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Myanmar Weekly Conflict Update (January 8 - 14, 2025)

Civilian Casualties

In the second week of January, air and artillery attacks by the Military Council in Myanmar resulted in the deaths of 88 civilians, including one soldier, two children, and three women.

Rakhine State reported the highest number of fatalities, with 50 deaths. Other regions affected included Kachin State with 26 deaths, Mandalay Region with 4, and 2 each in Ayeyarwady Region, Karenni State, and southern Shan State. Additionally, there was one death each in Bago Region and Magway Region.

Among the casualties, six individuals died from artillery attacks, while 71 were killed by air and drone strikes.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

The Military Council burned down a total of 936 homes across one state and two regions in Myanmar. This includes 500 homes in Rakhine State, 400 homes in Mandalay Region, and 36 homes in Magway Region.

Civilian Arrest

During the second week of January, a total of 117 civilians were arrested across one state and six regions in Myanmar. The breakdown of arrests includes 39 in Sagaing Region, 25 in Magway Region, 17 in Ayeyarwady Region, 16 in Bago Region, 12 in Mandalay Region, 7 in Yangon Region, and 1 in southern Shan State.

Aerial Assaults Against Civilian Targets

During the second week of January, the Military Council in Myanmar carried out a total of 47 airstrikes across five states and five regions. The distribution of these strikes included 12 in the Mandalay Region, 6 each in Kachin State and southern Shan State, 5 each in Rakhine State and Tanintharyi Region, 4 each in Ayeyarwady Region and northern Shan State, 3 in Magway Region, and 1 each in Bago Region and Chin State.

Conflicts and Casualties of Combatants

During the second week of January 2025, there were a total of 63 clashes, both major and minor, which included drone strikes. The Bago Region experienced the highest number of incidents, with 13 clashes, followed by Mandalay Region with 11. Sagaing Region reported 7 clashes, while Kachin State and Magway Region each had 6. Mon State experienced 5 clashes, Northern Shan State had 4, and both Southern Shan State and Tanintharyi Region recorded 3. Ayeyarwady Region and Kayin State had 2 clashes each, and Karenni State had 1. Notably, there were no clashes reported in Chin State, Rakhine State, or Yangon Region.

In terms of casualties, the clashes resulted in the deaths of 525 junta soldiers and 8 members of the Revolutionary Joint Force.

Military Developments

Operations of AA and Joint Forces

On January 9, the Arakan Army (AA) and allied forces launched an attack that resulted in the capture of the Myitkyizin village police station in Shwe Thaug Yan township, Ayeyarwady Region. Earlier, on January 7, the AA and its allies conducted an operation that led to the capture of the Taung Pong Gyi military camp belonging to the Military Council in Padaung township, Bago Region.

Operations by KIA and Allied Forces

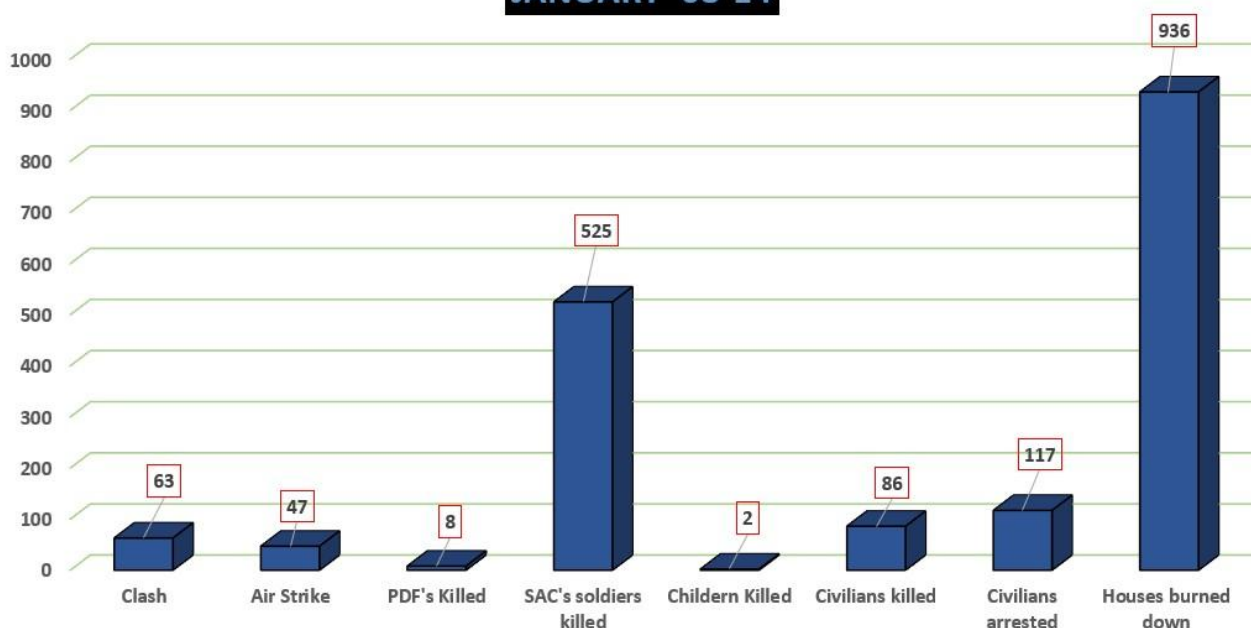
On January 8, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) carried out an operation that resulted in the capture of the Military Council's 319th Infantry Battalion, 601st Infantry Battalion, and 352nd Artillery Battalion in Mansi township, Kachin State.

Operations by KNLA and Allied Forces

On January 7, the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) engaged in an operation that culminated in the capture of a Military Council base in Hla Gun Pyo village, Hpa Pun township, Kayin State.

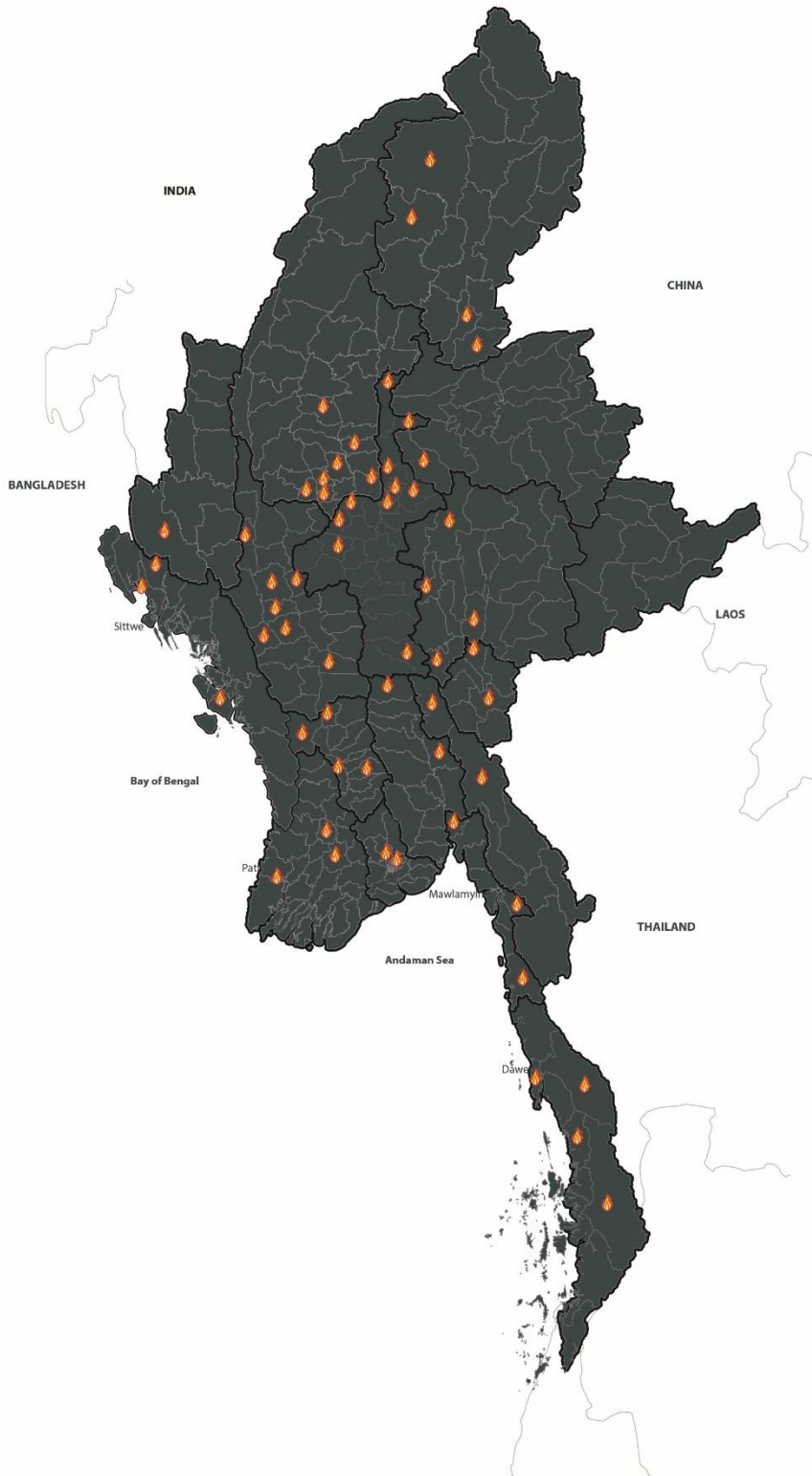
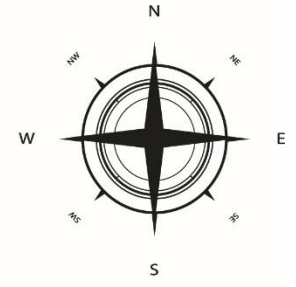
All information provided is based on local news reports published between January 8th and 14th.

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Data of Myanmar Conflict 08-14, January 2025								
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	2	4				2	17	
BAGO	13	1	8			1	16	
CHIN		1						
KACHIN	6	6	180			26		
KARENNI	1		10		2			
KAYIN	2		3					
MAGWAY	6	3	7	1		1	25	36
MANDALAY	11	12	68			4	12	400
MON	5		78					
RAKHINE		5				50		500
SAGAING	7		37	1			39	
SHAN (N)	4	4	60					
SHAN (S)	3	6	60	6		2	1	
TANINTHARYI	3	5	14					
YANGON							7	
TOTAL	63	47	525	8	2	86	117	936

Map of Myanmar Conflict (January 08-14, 2025)



Political Developments

On January 6, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced the imposition of sanctions on Mytel, a telecommunications company that is believed to support the junta in Myanmar.

On January 9, state-controlled newspapers reported that efforts were underway to compile voter lists and update household numbers in preparation for the upcoming elections.

Also on January 9, the Belarusian Foreign Minister met with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Military Council, in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss bilateral relations, including the enhancement of defense cooperation between the two countries.

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