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Fighting Intensified as Civilian Forces Clash With Myanmar Junta

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More than 80 junta soldiers and 14 civilian resistance fighters were reportedly killed during clashes with People's Defense Forces (PDFs) in Sagaing and Magwe regions during three days this week.

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The Irrawaddy could not independently verify any of the reports.

On Friday, a fierce clash between regime forces and several civilian resistance groups, including fighters from Chin State, occurred in Saw Township, Magwe Region.

In the firefight, the regime used helicopters to bombard civilian forces, the groups said, providing video evidence.

Saw PDF said on Friday that there were at least 20 military casualties and some civilian fighters were killed or injured.

"The junta attacked us and military reinforcements are arriving. The whole area is under attack from the junta. The junta is using helicopters," a Yaw Defense Force (YDF) representative told The Irrawaddy.

On Wednesday, 14 civilian fighters and 10 regime troops were killed in a firefight with the YDF near Htanpinkone village in Tilin Township, Magwe Region, according to the YDF.

On Wednesday and Tuesday, the YDF in Tilin claimed five displaced civilians were killed by regime forces in the township.

A police officer was allegedly killed and a police captain wounded when the Gangaw PDF attacked the police on a motorbike in Kanywar village, Gangaw Township in Magwe Region on Thursday evening.

After the incident, the police raided the village and burned down seven houses, according to residents.

"Villagers had to flee as police opened fire on everything they could see, injuring a villager," a resident told The Irrawaddy.

About seven houses and two motorbikes were destroyed by the police and a cow was shot dead, the resident said.

On Thursday afternoon, a fierce shootout was reported at a police station in Yesagyo Township, Magwe Region, in a raid by two civilian resistance groups.

After an hour-long firefight, the attackers occupied the police station, said the Yesagyo PDF.

In the shootout, two junta police were killed and another two wounded while the other police officers fled.

Yesagyo PDF said it burned down the police station after seizing police equipment, including an air gun, ammunition, a laptop and motorbikes.

On Thursday, two junta troops were killed when Yesagyo PDF ambushed a military vehicle using two landmines.

On Nov. 13, four resistance forces, including Yesagyo PDF, occupied and burned down a police station in the township after another battle with junta police.

Fighting has been reported in Kale Township, Sagaing Region, since Tuesday when regime force killed three Kale PDF medics and detained nine of its female members.

On Thursday, Kale PDF attacked the regime troops who seized its members while they were based in Nagarpwat village, Kale Township.

Kale PDF said it ambushed military reinforcements trying to reach Nagarpwat using three landmines, killing about 15 troops. After the ambush, regime forces attacked nearby Chinsai village and torched 10 houses, the PDF said.

On Wednesday, the combined Kale PDF and Chin National Defense Force attacked regime troops who raided a PDF camp and detained the nine PDF medics. In the fighting, 17 junta soldiers were killed and one civilian fighter injured in junta shelling, the group said.

Two junta soldiers were killed and three others wounded when a combined resistance force attacked junta sentries in Tahan ward, Kale Township.

Around 15 junta soldiers were reportedly killed in ambushes and firefights with resistance groups in Tigyaing, Ye-U and Katha townships, Sagaing Region, on Thursday and Wednesday, according to the parallel National Unity Government's ministry of defense.

The military regime is facing increasing attacks from PDFs and ethnic armed groups across the country.

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Myanmar Resistance Claims to Have Killed More Than 70 Junta Troops in Two Days

More than 70 junta troops were reportedly killed during attacks by People's Defense Forces (PDFs) in Sagaing, Magwe, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyarwady regions on Monday and Sunday.

On Monday, three PDF attacks targeting regime troops were reported in Yangon and an attack on a convoy carrying junta ministers in Ayeyarwady Region.

On Monday afternoon, an armed group ambushed a convoy carrying Dr. Htay Aung, the junta-appointed hotels and tourism minister and Ayeyarwady chief minister U Tin Maung Win on the Chaungtha-Pathein highway in Pathein Township, according to media reports.

The regime's minister was returning to Pathein after attending an opening ceremony for the tourism season at Chaungtha beach.

On Tuesday, the Pathein Western Defence Force (PWDF) claimed responsibility for the attack. It said four civilian resistance forces fought troops in the convoy.

The PWDF said 10 regime troops were killed in the attack. The whereabouts of the two ministers are unknown.

One hour after the ambush, about 40 military vehicles carrying soldiers and police arrived and detained villagers. Regime troops also searched forests, according to media reports.

At least eight junta soldiers and police were killed on Monday during three urban PDF attacks in Yangon, according to resistance groups.

On Monday morning, civilian resistance fighters attacked junta troops at a police outpost in Htantabin Township, Yangon. Three junta police officers, including a captain, were killed.

Video shows the police outpost being attacked by a gunman from a moving vehicle.



A burning police outpost in Yesagyo Township, Magwe Region, on Saturday. / Yesagyo PDF

The PDF also attacked a police outpost near Thanlyin Bridge in Yangon, killing at least three junta troops.

The PDF attacked a traffic police post near the bridge in Thaketa Township. In the attack, two traffic police officers were killed and another was wounded.

On Monday, the Mogoke PDF attacked regime forces stationed at a high school and police station in the ruby town.

On Monday, a firefight broke out when regime troops searched the forests for resistance fighters

On Sunday, the PDF attacked a military camp and a prison in the township.

In two days, at least 20 regime personnel were reportedly killed.

The National Unity Government's (NUG) defense ministry said ambushes and attacks on regime troops were reported in several townships in Sagaing Region on Monday.

On Monday morning, 10 junta troops were reportedly killed when the Mingin PDF ambushed around 80 troops and Pyu-Saw-Htee militia members, who are trained and armed by the military, in Mingin Township, Sagaing Region.

Using mines, the PDF attacked regime forces at a police station in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, on Monday. The junta troops were returning after raiding two villages in the township.

Seven junta troops were seriously injured, according to the civilian defense ministry.

Other PDFs ambushed regime troops in Tamu and Wetlet townships, Sagaing Region, on Sunday and Monday. They reported military casualties.

The Pale PDF said two military vehicles were damaged when it mined a convoy of around 37 vehicles on the Pale-Gangaw highway in Pale Township, Sagaing Region, on Monday.

Two vehicles were hit, one of which was destroyed, the Pale PDF said. The military casualties are unknown.

The Pale PDF claimed to have killed about 21 junta soldiers on Sunday when two PDFs ambushed around 80 junta soldiers on foot on the Pale-Gangaw highway.

Two civilian resistance groups on Sunday mined three junta vehicles on the Monywa-Mandalay highway in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, according to the Chindwin Attack Force.

Two junta soldiers were killed in the attack and two civilians died in random shooting by the regime forces, the civilian resistance group said.

On Monday and Sunday, PDFs said they mined regime troops in Yesagyo Township, Magwe Region.

Last Saturday, four PDFs in Yesagyo attacked, occupied and then burned a police station in the township. Weapons were seized, according to the Yesagyo PDF.

The regime appears to be facing a growing number of attacks from PDFs and ethnic armed groups across the country.

Meanwhile, the regime has continued its atrocities, including the arbitrary killings of civilians, using civilians as human shields, bombarding residential areas, looting and burning houses and committing sexual violence, especially in Magwe and Sagaing regions and Chin, Shan and Kayah states.

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Myanmar Junta Loses 1,300 Soldiers Killed Over Last Month: NUG

Myanmar's military has suffered its heaviest losses yet over the last month, with 1,300 soldiers killed and 463 injured in clashes with civilian resistance groups, according to the country's shadow National Unity Government's (NUG) Defense Ministry. The junta's casualties are almost double the number the regime suffered in September.

In September, a total of 768 junta troops were killed and 220 injured during 690 incidents including 132 attacks from People's Defense Forces (PDF) and 65 attacks by ethnic armed groups.

Between October 7 and November 6, Myanmar reported a total of 668 incidents targeting military regime forces and their associates. They included 83 attacks from ethnic armed groups and 207 from civilian resistance forces, said the NUG's Defense Ministry, which bases its statistics on media reports and its own sources.

At the same time, the number of civilians killed over the last month has almost doubled as well. Some 313 civilians were killed and 63 wounded in 197 acts of junta violence, compared to 164 slain and 109 injured in September in 174 incidents.

Some of those civilian casualties were members of PDFs.

Violence across the country has intensified since Vice Senior General Soe Win, the deputy coup leader, instructed commanders of regime forces to annihilate the PDFs.

In August, around 580 junta soldiers were killed and 190 wounded during 443 firefights, ambushes and assassinations launched by PDFs and ethnic armed groups, according to the NUG.

The regime has mostly not responded to the NUG's figures of Myanmar military casualties, which it issues monthly.

However, the junta did make a rare denial over the burning of Kinma Village in Pauk Township Magwe Region in mid-June, as well as over the bombardment of the Chin State town Thantlang on October 29.

But eyewitnesses and local PDFs said that both Kinma Village and Thantlang were burned down following arson attacks and artillery strikes by regime forces.

Since the NUG declared a nationwide people's defensive war against the military regime on

September 7, there has been an increase in atrocities by junta forces including the arbitrary killing of civilians, using detained civilians as human shields, bombarding residential areas, and looting and burning houses, especially in Magwe and Sagaing regions and Chin, Shan and Kayah states.

Regime forces have gunned down several villagers including women and children and also killed detainees in their raids.

The number of firefights between junta troops and PDFs are reported to have almost doubled in the country's most restive areas - Magwe and Sagaing regions and Chin State - where civilian fighters mostly armed with traditional and homemade weapons are facing soldiers with heavy weapons and armored cars and the junta has deployed 3,000 reinforcements this month.

Sagaing Region reported the highest number of attacks by PDFs with 108, followed by Chin State and Magwe Region with 25 firefights each between October 7 and November 6.

In September, Sagaing reported 53 firefights and Chin and Magwe reported 17 and 11 firefights respectively.

Myanmar's military has also stepped up its use of air power in those areas, conducting air strikes against the PDFs and flying in reinforcements. As well as attacks from PDFs, regime forces are also facing opposition from ethnic armed groups including the Kachin Independence Army, Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army and the armed wings of the Karen National Union and the Karenni National Progressive Party.

In recent days, around 100 junta troops are being killed daily [1], as civilian resistance groups have escalated their operations including in the country's major cities of Yangon, Mandalay and Naypyitaw.

Since late October, the junta has arrested a group of 28 people [2] including five women and veteran student activist Ko Jimmy, accusing them of being members of PDFs operating in Yangon.

As of Wednesday, 1,252 people have been slain by regime forces and another 9,979, including elected government leaders, have been detained by the junta, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.

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