arrested by SAC forces from Pindaya township, Shan (South) State.

Five civilians were killed and more than 30 houses were burned down by SAC forces in Inn Dayant village, Katha township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed and three children were injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Tonzang township, Chin State.

SAC forces burned down Phalan Oh village in Pakokku township, Magway region.

Political and International Events

Thailand expresses a positive response to the news about Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's sentence being reduced.

The rotating chairman of the Security Council specifically stated that he would pay attention to human rights, specifically highlighting Myanmar.

France requests the Military Council to release all the people arrested and detained.

The ASEAN Parliament for Human Rights urged for ASEAN not to accept the Military Council in joint military exercises.

A former UN diplomat, Dr. Yang Hee Lee, said that the change in Aung San Suu Kyi's sentence is part of the military group's efforts to gain legitimacy.

Just over 120 political prisoners were pardoned by the Military Council, according to the AAPP.

The Canadian Embassy has issued a statement expressing concern over the extension of the military emergency and prolonged illegal rule over Myanmar.

The National Management Council was established with 18 members, and U Maung Ko and Dr. Aung Kyaw Min were allowed to retire from their duties.

The Commodity Price Stability Committee of the Military Council was formed.

August 3, 2023

Strikes

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

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

A police station officer and a surveillance officer were killed when a drone bombed a birthday party at the Kani town police station in Kani township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed in an attack on troops that were on patrol around the villages in Pale township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDF and SAC forces at Nyaung Pin Kwin Gate and Baw Di Kan Gate in Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed and another five injured in a clash with PDFs between Kyauk Hpyar Kan village and Inn Kan village in Pale township, Sagaing region.

More than seven SAC soldiers were killed in an accidental attack on military troops that were burning a village in Depayin town in Ye-U township, Sagaing region.

10 SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with TNLA forces near Nar Htan and Gaung Yar village, Kutkai township, Shan (North) State.

About 10 SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs in Mayakan village, Depayin town, Ye-U township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

SAC troops sexually assaulted and raped two married women in Kutkai township, Shan (North) State.

27 Houses were burned down by SAC troops, when they set fire, for a third time, in Mayakan village in the eastern part of Depayin town, Ye-U Township, Sagaing region.

Two civilians were killed by SAC forces in Kutkai township, Shan (North) State.

One civilian was killed and one child and two civilians were injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Mway Twin village in Mone town and Kyaukkyi town, Bago region.

One civilian was killed and another civilian arrested by SAC forces in Thay Nat Kone village, Myaing township, Magway region.

Six civilians were arrested and ten houses were burned down by SAC forces in Baw Kone village, Ayadaw township, Sagaing region.

One civilian was killed and 11 houses were burned down by SAC forces in Ta Nal village, Pale township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's son urges the international community to put more pressure on the War on Terrorism Council.

To solve the local conditions in Gangaw township, Magway region, there were protests against the Pa Ah Pha and PaKaPha groups.

More than 60 people related to the Rakhine Army AA were released from imprisonment.

About a dozen federal officers, including the Chief Justice, retired from their positions.

Discussions for the ASEAN joint military excersies were led by Russia and the Myanmar Military.

August 4, 2023

Strikes

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

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

Five SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near Maung Mal Shaung village, Dawei township, Tanintharyi region.

Four SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs near school in Taung Phi Lar Ward, Kale township, Sagaing region.

More than 10 SAC soldiers were killed in a clash wiht PDFs on Goat Twin road in Kyaukme township, Shan (North) State.

Three SAC police members were killed and another four injured in a clash with PDFs at the SAC's gate in Shwe Taung Oo Hill, Yinmarbin township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

One child and one civilian were killed and one child and two civilians were injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Mway Twin and Thamin Inn Kone villages in Kyaukkyi township, Bago region.

One civilian was arrested by SAC forces from Pauk township, Magway region.

More than 50 civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Maung Mal Shaung village, Dawei township, Tanintharyi region.

Six houses were burned down by SAC forces in Kyaw Zaya village, Sagaing township, Sagaing region.

Two civilians were injured and six houses were damaged when the 561st Infantry Battalion under the SAC opened fire on villages in Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region using heavy weapons.

Political and International Events

UN Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun pointed out that the Security Council should make a clear decision on the Myanmar issue.

The NUG announced that a "complaints committee" has been established to regulate and resolve conflicts between PDF organizations.

The PDFs shoot at each other in front of Yesagyo township, Magway region. The commander of Myingyan District Battalion (5) was killed in the crossfire.

August 5, 2023

Strikes

Locals boycott the SAC's 2023 elections in Taze Township, Latpataung hill, the northside of Yinmarbin, Yinmarbin-Salinyi township, and Yinmarbin township in the Sagaing region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

One SAC soldier was killed in a clash with PDFs in Shwe Yaung Pya village, Bilin township, Mon State.

Three SAC soldiers and two PDF members were killed in a clash between the two forces near Tha Pyay Pin village, Yesagyo township, Magway region.

Three SAC soldiers were killed in a clash with PDFs at Kyauk Viet police station in Myaung township, Sagaing region.

Seven SAC police officers were killed in a clash with PDFs at the computer university entrance gate station in Monywa township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

Three civilians were arrested when 16 carts that were carrying supplies and public goods were looted by the SAC military while traveling out from Min Tai Pin and Hnet Pyaw Taw villages in Pale township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

The Prime Minister of Timor-Leste said that they will not join ASEAN because of how they also include countries with military dictatorships.

Switzerland sanctions six people who are associated with the Myanmar military.

61 Army officers were retired from the reserve forces in the Myanmar military.

The United States announced that it will take action against businesses linked to sanctioned banks.

Tom Andrews calls for a complete ban on the arrival of military equipment to Myanmar according to the VOA (Department of Indonesia).

August 6, 2023

Strikes

Locals held boycotts of the SAC's 2023 elections in the following places: Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Salingyi township, Taze township, and Yinmarbin township in the Sagaing region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

There was a clash between PDFs and SAC forces in Thayet Kwa (Pyu) village in Myaing township, Magway region.

There was a clash between SSPP/SSA's forces and the SAC forces near Nant Pauk village in Laihka township, Southern Shan State.

Ten SAC soldiers were killed when PDFs launched an attack on five aircraft refueling ships that were traveling on the Chindin river in Salingyi township, Sagaing region.

Five SAC soldiers were killed and another four injured in a clash with PDFs near Sue Phyu Kone village, Natogyi township, Mandalay region.

Two PDF soldiers were killed in a clash with SAC forces near Pa Tein Pyin village, Yinmarbin township, Sagaing region.

Human Rights Violations

Three civilians were arrested by SAC forces from Ya Nge village, Thayetchaung township, Tanintharyi region.

One civilian was killed when SAC forces burned down Inn Dayant village in Katha township, Sagaing region.

SAC fighter jets fired in a place near the Malian area in Waingmaw township, Kachin State.

Two houses were damaged and one civilian was injured when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at a village in Demoso township, Kayah (Karenni) State.

Political and International Events

The United States has started to take action against two banks that are under the Military Council.

The Prime Minister of East Timor urges ASEAN countries to pay attention to Myanmar's human rights violations.

The Chin National Council (Mindat) was formed in the Chin State in Myanmar.

The position of the Chin State Chief Minister is likely to change.

Kanbawk PDF resigned from the township PAKAFA group in Yebyu township, Tanintharyi region.

The person responsible for murders taking place in Mone Tai Pin village, Ye-U township was appointed to be the commander of the Southern Regional Military Command.

August 7, 2023

Strikes

Locals held boycotts against the SAC's 2023 elections in Yinmarbin-Salingyi township, Salingyi township, Yinmarbin township, and Latpataung hill in the Sagaing region.

Election Updates

Nothing to report.

Military Clashes

More than 10 SAC soldiers and one SSPP soldier was killed and another two SAC soldiers were arrested in a clash between the two forces near Nant Pauk village in Laihka township, Southern Shan State.

Five SAC forces were killed and another nine injured in a clash with PDFs near Oke Phyat village, Phyu township and Tha Min In Kone village, Kyauktaga township in the Bago region.

A battle took place where military fighter jets fired weapons between Kyay Nin and Kyaung Than village, Pale township, Sagaing region.

Two SAC police officers, one sub-inspector and policewoman, were killed when PDFs attacked the Kawlin general administrative office and the town police station in Kawlin township, Sagaing region.

There was a clash between PDF and SAC forces at the SAC camp in Ka Tine mountain, Hpakan township, Kachin State.

Three SAC soldiers and five SAC militias were killed in a clash with PDFs at the SAC's camp in Thayet Kwa village, Myaing township, Magway region.

Two SAC soldiers were killed and another five injured when PDFs fired mortar bombs at the SAC's militia camp in Kan Ni village, Myaing township, Magway region.

Human Rights Violations

One civilian was killed when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Tha Min Inn Kone village, Kyauktaga township, Bago region.

Two civilians were killed by SAC forces in the Ta Kaung Area in Thabeikkyin township, Mandalay region.

One civilian was killed when SAC forces fired mortar bombs at Say Thu village, Yinmarbin township, Sagaing region.

45 Houses were burned down when SAC forces set fires in Kyar Ta Kan village, Kyunhla township, Sagaing region.

Political and International Events

Nothing to report.

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