

Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG

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Weekly Summary (September 22 - 30, 2024)

Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses During the last Week of September

In the last week of September, military airstrikes and artillery attacks in Myanmar resulted in the deaths of 68 civilians, including 10 children and 3 women. The Rakhine state reported the highest number of fatalities, with 22 deaths. Other regions affected include Sagaing Region with 18 deaths, Mandalay Region with 14, Northern Shan State with 7, and 3 deaths each in Magway and Tanintharyi Regions, along with one death in Southern Shan State. Of the total casualties, 9 were attributed to artillery attacks, while 42 were a result of air and drone strikes.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

In Myanmar, military council troops have reportedly destroyed a total of 25 houses, with 15 located in Mandalay and 10 in Chin State.

Arrest of Civilians by the Military Council

In the last week of September, a total of 127 civilians were arrested across one state and three regions in Myanmar. This includes 100 individuals in Mandalay Region, 19 in Sagaing Region, 6 in Bago Region, and 2 in Mon State.

Aerial Assaults on Civilians by the Military Council

During the last week of September, the Military Council carried out 81 airstrikes across nine regions and provinces in Myanmar. The strikes occurred 38 times in Sagaing Region, 13 times in northern Shan State, and 7 times in Magway Region. Additionally, there were 6 strikes each in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State, 5 in Kachin State, 4 in Chin State, and 1 each in Karen State and Southern Shan State.

The Conflicts and Casualties in the First Week of September

In the last week of September 2024, Myanmar experienced a total of 46 clashes, both major and minor, including drone strikes. Kachin State had the highest number of incidents, with 11 clashes, followed by Sagaing Region with 7. Magway Region and Tanintharyi Region each reported 6 clashes, while Mandalay Region and Northern Shan State had 5 incidents each. Rakhine State experienced 3 clashes, and Chin State had 2. Additionally, there was 1 clash each in Bago Region, Irrawaddy Region, Karenni State, Karen State, and Mon State. There were no reported clashes in Southern Shan State or Yangon Region.

According to media reports, during this period, 97 members of the Military Council were reported killed, while only 2 members of the Joint Revolutionary Forces who also lost their lives in the conflict.

All information provided is based on local news reports published between September 22th and 30th.

Operations by KIA and Joint Forces

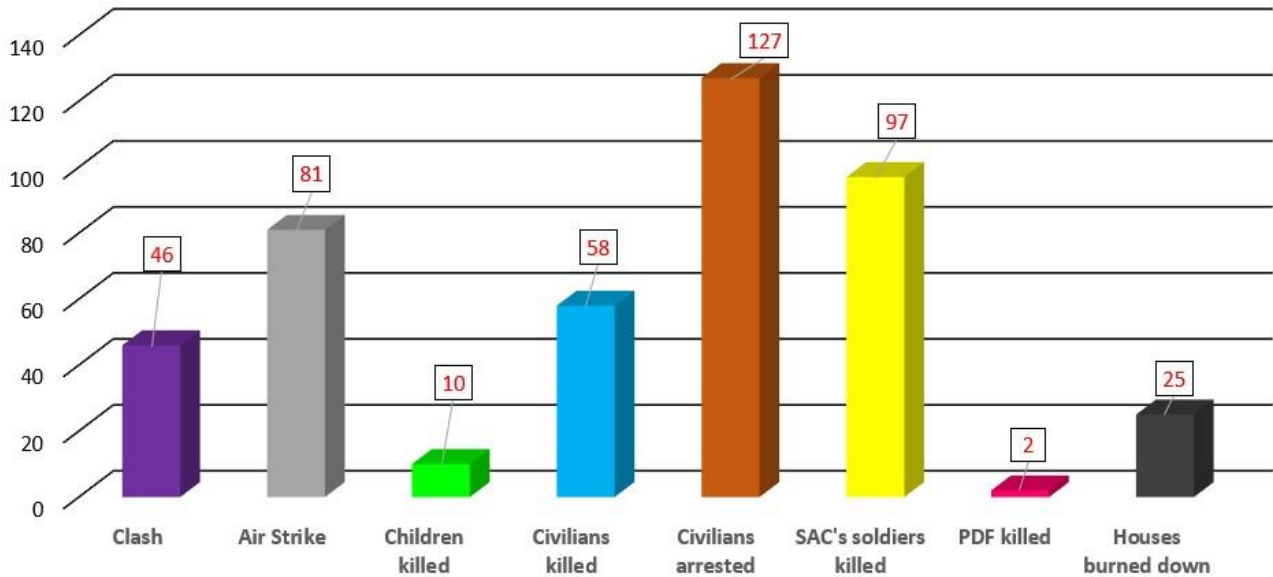
On September 28, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Kachin People's Defense Force (KPDF) successfully captured several strategic locations in Chipwi Township, Kachin State, including a militia camp, the Chilpwi Police Station, the 4-mile collective gate camp, and a military council strategic hill.

On September 30, KIA and KPDF troops attacked the Military Council's main camp and two guard posts near Shengo village along Chipwi Road in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, and subsequently occupied these positions.

Operations by TNLA and Coalition Force

In Northern Shan State, on September 26, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) captured the Light Infantry Battalion 503 (KhaMaRa) based in Hsipaw. Fighting continued in the vicinity of the remaining Light Infantry Battalion 504 (KhaMaRa) and Light Infantry Battalion 23 (KhaMaRa).

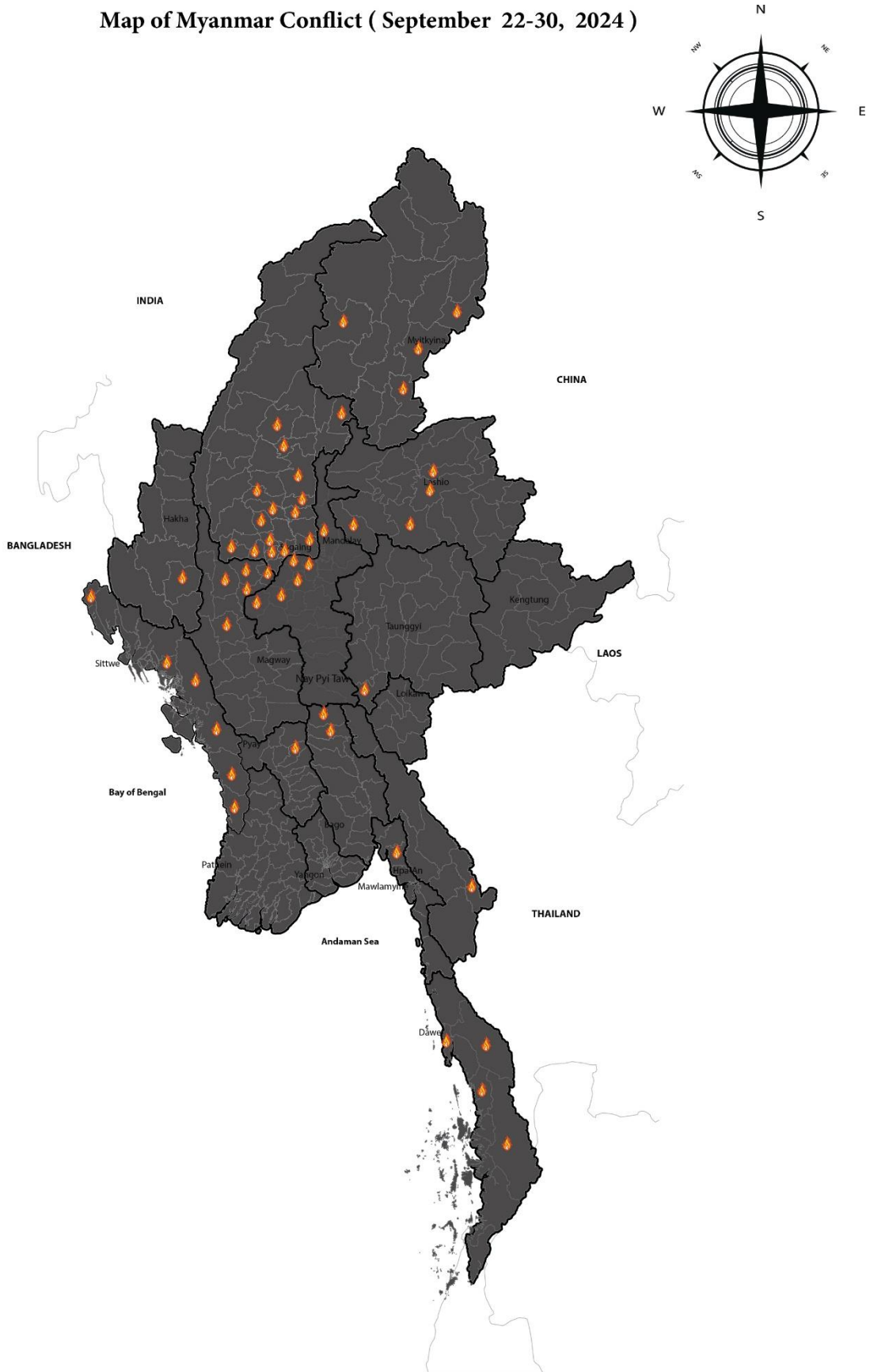
September 22-30



Data of Myanmar Conflict 22-30, September 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
BAGO	1		5				6		
CHIN	2	4							10
KACHIN	11	5							
KAYIN		1							
MAGWAY	6	7	15			3			
MANDALAY	5	6	28		4	10	100		15
MON							2		
RAKHINE	3	6	5	2	3	19			
SAGAING	7	38	19		1	17	19	2	
SHAN (North)	5	13			2	5			
SHAN (South)		1				1			
TANINTHARYI	6		25			3		1	
TOTAL	46	81	97	2	10	58	127	3	25

Map of Myanmar Conflict (September 22-30, 2024)



Other Notable News in the Last Week of September

India has invited ethnic resistance organizations from Rakhine, Chin and Kachin states and the National Unity Government (NUG) to attend federal talks, BDnews24 reports citing Reuters.

On September 26, the Military Council invited the ethnic resistance organizations, including the PDF, to find a political solution.

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, The Nation Voice.