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Myanmar Weekly Conflict Update (November 1 - 7, 2024)

Civilian Casualties

In the first week of November, military airstrikes and heavy artillery fire resulted in the deaths of 22 civilians across various regions of Myanmar, including 3 women. Sagaing Region and Northern Shan State recorded the highest number of fatalities, with 5 deaths each. Additionally, there were 4 deaths each in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State, 3 in Magway Region, and 1 in Bago Region.

The causes of death included 4 individuals killed by heavy artillery fire and 16 fatalities resulting from aerial and drone attacks.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

The Military Council set fire to and destroyed 277 homes across three regions and two states in Myanmar. This included 137 houses in Sagaing Region, 90 in Chin State, 20 in Northern Shan State, 19 in Magway Region, and 11 in Tanintharyi Region.

Civilian Arrest

In the first week of November, 92 civilians were arrested in Sagaing Region.

Aerial Assaults Against Civilian Targets

During the first week of November, the Military Council carried out 34 airstrikes across seven provinces and districts in Myanmar. The breakdown of these airstrikes included 10 in Rakhine State, 9 in Northern Shan State, 8 in Sagaing Region, 3 in Magway Region, 2 in Chin State, and 1 each in Bago Region and Karen State.

Conflicts and Casualties of Combatants

In the first week of November 2024, there were 72 major and minor skirmishes, including drone attacks. Rakhine State recorded the highest number of clashes, with 14 incidents. Sagaing Region followed with 12 clashes, while Karen State had 7. Magway Region and Northern Shan State each experienced 5 incidents, and Mon State, Kachin State, and Tanintharyi Region had 4 clashes each. Bago Region reported 3 incidents, Chin State had 2, and Mandalay Region experienced 1 clash. No fighting was reported in Yangon Region, Irrawaddy Region, or Karenni State.

During this week, 134 members of the Military Council were reported killed, alongside 4 members of the Joint Revolutionary Forces.

All information provided is based on local news reports published between November 1st and 7th.

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Military Developments

Operations of AA and Joint Forces

On November 1, the Arakan Army (AA) initiated a significant offensive aimed at capturing the PanMaughtTaung field artillery base in Taungup City, Rakhine State.

On November 2, the AA occupied the BE Battalion of the Military Council located on the east bank of the Ann Stream, as well as the Thayetpin Camp and Natal Gate in Ann Township, Rakhine State.

On November 4, the AA took control of the Air Defense Battalion in Ann Township, Rakhine State.

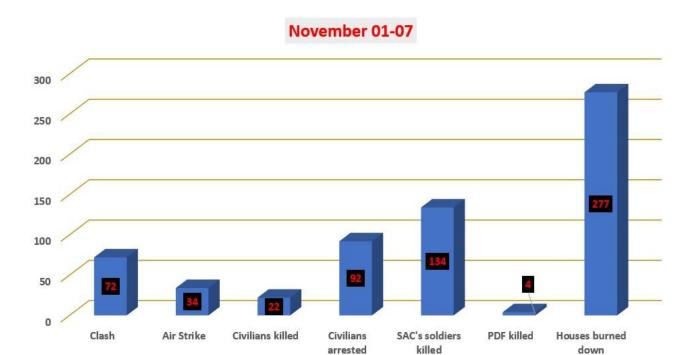
On November 5, the AA captured the No. 757 Workshop Division (Electrical) in Ann City.

Operations by KIA and Joint Forces

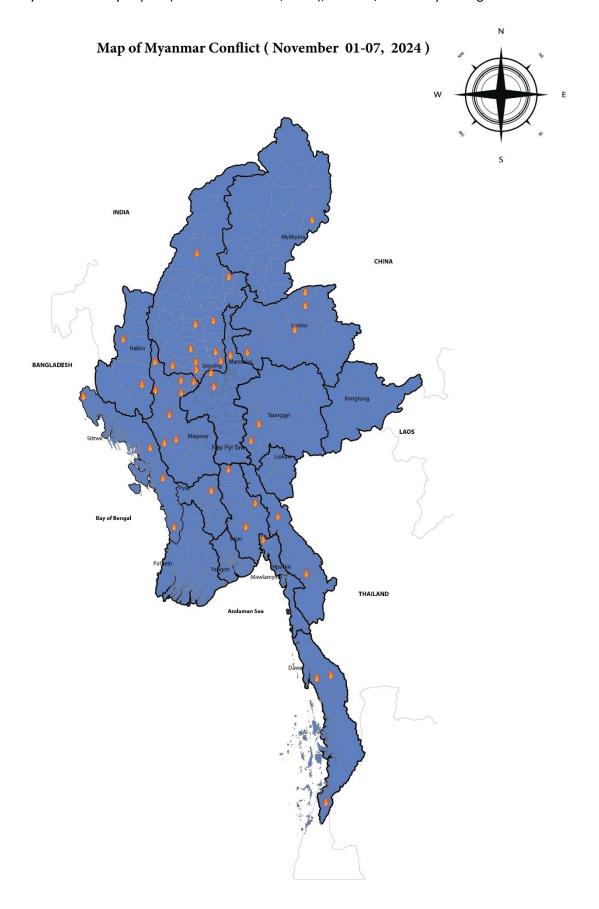
On October 31, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) seized control of the headquarters of the Border Guard Force (BGF)-1001 Battalion, which is part of the Military Council, located in the Fimao area of Chipwi Township, Kachin State.

On November 1, joint forces of the KIA and the People's Defense Forces (PDF) launched an attack that resulted in the capture of four main camps and garrison camps belonging to the Military Council and local militias in Lagway village, Chipwi Township, Kachin State.

On November 2, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) took control of the town of Fimao in Chipwi Township.



Data of Myanmar Conflict 01-07, November 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	4	1	23			1			
CHIN	3	2							90
KACHIN	5								
KAYIN	7	1							
MAGWAY	7	3	32	3		3			19
MANDALAY	2		6			4			
MON	5		5	1					
RAKHINE	14	10	1			4			
SAGAING	12	8	40			5	92		137
SHAN (N)	7	9				5			
SHAN (S)	1		5						20
TANINTHARYI	5		22						11
TOTAL	72	34	134	4		22	92		277



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Political Developments

The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) is set to participate in a conference focused on the Constitution and Federalism, taking place in New Delhi on November 5 and 6. Delegates from 11 political parties and 5 Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs), including the Center for Peace and Reconciliation (CPR), are currently in India for the event.

On November 5, General Min Aung Hlaing departed from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to China on a Myanmar Airlines International (MAI) flight, accompanied by a civilian and military delegation, to attend the 8th Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS) summit and related meetings.

On November 6, General Min Aung Hlaing held private discussions with the Prime Ministers of Cambodia and Laos, who were also present at the 8th GMS summit in Kunming.

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