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Junta airstrikes, shelling kill 5 people in Myanmar's Bago region

By RFA Burmese

Five civilians were killed and 12 were injured in a week due to junta airstrikes and heavy artillery shelling in Bago region's Nyaunglebin district, according to the Karen National Union.

The area is controlled by the ethnic army's Brigade 5 which has been fighting junta troops who are trying to take control of the area.

The union said Saturday that fighting broke out on Aug. 13 in Shwegyin, Kyaukkyi and Mone townships and continued until last Friday, bringing civilian casualties.

It added the junta had launched four airstrikes and fired 36 heavy artillery shells in the district that contains the two townships.

Airstrikes on Friday killed a 75-year-old woman and injured two teenagers and a three-year-old girl in Mone township, locals said.

On the same day, Infantry Battalion 439, based in Mone township, fired heavy artillery on another village, injuring four people aged between 17 and 75, according to locals.

A resident of Nga Toe Khin village, who declined to be named for security reasons, told RFA this is the first time the village has been shelled.

"We are still living in the village," he said.

"There are no plans to move at the moment. If the situation gets worse, the village leaders have told us to move."

On the morning of Aug. 16, artillery shells killed two people in Mone

township's Za Lote Gyi village.

Three days earlier, two teenagers were killed and two other youngsters injured by a heavy artillery bombardment of Pe Thauk village, residents said.

Shwegyin township was also targeted by junta heavy artillery.

On Aug. 14, a school was hit, injuring two students and a female teacher according to locals.

RFA called the Bago region's junta spokesperson but nobody answered.

The military council is attacking seven Karen National Union-controlled areas in Kayin and Mon states, Bago and Tanintharyi regions – using more than 10,000 junta troops in a combination of ground and air attacks – according to the ethnic army's officials.

The union is Myanmar's oldest armed ethnic group, and the strongest since the Feb. 2021 coup.

According to figures by the union, more than 10,000 battles have broken out between the military council army and the group's joint forces since the coup.

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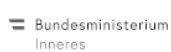
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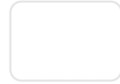
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Myanmar troops arrest 100 villagers, kill man in Magway region

By RFA Burmese

Junta troops arrested around 100 villagers in Myanmar's Magway region, killing one man, locals told RFA Tuesday.

Around 100 soldiers raided Shwe Lin Swea in Myaing township on Sunday after bombarding the village with heavy artillery.

They arrested 40 men and around 60 women, setting most free the following day.

Locals said they held onto four men and tortured them, killing one 50-year-old man.

"There were four arrested including Htay Win but he was killed," said a local who didn't want to be named for fear of reprisals.

"One man escaped ... When he was asked to drive a bullock cart by the soldiers he released the bullocks, pretended to chase them and ran away."

The local said two men were still being held by the troops but he didn't know their names.

The troops took rice, oil, beans and cooking utensils from the villagers before heading to another village, according to another local who also requested anonymity for safety reasons.

"The troops moved on to Let Htoke Taw village in the afternoon and grabbed things from the village and even from the monastery [and put them in] three trucks," the local said.

“There is no one left in the village. The village was set on fire without anyone to defend [the houses].”

Another local said troops burned around 40 houses in Myaing township. He said nearly 1,700 residents of Shwe Lin Swea and Let Htoke villages fled ahead of the junta raids.

Aung Zeya, leader of the Myaing Villages Revolutionary Front, told RFA local defense forces clashed with the troops on Sunday as they moved the stolen food to another village in the township but he didn’t say how many casualties there were on either side.

The junta spokesperson for Magway region, Than Swe Win, said that he was not aware of the incident because he was on medical leave.

More than 10,000 homes in Magway region have been burned down by the junta and affiliated militias since the Feb. 2021 coup, according to the independent research group Data for Myanmar.

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More than 6,000 people flee junta raids in Myanmar's Sagaing region

By RFA Burmese

More than 6,000 people in Myanmar's Sagaing region have fled their homes because of heavy shelling and junta raids on their villages, locals told RFA Friday.

They said an infantry battalion of around 100 troops entered Khin-U township's Pin Din village, prompting around 2,500 residents of nearby villages to abandon their homes.

At the same time, around 3,500 people abandoned villages in the southwest of the township because another battalion was shelling their homes with heavy artillery.

"Junta troops are raiding Khin-U township every day," said a local who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals. "The raids only stopped for one day."

One man died as he ran from his home during heavy shelling, the man said.

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On Friday, RFA phoned the junta spokesperson for Sagaing region Tin Than Win to seek comment on the raids but he didn't answer.

Four days earlier he denied any knowledge of current military operations in the region.

There have been repeated raids on Khin-U township this year. Residents and local defense groups said troops destroyed 6,000 houses there, leaving 30,000 villagers homeless.

Sagaing has the highest number of internally displaced people of all the states and regions in Myanmar.

More than 800,000 people in the region have been forced to abandon their homes since the February 2021 coup due to intense fighting between junta troops and People's Defense Forces, according to the [U.N.](#)

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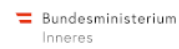
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Junta troops snatch villagers from monastery, kill 4

By RFA Burmese

Junta troops arrested six civilians who were sheltering in a monastery in Myanmar's Sagaing region and killed four of them, locals told RFA Monday.

They were among 35 people hiding there as junta troops raided Wetlet township's Kyee Kan (north) village.

Locals said troops shelled the village at dawn on Saturday before moving in.

One man, who declined to be named for fear of reprisals, said troops released two of the six people they captured.

"Four people were killed," he said. "Among them Shwe Man Thu, who was in her twenties, was raped and killed at a mango farm between Kyee Kan (north) village and Hla Taw village."

RFA has been unable to independently confirm his claim.

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Pro-military Telegram chat group channels said the column that raided the village killed four members of an anti-junta People's Defense Force.

RFA's calls to the region's junta spokesperson, Tin Than Win, went unanswered Monday.

Displaced people on the risk

Raids on townships in Sagaing region since the Feb. 2021 coup have left more than 800,000 people homeless according to the U.N.

In Ye-U township, 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Wetlet, more than 20,000 people are in need of emergency food and medical supplies according to the information officer from a local militia.

Htoo Khant Zaw from the People's Defense Comrades said that's how many people have lost their homes in the township since the coup, and are now living in makeshift tents in their villages.

"More than 20,000 people affected by the fires are facing a crisis of living and food shortages," he said.

"Although the township humanitarian group and other social groups are helping on the ground, not everyone from the 51 villages has received enough assistance. The main need is food."

He said 3,429 houses were destroyed by junta arson attacks, along with churches, monasteries, shops and other buildings.

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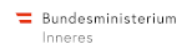
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Myanmar military shells Bago region townships, injuring 8 civilians

By RFA Burmese

Junta heavy artillery attacks on two townships in central Myanmar's Bago region have injured eight people, including a child, according to the Karen National Union.

The political group which represents ethnic Karen issued a statement Monday, saying a four-year-old child and three women were hurt by shells in Kyauktaga township the previous day.

Troops stationed near the township fired four shells at Ka Nyin Kyoe village, injuring four-year-old May Myat Noe Wai, 66-year-old San Htay, 52-year-old San San and 45-year-old Pyone Pyone Yi, according to locals who didn't want to be named for safety reasons.

They said San Htay was critically injured and five houses were destroyed in the attack.

In another attack on Saturday, a 40-year-old woman and three 25-year-old men were injured when troops stationed in Nyaunglebin township fired three shells at Kyoe Gyi village, according to the KNU. It said seven houses were destroyed by heavy artillery.

The majority of ethnic Karen who live in the region are Christian. An artillery attack on Aug. 20 destroyed one of their churches in Kyaukkyi township, the KNU said.

The junta has not issued a statement on the shelling. However, its regional spokesperson, Tin Oo, told Radio Free Asia that troops were trying to bring stability to the region because the KNU affiliated Karen National Liberation Army and local People's Defense Forces had entered

some townships in eastern Bago. He said the townships were now under the control of junta troops.

Along with heavy artillery attacks, the junta has been carrying out airstrikes in the region.

On Aug. 18, planes attacked Kyaukkyi township four times, killing one civilian and injuring four others, the KNU said.

Nearly 100,000 residents of eastern Bago have been forced to flee their homes since the February 2021 coup, according to the United Nations.

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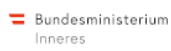
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Myanmar army kills 2 villagers in Sagaing region raid

By RFA Burmese

Junta troops killed two civilians in a raid on a village in Sagaing region's Wetlet township, residents told Radio Free Asia Wednesday.

Nearly 100 soldiers took part in Wednesday's raid on Hla Taw, locals said.

One of the dead was identified as 38-year-old Aung Naing Oo, according to a resident who didn't want to be named for security reasons. They said villagers couldn't identify the other man, thought to be in his 40s.

"They were found near the road to the east of Hla Taw Village," the local said.

"They were killed with shots to the chest and head. It is difficult to identify them by name because of their disfigurement."

More than 4,000 civilians from four villages in Wetlet township fled their homes ahead of junta raids, residents said.

They said the troops left Hla Taw village on Wednesday morning but then moved into nearby Kyay Zee Kone village.

On Saturday, troops raided Kyee Kan (North) village in [Wetlet Township](#). They killed a woman in her 20s and three men in their 30s who were sheltering in a monastery.

RFA Burmese called the junta's spokesperson in the Sagaing region, Tin Than Win, to ask about the killings but nobody answered.

More than 4,000 civilians have been killed by the junta since it seized power in a February 2021 coup according to independent monitoring

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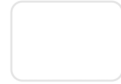
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Junta arrests 11 civilians in Myanmar's Kachin state

By RFA Burmese

Junta troops have arrested 11 people in a raid on Myitkyina township in Myanmar's Kachin state, locals told RFA Thursday.

They said that six men and five women were detained three days ago after around 30 soldiers went to a house and accused the residents of having ties to the local People's Defense Force, part of the pro-democracy forces created in 2021.

As of Thursday, the detainees were still being questioned at the Northern Command base in Myitkyina, according to township residents.

One local, who didn't want to be named for security reasons, told RFA none of the arrested have links to anti-junta militias and had just gathered for a celebration.

"I heard people chanting 'Happy Birthday' at around 8:00 p.m. I think it was a birthday party, with people gathered for food and drinks," the local said.

"Some employees of phone shops were among those detained. I have no idea who informed the junta soldiers about them."

The local added that the arrests may have been prompted by an attack on the Northern Command in which five bombs exploded close to the base. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack and the junta has not released any statement about it.

Win Ye Tun, the junta's spokesperson for Kachin state, declined to provide comments.

According to figures exclusively compiled by RFA, the junta arrested at least 700 people between June 2023 and August 2023, and among them, only 500 were released.

More than 24,000 people, including pro-democracy activists, have been arrested since the Feb. 1, 2021, coup, according to the Thailand-based [Assistance Association for Political Prisoners \(Burma\)](#).

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