

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

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#### **Myanmar Weekly Conflict Update (January 15 - 21, 2025)**

##### **Civilian Casualties**

In the third week of January, air and artillery attacks by the Military Council in Myanmar resulted in the deaths of 65 civilians, including 2 men, 11 children, and 28 women. Rakhine State reported the highest number of casualties, with 29 deaths. Other regions affected included Bago Region with 11 deaths, Magway Region, Sagaing Region, and Southern Shan State each with 6 deaths, Karenni and Mandalay Regions with 3 deaths each, and Northern Shan State with 1 death.

Of the fatalities, 4 were attributed to artillery fire, while 60 resulted from air and drone attacks.

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

The Military Council destroyed a total of 63 homes across two states and three regions in Myanmar. This included 37 homes in Magway Region, 13 homes in Sagaing Region, 9 homes in Rakhine State, 3 homes in Tanintharyi Region, and 1 home in Mon State.

##### **Civilian Arrest**

In the third week of January, a total of 207 civilians were arrested in six regions of Myanmar. The arrests were distributed as follows: 101 in Magway Region, 50 in Tanintharyi Region, 30 in Bago Region, 13 in Sagaing Region, 11 in Ayeyarwady Region, and 2 in Yangon Region.

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

During the third week of January, the Military Council carried out 51 airstrikes across 13 states and divisions in Myanmar. The strikes were distributed as follows: 23 in Tanintharyi Region, 7 in Sagaing Region, 4 in Rakhine State, 3 each in Karen State and Southern Shan State, 2 each in Ayeyarwady Region, Magway Region, and Mandalay Region, and 1 each in Bago Region, Kachin State, Karenni State, Mon State, and Northern Shan State.

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

In the third week of January 2025, there were a total of 47 major and minor clashes, including drone strikes. Magway Region recorded the highest number of clashes, with 13 incidents, followed by Sagaing Region with 10. Ayeyarwady Region and Southern Shan State each experienced 6 clashes, while Mon State had 4. Bago Region and Kachin State reported 3 clashes each, and both Karen State and Tanintharyi Region had 1 clash each. No clashes were reported in Chin State, Karenni State, Rakhine State, Northern Shan State, Mandalay Region, and Yangon Region.

During this period, 279 soldiers from the Military Council and 4 members of the Revolutionary Joint Forces were reported killed in the clashes.

## **Military Developments**

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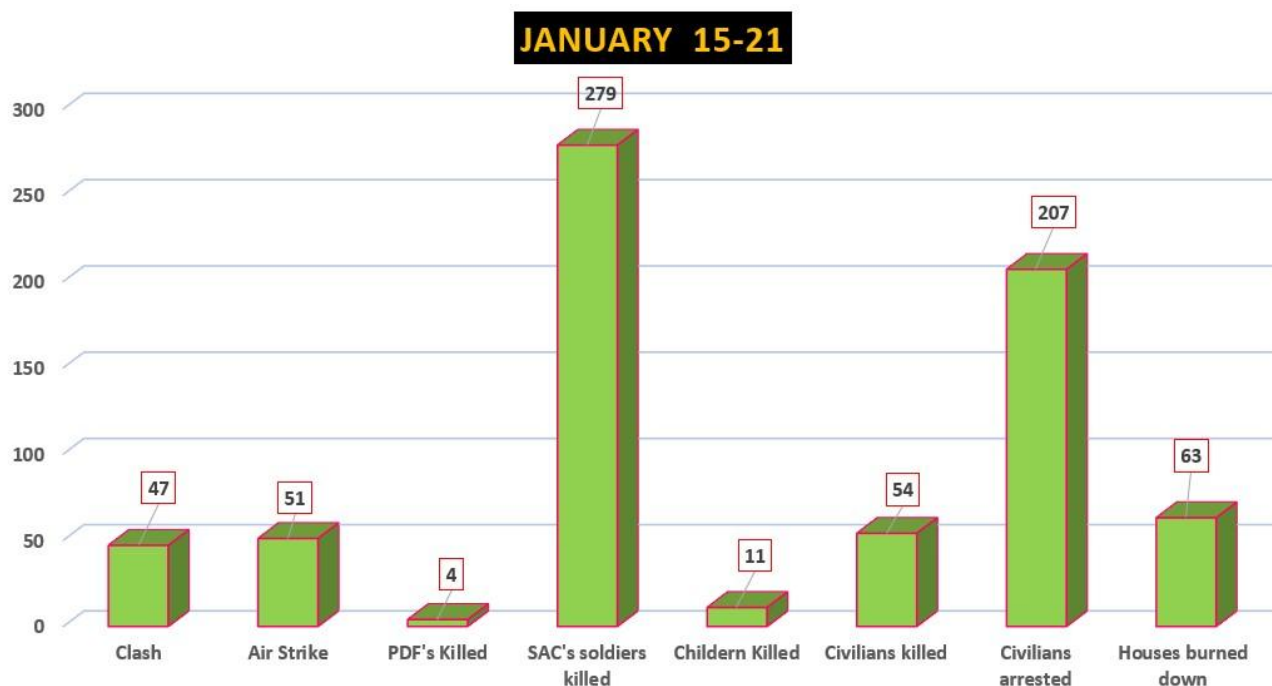
### **Operations by the AA and Joint Forces**

On January 18, the Arakan Army (AA) and joint forces took control of Baw Mi village in Pathein Township, Ayeyarwady Region.

### **Operations by the KNLA and Joint Forces**

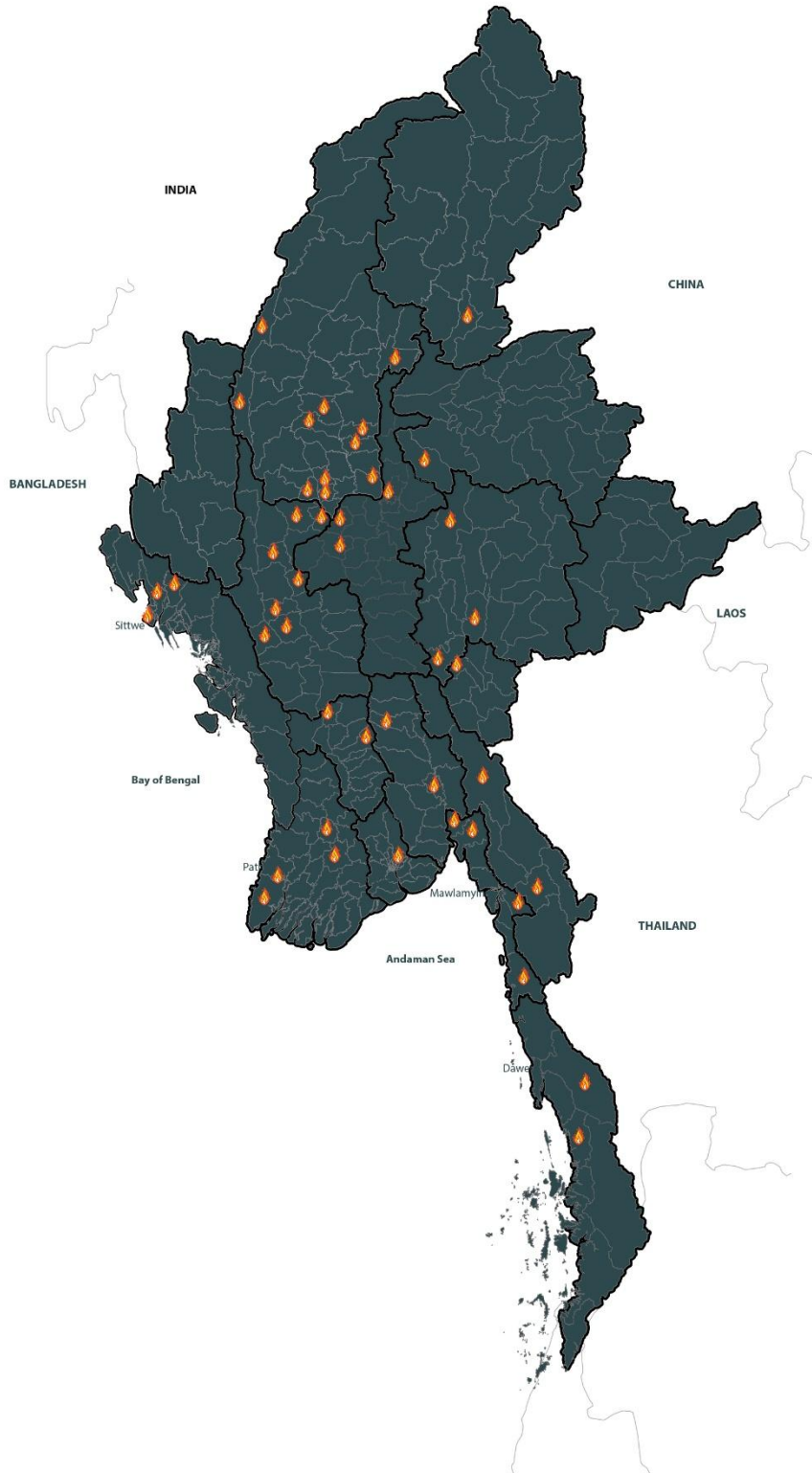
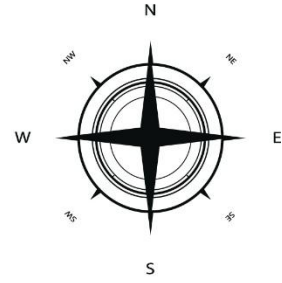
On January 12, the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and Joint Forces launched an attack on a Military Council's Aung Zayya Operation Forward Post in Kawkareik Township, Karen State, resulting in the seizure of a significant quantity of weapons and ammunition.

**All information provided is based on local news reports published between January 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**



Data of Myanmar Conflict 15-21, 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
AYEYARWAD	6	2					11	
BAGO	3	1	9			11	30	
KACHIN	3	1						
KARENNI		1				3		
KAYIN	1	3	1					
MAGWAY	13	2	40			6	101	37
MANDALAY		2		1		3		
MON	4	1	8					1
RAKHINE		4			8	21		9
SAGAING	10	7	85	3	2	4	13	13
SHAN ( N )		1				1		
SHAN ( S )	6	3	130		1	5		
TANINTHARYI	1	23	6				50	3
YANGON							2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>63</b>

**Map of Myanmar Conflict ( January 15-21, 2025 )**



## Political Developments

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Representatives from the Myanmar Military Council and the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) conducted their second round of talks in Kunming, China, on January 16.

On January 20, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced at a press conference that a formal ceasefire had been established between the MNDAA and the Myanmar Military Council.

On January 20, the Chief of Staff's Office of the UWSA "Wa" Army announced that, following China's directive, the transportation of goods between the UWSA-controlled area and the MNDAA Kokang-controlled area has been resumed.

**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.**