

Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG

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Weekly Summary (October 15 - 21, 2024)

Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses

In the third week of October, military airstrikes and heavy artillery attacks in various parts of Myanmar resulted in the deaths of 30 civilians, including 3 children and 7 women. The Sagaing Region reported the highest number of casualties, with 9 fatalities, followed by Rakhine State with 8, Southern Shan State with 4, Tanintharyi Region with 3, and 2 each in Kachin State and Karen State. Additionally, 1 person each died in Magway Region and Mandalay Region. Of the reported deaths, 7 were attributed to artillery strikes, while 18 resulted from aerial and drone attacks.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

Military Council troops are reported to have burned down 310 houses in the Magway and Sagaing Regions.

Civilian Arrest

In the third week of October, a total of 175 civilians were arrested in Myanmar's Irrawaddy and Tanintharyi Regions, with 5 arrests occurring in Irrawaddy and 170 in Tanintharyi.

Aerial Assaults Against Civilian Targets

In the third week of October, the Military Council carried out 78 airstrikes across 4 States and 4 Regions in Myanmar. The strikes were conducted 21 times in Sagaing Region, 20 times in Rakhine State, 15 times in northern Shan State, and 7 times each in Mandalay Region and Tanintharyi Region. Additionally, there were 3 strikes each in Chin State and Magway Region, and 2 strikes in Kachin State.

Conflicts and Casualties of Combatants

In the third week of October 2024, there were a total of 54 engagements, including both large and small battles as well as drone attacks. Kachin State and Rakhine State recorded the highest number of clashes, with 9 incidents each. Karen State and the Sagaing Region followed closely behind, each experiencing 7 battles. There were 6 incidents in Tanintharyi Region, 5 in Mandalay Region, and 3 each in Bago Region and Chin State. Additionally, there were 2 clashes in both Magway Region and Irrawaddy Region, and 1 in each of Mon State and Northern Shan State. Notably, there was no fighting reported in Southern Shan State and Yangon Region.

During this period, 44 soldiers from the Military Council were reported killed, alongside 15 casualties from the Joint Revolutionary Forces.

All information provided is based on local news reports published between October 15th and 21st.

Military Developments

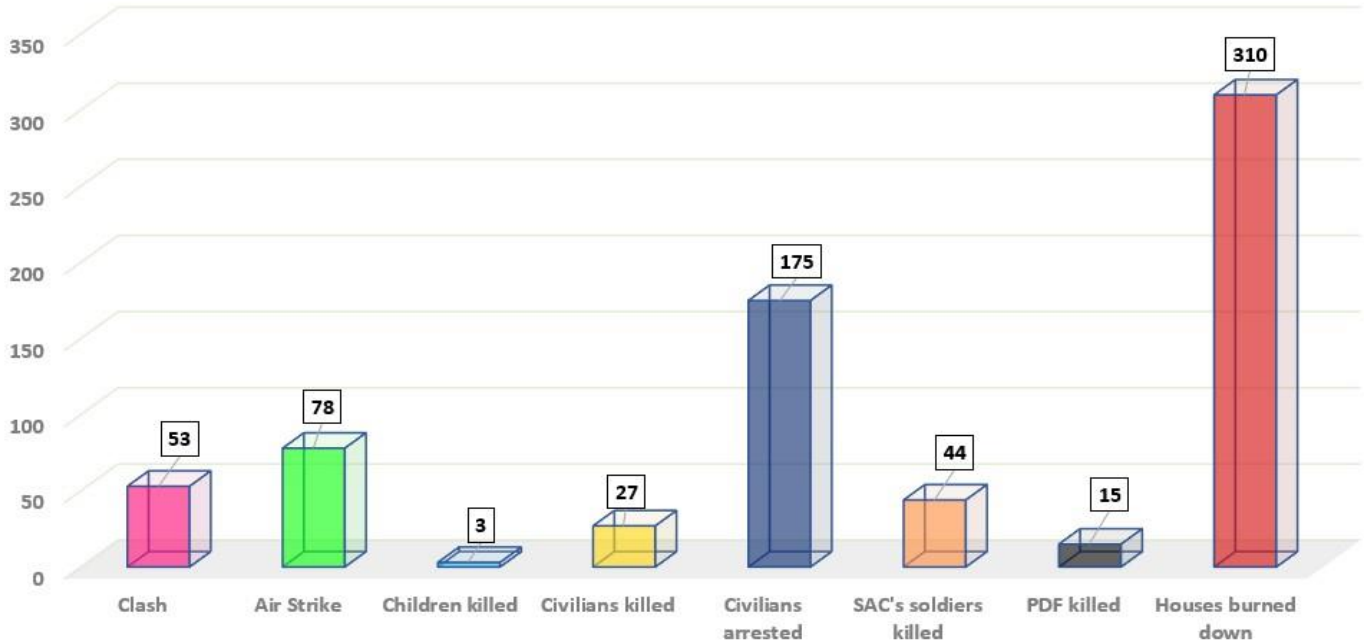
Operations by KIA and Joint Forces

- On October 17, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) launched an attack on the headquarters of the Border Guard Force (BGF) Battalion (1003) under the Military Council in Kan Paik Ti, Kachin State, within Waingmaw Township. The KIA also targeted the Chan Yingko Gate Station of the Military Council, located approximately 3 miles from Panwa City, Kachin State. On the same day, they attacked and took control of the gate station at the Don Bang Kha bridge, situated along Kan Paik Ti Road near the BGF 1003 border guard station.
- By October 19, Panwa City in Kachin State was fully cleared and captured by the KIA in coordination with the Kachin People's Defense Force (KPDF).
- On October 21, the joint forces led by the KIA executed a comprehensive attack, successfully occupying the hill station of BGF 1003 in Sinkrayin village, which is located about five miles from the border trade zone of Kan Paik Ti, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

Operations by KNLA and Joint Forces

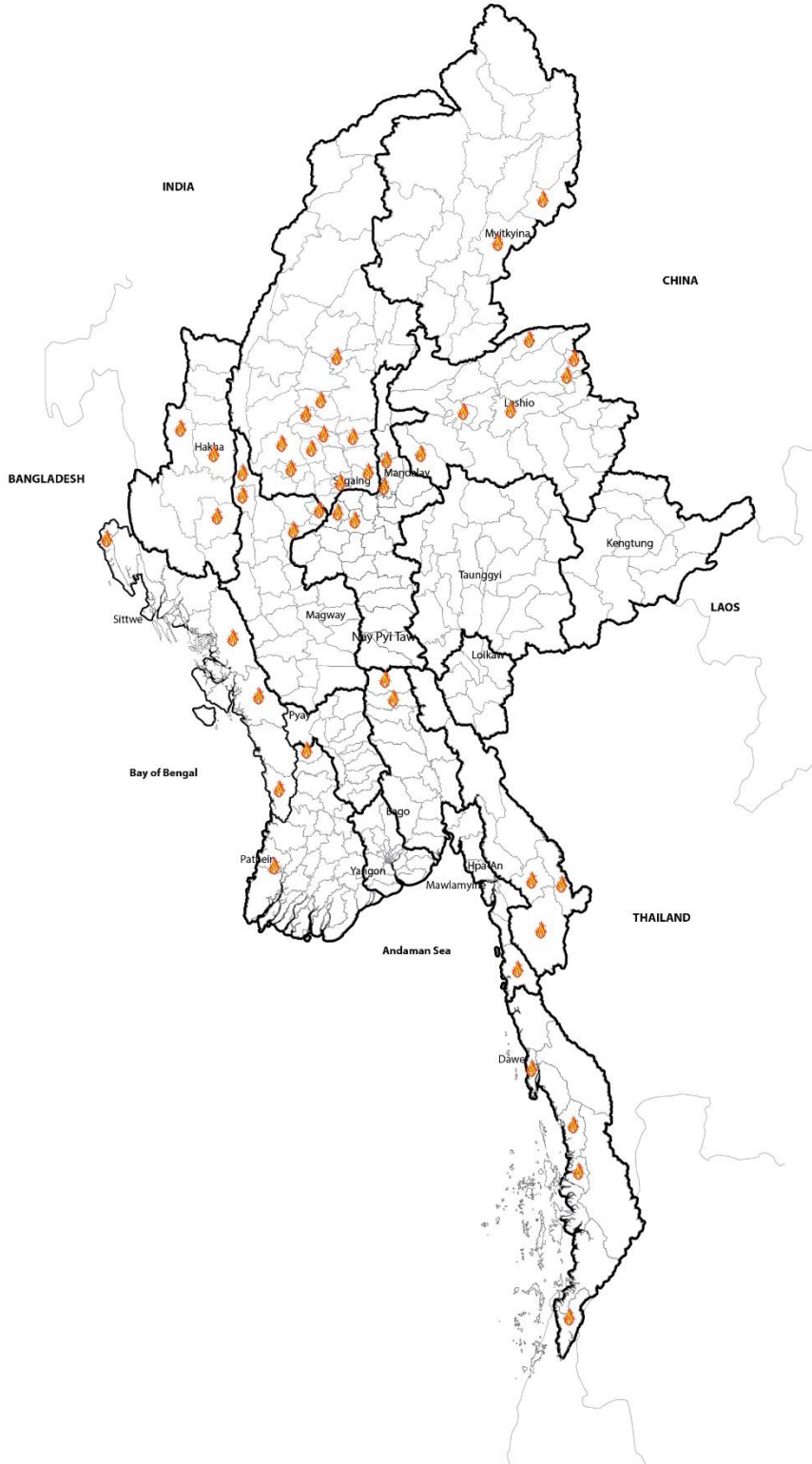
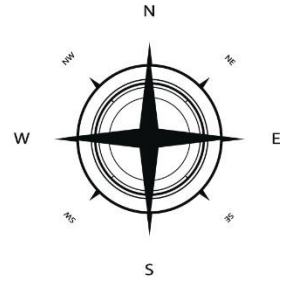
- On October 17, the KNLA and the Cobra Column captured the Military Council's Suyet Kone, near Lay Kay Kaw town, south of Myawaddy, Karen State
- On October 20, the three Military Council army guard posts in Bledo village on Myawaddy-Wawlay Road were captured by the Joint Forces.

October 15-21



Data of Myanmar Conflict 15-21, October 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			1			5		
BAGO	3		8						
CHIN	3	3		2					
KACHIN	9	2				2			
KAYIN	7		4	1	1	1			
MAGWAY	2	3	1	4		1			10
MANDALAY	5	7		4		1			
MON	1		5	2					
RAKHINE	9	20		1		8			
SAGAING	7	21	14			9			300
SHAN (N)	1	15			2	2			
TANINTHARYI	6	7	12			3	170		
TOTAL	54	78	44	15	3	27	175		310

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



Political Developments

Three warships and one support vessel from Russia's Pacific Fleet arrived in Yangon for joint naval exercises with Myanmar. The vessels docked at Thilawa port on October 20. According to junta owned media, the Global New Light of Myanmar, four corvettes and a logistics vessel are set to participate in the second Myanmar-Russia joint maritime security exercise. Reports indicate that these Russian naval ships arrived in Yangon in advance of the scheduled drills with the Myanmar navy.

The participating vessels include four corvettes and a replenishment tanker. This marks the continuation of maritime security cooperation between the two countries, following their first joint exercises, which took place in November of the previous year in the Andaman Sea near Myeik, Tanintharyi Region.

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, The Nation Voive.