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Myanmar Weekly Conflict Update (December 8 - 14, 2024)

Civilian Casualties

In the second week of December, Military Council air and heavy artillery strikes led to the deaths of 21 civilians across Myanmar. The casualties included 3 children and 4 women. The Sagaing Region reported the highest number of fatalities, totaling 9. Additionally, Chin State and Mandalay Region each recorded 4 deaths, Magway Region had 3, and Tanintharyi Region reported 1.

Of the total deaths, 6 were attributed to heavy artillery fire, while 8 resulted from air and drone strikes.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

In two states and three regions of Myanmar, Military Council arson attacks have led to the destruction of 698 homes. Specifically, Mandalay Region saw the highest number of incidents with 300 homes burned, followed by Sagaing Region with 200, Magway Region with 150, Chin State with 40, and Rakhine State with 8 homes affected.

Civilian Arrest

During the second week of December, a total of 296 civilians were arrested across four regions and one state in Myanmar. This included 206 individuals in Mandalay Region, 47 in Bago Region, 22 in Ayeyarwady Region, 20 in Sagaing Region, and one in southern Shan State.

Aerial Assaults Against Civilian Targets

During the second week of December, the Military Council carried out eight airstrikes across two states and three regions in Myanmar. Specifically, there were two strikes in Chin State, two in Magway Region, and two in Sagaing Region, as well as one strike each in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State.

Conflicts and Casualties of Combatants

In the second week of December 2024, there were a total of 65 major and minor clashes, including drone strikes. The highest frequency of clashes was recorded in Bago Region and Kayin State, with 12 each, followed closely by Sagaing Region with 11. Southern Shan State saw 10 clashes, while Kachin State experienced 5. Magway Region and Mandalay Region each had 3 clashes, Mon State and Rakhine State reported 2 each, and Ayeyarwady Region, Chin State, Karenni State, Northern Shan State, and Tanintharyi Region each had 1 clash. No clashes were reported in Yangon Region.

During this period, 627 soldiers from the Military Council and 5 members of the Revolutionary Joint Force were reported killed in the clashes.

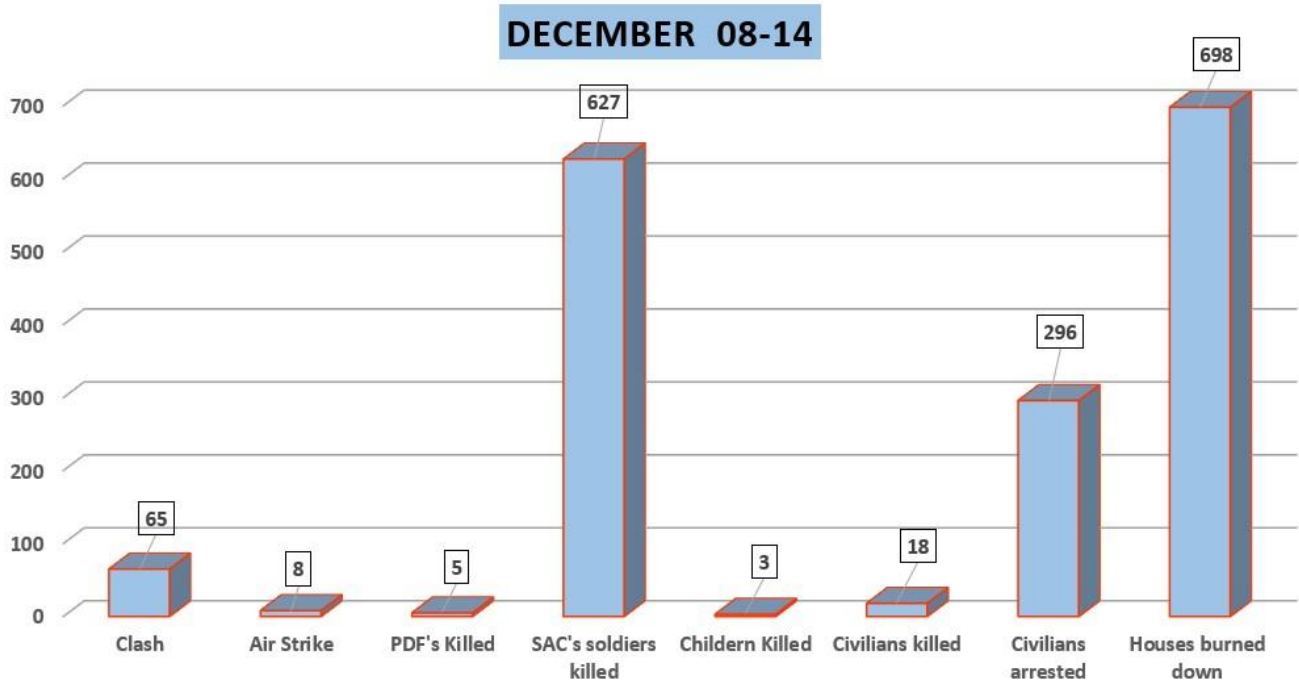
All information provided is based on local news reports published between December 8th and 14th.

Military Developments

Operations by KNLA and Joint Forces

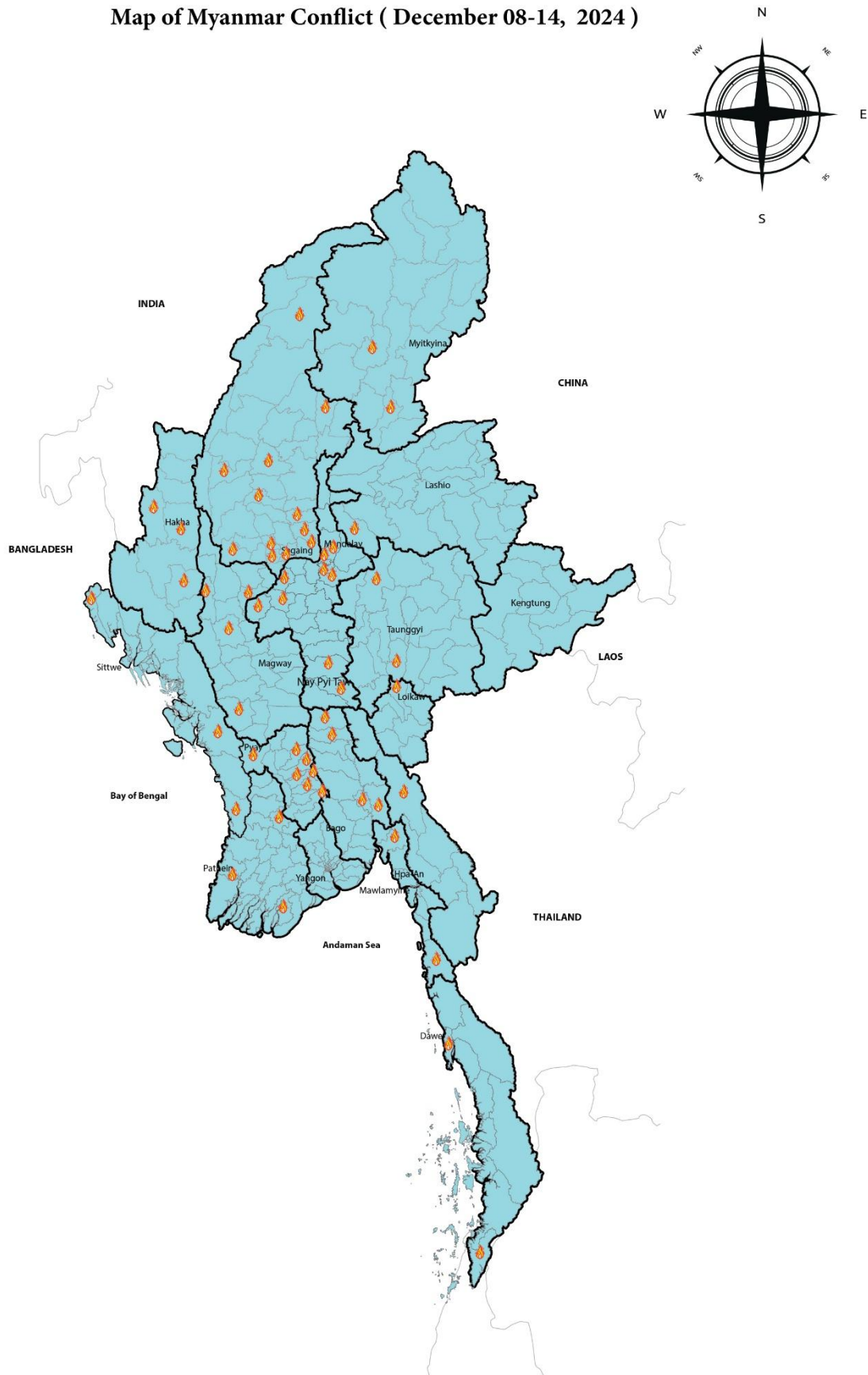
On December 7, KNLA forces launched an attack on two Military Council posts, TaungToneLone and SinSwal, located in Hpa-Pun Township, Kayin State. The engagement resulted in the deaths of 16 soldiers, along with the capture of weapons and ammunition, which included a 120-mm artillery piece.

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



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		8				22		
BAGO	12		19	2			47		
CHIN	1	2			1	3			40
KACHIN	5								
KARENNI	1		5						
KAYIN	12		16						
MAGWAY	3	2	15	2		3			150
MANDALAY	3	1	9		1	3	206		300
MON	2		7						
RAKHINE	2	1	450						8
SAGAING	11	2	23	1	1	8	20		200
SHAN (N)	1		15						
SHAN (S)	10		50				1		
TANINTHARYI	1		10			1			
TOTAL	65	8	627	5	3	18	296		698

Map of Myanmar Conflict (December 08-14, 2024)



Political Developments

On December 5 and 6, Lt. Gen. Htun Htun Naung, Chairman of the Military Council's National Solidarity and Peace Negotiation Committee (NSPNC), engaged in discussions with 51 political parties regarding election and security matters, as reported by the Military Council's media outlets.

On December 8, a delegation led by Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) Chairman Gen. N Ban La traveled to China at the invitation of the Chinese government.

On December 9, Mr. Shi Zhongjun, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Center based in Beijing, met with several officials from the Military Council, including Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw, Minister of Hotels and Tourism Dr. Thet Thet Khaing, and Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung in Nay Pyi Taw. Their discussions focused on topics related to tourism and agriculture.

On December 7, Election Commission Chairman U Ko Ko convened with political parties in Nay Pyi Taw, where they announced that elections are planned to take place in 161 out of 330 townships across the country, specifically in areas deemed secure.

On December 10, the US Department of Commerce announced sanctions against four companies accused of supplying military equipment that has contributed to airstrikes and human rights violations by the Burmese military. Among these companies, two are based in China and two in Myanmar.

On December 12, the National Unity Government officially announced the formation of the Irrawaddy Regional Command. This command is intended to conduct operations aimed at attacking and seizing Military Council bases in the region.