

Burmese Democratic Futures Working Group – BDFWG

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Weekly Summary (October 01 - 07, 2024)

Civilian Casualties / Deaths / Losses During the last Week of September

In the first week of October, reports indicate that 34 civilians lost their lives in various regions of Myanmar as a result of air strikes and artillery fire conducted by the Military Council. This casualty count includes 4 children and 5 women. The Magway Region and Rakhine State recorded the highest number of fatalities, with 10 deaths each. Additionally, there were 9 casualties in Sagaing Region, as well as 1 each in Bago Region, Kachin State, Northern Shan State, Karen State, and Tanintharyi Region. Of the total fatalities, 5 individuals died from artillery fire, while 27 were killed due to air and drone strikes.

Civilians' Houses Burnt Down

A total of 156 houses were reported destroyed by the Military Council across three states and two regions in Myanmar. The breakdown includes 100 houses in Rakhine State, 30 in Chin State, 20 in Southern Shan State, 5 in Magway Region, and one in Mandalay Region.

Arrest of Civilians by the Military Council

In the first week of October, 38 civilians were arrested across two states and two regions in Myanmar. This includes 34 arrests in Mon State, 2 in Rakhine State, and 1 each in Bago Region and Tanintharyi Region.

Aerial Assaults on Civilians by the Military Council

During the first week of October, the Military Council carried out 101 airstrikes in four states and four regions of Myanmar. The strikes occurred 70 times in Chin State, 10 times in Northern Shan State, 6 times in Sagaing Region, and 5 times each in Magway Region and Rakhine State. Additionally, there were 2 strikes each in Karen State and Mandalay Region, and 1 strike in Tanintharyi Region.

The Conflicts and Casualties in the First Week of September

During the first week of October 2024, there were a total of 36 major and minor skirmishes, including drone attacks. Kachin State reported the highest number of clashes, with 7 incidents, followed by Sagaing Region with 6. Both Chin State and Rakhine State recorded 5 clashes each, while Bago Region, Karen State, and Tanintharyi each experienced 3 incidents. Additionally, there was 1 incident reported in Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, and Northern Shan State. Notably, there were no reported clashes in Southern Shan State, Yangon Region, Irrawaddy Region, and Karenni State.

In terms of casualties during this period, 124 members of the Military Council were reported killed, while 6 members of the Joint Revolutionary Forces lost their lives in the fighting.

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

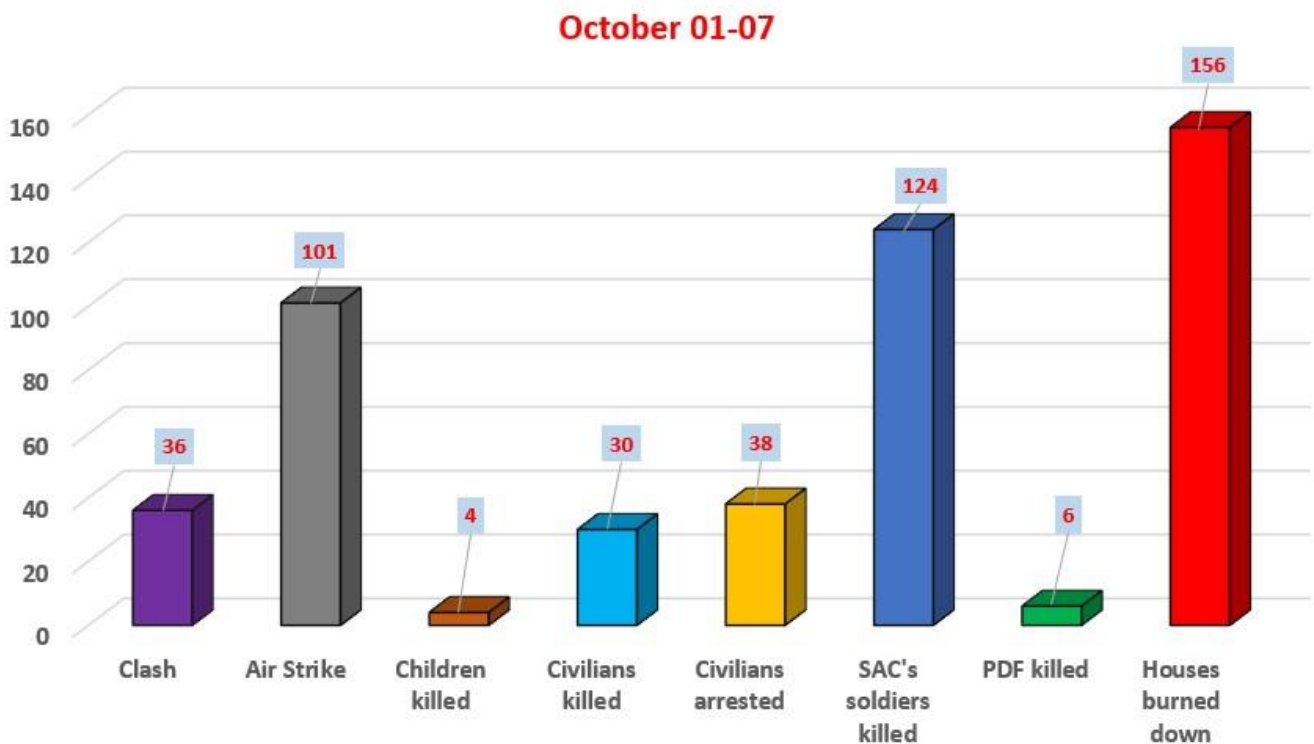
Operations by AA and Joint Forces

On October 6, the Arakan Army (AA) launched an attack and successfully captured the Menal Taung Strategy Base, which serves as a key defensive installation for the Western Region Military Headquarters in Ann Township, along with the Kala Pying military base in Gwa Township, Rakhine State.

Operations by KIA and Joint Forces

On October 2, revolutionary forces led by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) conducted a comprehensive attack and took control of the town of Solaw, along with all army camps in Solaw Township, Chipwi District, Kachin State.

On October 3, the KIA again seized a camp belonging to the Border Guard Force (BGF) operating under the Military Council on the Chipwi-Panwa road in Kachin State.



| Data of Myanmar Conflict 01-07, October 2024 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 3 | | 21 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| CHIN | 5 | 70 | | 4 | | | | | 30 |
| KACHIN | 7 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| KAYIN | 3 | 2 | 35 | | | 1 | | | |
| MAGWAY | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 2 | 8 | | | 5 |
| MANDALAY | 1 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | 1 |
| MON | 1 | | 4 | | | | 34 | | |
| RAKHINE | 5 | 5 | | | 1 | 9 | 2 | | 100 |
| SAGAING | 6 | 6 | 48 | 2 | | 9 | | | |
| SHAN (N) | 1 | 10 | | | | 1 | | | 20 |
| TANINTHARYI | 3 | 1 | 8 | | 1 | | | | |
| YANGON | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| TOTAL | 36 | 101 | 124 | 6 | 4 | 30 | 38 | | 156 |

Sources - The Irrawaddy, RFA, Ayeayawaddy Times, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, Khit Thit Media, Narinjara, Mizzima, Myanmar Now, DVB, BBC, PVTV, Than Lwin Times, The Nation Voive, D Day News.

Map of Myanmar Conflict (October 01-07, 2024)

