

Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG

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Weekly Summary (August 15 - 21, 2024)

Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses During the Third Week of August

In the third week of August, Myanmar witnessed the tragic loss of 36 civilians, including three children and four women, as a result of airstrikes and artillery fire from the Military Council.

Rakhine State suffered the highest number of fatalities, reporting 11 deaths. The Mon State and Sagaing Region each recorded five deaths, while the Magway and Mandalay Regions saw four casualties each. Additionally, Bago Region and Northern Shan State reported two deaths, and Karen State, Southern Shan State, and Taninthary Region each recorded one fatality.

Among the total casualties, 28 were killed due to artillery attacks, while seven lost their lives as a result of aerial and drone strikes.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

The Military Council burned down a total of 103 houses, with 60 located in the Bago Region, 40 in the Sagaing Region, and three in the Magway Region.

Arrest of Civilians by the Military Council

In the third week of August, a total of 284 civilians were detained across five regions of Myanmar. This included 220 individuals in the Mandalay Region, 51 in the Magway Region, 10 in the Sagaing Region, two in Mon State, and one in the Irrawaddy Region.

Aerial Assaults on Civilians by the Military Council

In the third week of August, the Military Council conducted a substantial number of airstrikes across several regions of Myanmar, totaling 48 incidents. The Sagaing Region experienced the highest frequency, reporting 31 airstrikes. Meanwhile, the Mandalay Region and Northern Shan State faced five and four strikes, respectively. The Thaninthary and Magway Regions recorded three and two airstrikes, while Chin, Kachin, and Rakhine States each saw one strike.

The Conflicts and Casualties in the Third Week of August

During the third week of August 2024, there were a total of 55 significant and minor skirmishes, including drone attacks. The highest number of conflicts took place in the Sagaing Region, where 16 clashes were reported, followed by 10 in the Magway Region, and 7 in the Mandalay Region. Additionally, there were four skirmishes each in Bago Region, Rakhine State, Mon State, and Northern Shan State, as well as three in Kachin State, two in the Thaninthary Region, and one in Chin State.

No fighting was recorded in the Irrawaddy Region, Yangon Region, Karen State, Karenni State, or Southern Shan State.

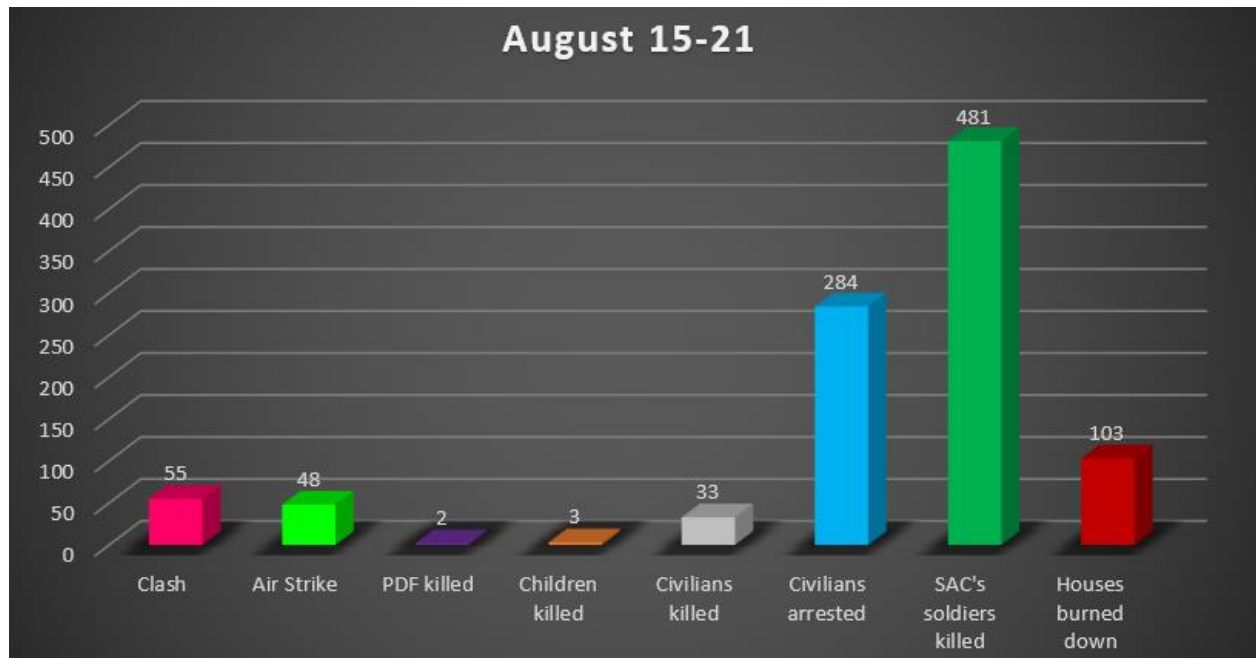
In these confrontations, 491 soldiers from the Military Council were reported killed, along with two Revolutionary fighters.

Other Notable News in the Third Week of August

The Chairman of the Military Council, General Min Aung Hlaing, held a private meeting with several leaders of the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP). The Union Election Commission has reportedly invited political parties to Nay Pyi Taw on August 24 to discuss the Political Parties Registration Law, by-laws, and other political party affairs.

On August 20, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Ms. Julie Bishop, the U.N. Special Envoy on Myanmar, in Beijing to discuss issues related to the country. Chinese state media reported that Wang Yi stated, "China is willing to play a constructive role in helping Myanmar achieve peace and reconciliation." Bishop also reportedly expressed her support for working together with both China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to tackle the crisis in Myanmar.

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



Data of Myanmar Conflict 15-21, August 2024									
States	Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs	Air Strike	SAC's soldiers killed	PDF killed	Children killed	Civilians killed	Civilians arrested	Villages set on fire	Houses burned down
AYEYARWADY							1		
BAGO	4		37			2			60
CHIN	1	1							
KACHIN	3	1	300						
KAYIN					1				
MAGWAY	10	2	41			4	51		3
MANDALAY	7	5	54			4	220		
MON	4		12			5	2		
RAKHINE	4	1				11			
SAGAING	16	31	27	2	1	4	10		40
SHAN (North)	4	4				2			
SHAN (South)						1			
TANINTHARYI	2	3	10		1				
TOTAL	55	48	481	2	3	33	284		103

Sources - The Irrawaddy, RFA, Ayeyarwaddy Times, D Day News, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, Khit Thit Media, Narinjara, Mizzima, Myanmar Now, DVB, BBC, PVTV, Than Lwin Times, Khonumthung Burmese.

