# Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG University of Virginia

## Monthly Summary (September, 2024)

## Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses During the Summary of September

In September 2024, airstrikes and artillery attacks conducted by the Military Council resulted in the deaths of 206 civilians in various regions of Myanmar. This included 26 children and 18 women.

Rakhine State experienced the highest number of casualties, reporting 48 deaths. This was followed by 45 fatalities in the Mandalay Region, 34 in Sagaing Region, 31 in northern Shan State, 13 in Tanintharyi Region, and 10 each in Magway Region and Southern Shan State. Additionally, Kachin State recorded 7 deaths, Bago Region had 5 fatalities, Karen State saw 2, and Chin State reported 1 death.

#### Aerial Assaults on Civilians by the Military Council

In September, the Military Council carried out a total of 186 airstrikes across Myanmar. The strikes were distributed as follows: 56 in Sagaing Region, 36 in northern Shan State, 23 in Mandalay Region, 22 in Rakhine State, 16 in Chin State, 10 in Kachin State, 8 in Magway Region, and 6 in Southern Shan State. Additionally, there were 3 airstrikes each in Bago Region and Karen State, 2 in Karenni State, and 1 in Tanintharyi Region.

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

In September 2024, the Military Council reportedly destroyed a total of 728 houses across three states and three regions in Myanmar. The destruction is detailed as follows: 425 homes in Sagaing Region, 210 in Kachin State, 45 in Tanintharyi Region, 23 in Chin State, 15 in Mandalay Region, and 10 in Southern Shan State.

#### Arrest of Civilians by the Military Council

In September 2024, the Military Council arrested a total of 487 individuals across various regions of Myanmar. The arrests were distributed as follows: 115 in Tanintharyi Region, 100 in Mandalay Region, 86 in Rakhine State, 46 in Sagaing Region, 41 in Karenni State, 36 in Irrawaddy Region, 34 in Magway Region, 20 in Mon State, 6 in Bago Region, and 3 in Chin State.

#### The Conflicts and Casualties in August

In September 2024, there were a total of 224 skirmishes, including drone attacks, across various regions of Myanmar. The Sagaing Region recorded the highest number of incidents, with 48 skirmishes. Kachin State followed with 30 clashes. Other regions saw the following numbers of skirmishes: 26 in Tanintharyi Region, 24 in Northern Shan State, 21 in Magway Region, 19 in Rakhine State, 13 in Mandalay Region, 10 in Mon State, and 9 in Bago Region. Both Karen State and Chin State experienced 7 skirmishes each, while Southern Shan State had 3 and Eastern Shan State had 1. There were no reported skirmishes in Irrawaddy and Yangon.

In September, a total of 986 soldiers from the Military Council were reported killed. Rakhine State recorded the highest number of fatalities, with 485 soldiers losing their lives. Other regions reported the following casualties: 126 in Sagaing Region, 90 in Kachin State, 73 in Magway Region, 70 in Tanintharyi Region, 42 in Mandalay Region, 31 in Bago Region, 30 in Karenni State, 26 in Mon State, 8 in Karen State, and 5 in eastern Shan State.

24 members of the Joint Revolutionary Forces were reported killed in the month of September.

### Operation 1027 (Part 2)

## **Operation by TNLA and Joint Forces**

On September 4th, the Taang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and allied forces took control of the Military Council's artillery camp command headquarters located in Taungkham village, approximately 20 miles from Nungcho city in Northern Shan State.

On September 26, the TNLA captured the Light Infantry Battalion 503 (KhaMaRa), which was based in Hsipaw. Fighting continued in the vicinity of the remaining Light Infantry Battalion 504 (KhaMaRa) and Light Infantry Battalion 23 (KhaMaRa) in Northern Shan State.

#### **Operations of AA and Joint Forces**

The Arakan Army launched an attack on August 7 against a significant base of the Military Council, the Central Naval Diving and Salvage Department (CNDSD) of the Military Council's Navy, located near Thandwe. By September 5, they successfully took full control of the base.

#### **Operations by KIA and Joint Forces**

On September 6, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) successfully attacked and seized a militia base affiliated with the Military Council near Lagwai village in the Panwa region of Chipwi Township, Kachin State.

On the same day, joint forces of the KIA captured several Military Council military outposts in Pinlebu Township. During the engagement, over 60 prisoners of war and more than 80 weapons were confiscated.

On September 11, the Hsengtaung police station in Phakant Township, Kachin State, was attacked and taken over by KIA and People's Defense Force (PDF) 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.

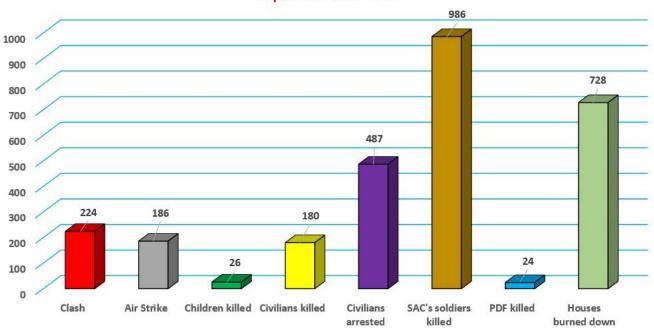
On September 30, KIA and KPDF troops attacked the Military Council's main camp and two guard posts near Shengo village along Chipwi Road in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, and subsequently occupied these positions.

All information provided is based on local news reports published between September 1st and 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Data of Myanmar Conflict September 2024 Total									
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							36		
BAGO	9	3	31			5	6		
CHIN	6	16				1	3		23
KACHIN	30	10	90			7			210
KARENNI	7	2	30			2	41		
KAYIN	7	3	8						
MAGWAY	21	8	73	3	1	9	34		
MANDALAY	13	23	42	7	5	40	100	1	15
MON	10		26	1			20		
RAKHINE	19	22	485	2	4	44	86		
SAGAING	48	56	126	11	2	32	46	18	425
SHAN (E)	1		5						
SHAN (N)	24	36			7	24	-	-	
SHAN (S)	3	6			7	3			10
TANINTHARYI	26	1	70			13	115	1	45
TOTAL	224	186	986	24	26	180	487	20	728

