

## **Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG**

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#### **Myanmar Weekly Conflict Update (December 22-31, 2024)**

##### **Civilian Casualties**

In the last week of December, air and artillery attacks by the Military Council resulted in the deaths of 122 civilians across Myanmar, including three children and eight women.

Mon State reported the highest number of fatalities, with 53 deaths. Rakhine State followed with 45 deaths, while Magway Region recorded 10, Mandalay Region had 9, Bago Region reported 2, and Chin State, Karenni State, and Sagaing Region each had 1 fatality.

Of the casualties, 16 were attributed to artillery fire, and 12 were the result of air and drone strikes.

##### **Civilians' Houses Burnt Down**

In the last week of December, 450 homes were destroyed in arson attacks attributed to the Military Council in Magway Region and Southern Shan State in Myanmar.

##### **Civilian Arrest**

In the last week of December, 258 civilians were arrested across six regions and one state in Myanmar. The arrests were distributed as follows: 150 in Sagaing Region, 32 in Yangon Region, 30 in Tanintharyi Region, 18 in Bago Region, 14 in Mandalay Region, 10 in Rakhine State, and 4 in Magway Region.

### **Aerial Assaults Against Civilian Targets**

The Military Council carried out 19 airstrikes in five states and three regions of Myanmar during the same period. The strikes included five in Rakhine State, four in Mandalay Region, three in Southern Shan State, two each in Magway and Tanintharyi Regions, and one each in Karenni, Kayin, and Mon States.

### **Conflicts and Casualties of Combatants**

In the last week of December 2024, there were 93 major and minor clashes, including drone strikes. Kachin State recorded the highest number of clashes at 20, followed by Rakhine State with 16. Magway Region had 15 clashes, Northern Shan State had 12, Sagaing Region had 9, Mandalay Region had 8, Bago Region had 4, Southern Shan State had 2, and Mon State had 1. There were no reported clashes in Ayeyarwady Region, Chin State, Kayin State, or Yangon Region.

During this period, 871 soldiers from the Military Council were killed, along with 9 members of revolutionary forces in the clashes.

**All information provided is based on local news reports published between December 22th and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Military Developments**

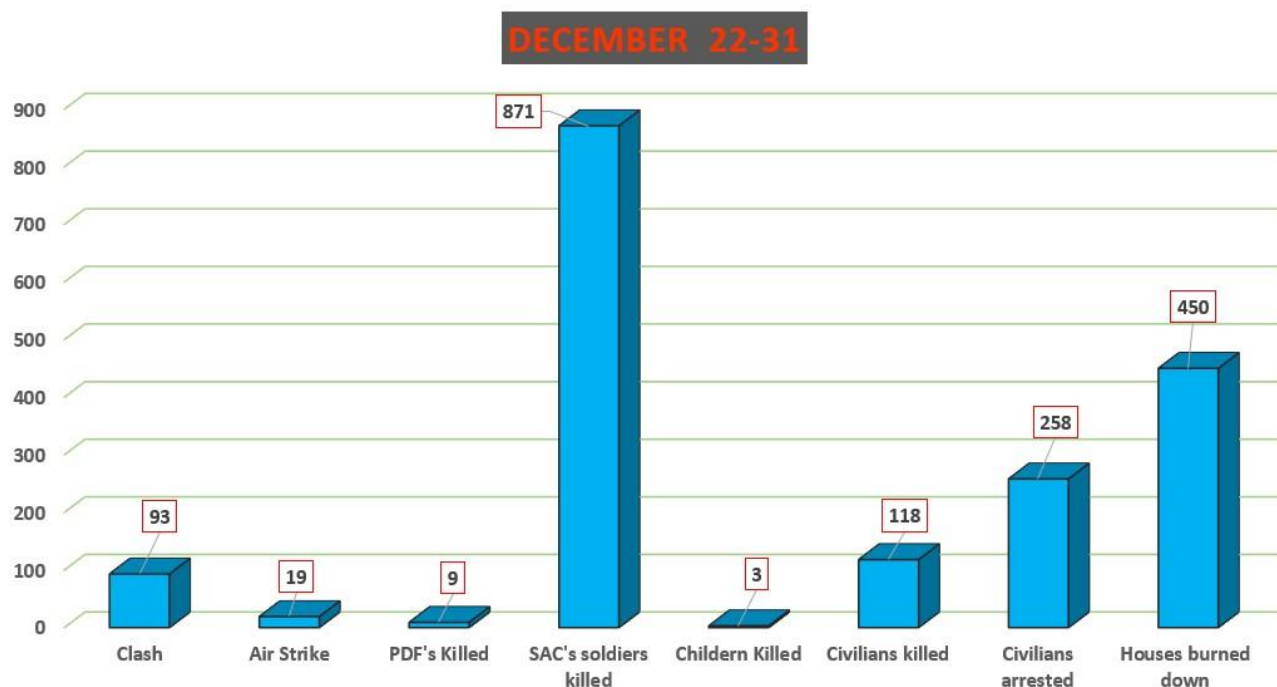
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### **Operations of AA and Joint Forces**

On December 28, the Arakan Army launched an attack on Infantry Battalion 562 of the Military Council Army in Gwa Township, Rakhine State. The operation resulted in the deaths of at least 700 Military Council soldiers, including division commander Colonel Than Soe Win and several battalion commanders. The Arakan Army also captured armored vehicles, weapons, and prisoners of war.

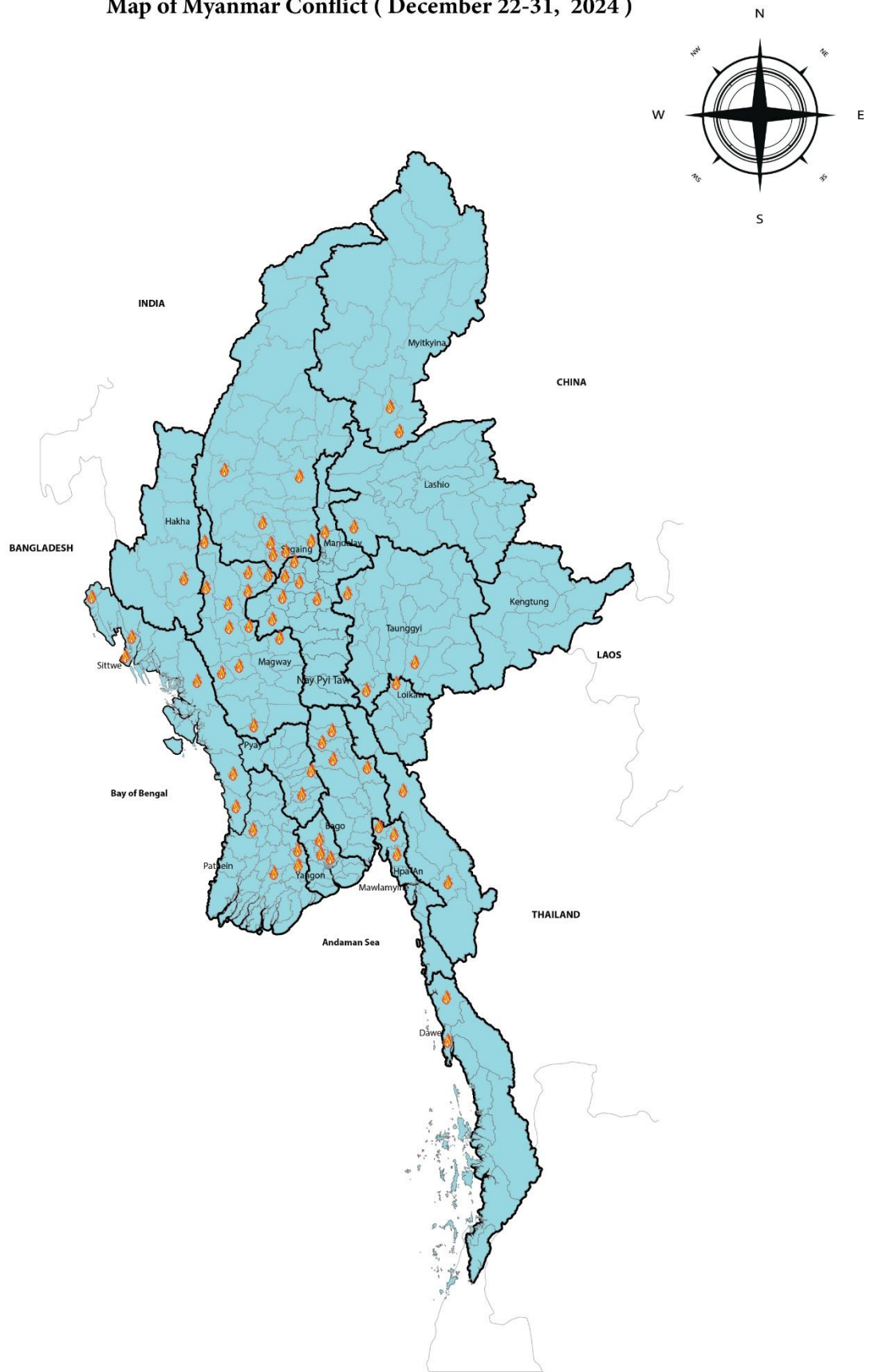
### **Operations by KIA and Joint Forces**

On December 4, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and joint forces initiated an offensive against Infantry Battalion 601, Infantry Battalion 319, and Artillery Battalion 523 near Mansi, Kachin State. By December 25, these three battalions were fully captured, and Colonel Aung Nyaung, a strategic commander of the Military Council Army, was killed during the conflict.



Data of Myanmar Conflict 22-31, December 2024								
States	Clashes between SAC and PDF/EAOs	Air Strike	SAC's soldiers killed	PDF killed	Children killed	Civilians killed	Civilians arrested	Houses burned down
AYEYARWADY							30	
BAGO	4		25			2	18	
CHIN						1		
KACHIN	20		1					
KARENNI		1				1		
KAYIN	2	1	2					
MAGWAY	15	2	88	2		10	4	80
MANDALAY	8	4	17	3	3	6	14	
MON	1	1	3			53		
RAKHINE	16	5	700			45	10	
SAGAING	9		27	4		1	150	
SHAN (N)	12							
SHAN (S)	2	3	3					370
TANINTHARYI	4	2	5					
YANGON							32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>450</b>

Map of Myanmar Conflict ( December 22-31, 2024 )



## **Political Developments**

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According to the preliminary results of the 2024 census released by the Population Department of the Military Council on December 31, Myanmar's population is reported to be over 51 million, specifically 51,316,756. The countable population stands at over 32 million, totaling 32,191,407, while the remaining population, estimated at over 19 million, is reported to be 19,125,349.

**Sources - The Irrawaddy, Ayeyarwaddy Times, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, Khit Thit Media, Narinjara, Mizzima, Myanmar Now, DVB, BBC, MeKong News, ThanLwin Times, PTV, RFA, ThanLwin Myanmar, Khonumthung Burmese.**