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Summary

In March 2025, Chin revolutionary joint forces continued offensive operations while the military junta responded with aggressive defense operations, including airstrikes against civilian areas. Additionally, multiple defections occurred from military junta troops to Chin revolutionary forces, with soldiers bringing weapons and ammunition.

Meanwhile, in Tedim Township, the pro-junta supporter, the Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA) force, continuously attacked positions held by Chinland Council joint forces. Furthermore, the military junta has strategically established bases along major transportation routes connecting Chinland with Magway Region, effectively blocking vital supply lines and disrupting the flow of essential goods, medicine, and humanitarian assistance to Chinland communities.

Despite these challenges, there has been progress in governance actions. The Chinland Council convened a workshop focused on developing a comprehensive political roadmap. Concurrently, the Chin National Front (CNF) held its third Central Committee meeting, where it formulated updated military strategies, political positions, and policy directions. Moreover, senior leaders from the Chinland Council, Chinland Parliament, and Chinland Government conducted extensive field visits across multiple townships and regions to engage directly with communities and explain the recently enacted Chinland local administration laws.

On the humanitarian front, in Paletwa Township, the Chin Health Organization, in collaboration with the Paletwa Council's administrative team (operating under the Chinland Council) successfully conducted vaccination campaigns reaching children in 65 villages. Following the devastating 7.7-magnitude earthquake near Sagaing city on March 28, which resulted in over 2,700 casualties, the Chinland Council, Chinland Government, and Chin National Front each issued formal statements pledging substantial humanitarian assistance to affected populations. As part of these efforts, the Chinland Council committed 10 billion kyats in aid and offered to establish emergency medical facilities.

However, the situation remains dire in many areas. Villages in Falam Township, Ngape Township (Magway Region), and southern Kalay Township (Sagaing Region) have experienced significant civilian casualties and infrastructure damage due to military junta bombing campaigns. In Ngape Township alone, where ethnic Chin communities reside, more than 3,000 people have been displaced since 2021 due to airstrikes and military ground operations, creating an urgent need for basic food supplies and humanitarian assistance.

Consequently, the humanitarian situation for Chin refugees continues to deteriorate both within Chinland and in neighboring regions. Human rights violations by the military junta persist, including arbitrary arrests, forced disappearances, and property destruction. Furthermore, the Arakan Army has been documented committing human rights abuses in Paletwa Township, including restrictions on healthcare worker movements.

This monthly Chinland Monitoring briefing synthesizes information from news outlets, official reports, and firsthand accounts to provide an overview of the current situation in Chinland, Myanmar (used here instead of Chinland). The briefing covers key developments in military operations, humanitarian issues, governance, human rights, and cross-border relations.

MILITARY OPERATIONS AND CONFLICTS

March 4, 2025: Two senior sergeants from Infantry Battalion 269, based in Tedim, Chin - land, defected to PDF-Zoland on February 25, bringing one firearm and ammunition.

March 5, 2025: The General Secretary of the CDF-Thantlang reported that over the past four years of resistance, their forces had lost 67 members, including their Commander-in-Chief, while 20 had suffered amputations and 302 had sustained serious injuries.

March 6, 2025: The Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA-Eastern Command), which has been collaborating with the junta, launched a surprise attack on the Chin National Army (CNA) and People's Defense Army-Tidim near Tunzan village, Tedim Township, Chinland.

March 9, 2025: A local defense group based in Tedim Township, PDF-Zoland, held a graduation ceremony for its 15th basic military training course, which lasted two months and trained 50 personnel, including 10 women.

March 17, 2025: The Chin resistance coalition seized most strategic positions of Infantry Battalion 268 in Falam, Chin State. Reports indicate that the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Wei Lin Tun, was killed in action on March 17.

March 18, 2025: Approximately 100 junta troops established a stronghold in Shongpin Aungmin village, Gangaw Township, Magway Region, securing a key highway critical for transporting goods into Chinland.

March 19, 2025:

- A junior sergeant from Infantry Battalion 269 in Tedim defected to PDF-Zoland, taking weapons and ammunition with him.
- The Chin Defense Force-Asho (CDF-Asho), active along the Rakhine-Magway border, held a graduation ceremony for its 6th military training batch on March 19.

March 21, 2025:

- Over the past four years of resistance, the Chinland Defense Force-Hakha (CDF-Hakha), based in Hakha Township, Chinland, has reported the loss of 52 members and injuries to over 180 others. The group has engaged in 326 battles, including 150 military operations conducted within Hakha town.

March 31, 2025:

- Supply lines between southern Chinland and the Magway Region have been cut off by the junta's 368th Artillery Battalion, primarily impacting Mindat and Matupi Townships. The junta set up a new post near Pansan village, Kyaukhtu Township, in order to disrupt the transport of essential goods to southern Chinland and the Yaw region.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNANCE

March 3, 2025: The Chin National Front (CNF) refuted allegations made by the Ngawn Union Council (NUC) on February 28, stating that CNA had no involvement in the financial or strategic formation of CDF-Ngawnngam in Ngawn, Chinland. CNF clarified that it does not interfere in the affairs of local defense forces in areas free from State Administration Council (SAC) control.

March 5, 2025:

- According to the General Secretary of CDF-Thantlang Council, approximately 99% of Thantlang Township is now operating under the CDF-Thantlang Council's local governance system, with the exception of Thantlang town itself. The education sector has successfully established schools up to Grade 12, while healthcare services have provided medical care to approximately 17,000 patients. Additionally, 24 civil cases have been adjudicated.
- CDF-Thantlang issued a directive banning the hunting of wild animals, including muntjacs and deer, within its controlled areas from March to June 2025.

March 6, 2025:

- Only 471 students have registered to take the 2024-2025 university entrance exams under the SAC in Hakha and Tedim, Chinland.
- A group of young Chin politicians allied with the SAC applied to establish a new political party named "Chinland New Congress" with the Election Commission.
- CDF-Thantlang issued fire prevention measures, urging residents to prepare fire safety tools between March 6 and May 3.

March 6-7, 2025: An educational workshop attended by 120 representatives was organized by the Daai Regional Council in its controlled areas. The workshop discussed interim education policies, plans for higher education institutions, and the development of a unified regional curriculum.

March 7-8, 2025: The Chinland Council organized a political roadmap workshop in Chinlung town, attended by 60 representatives from Chinland Council entities.

March 7, 2025:

- The Interim Khumi Affairs Consultative Council/Paletwa Council held its third assembly from March 6 to 7, attended by 360 representatives. Key resolutions included the approval of governance, defense, financial policies, and operational guidelines.
- Mindat Township Administration reports that they have been repairing roads and drinking water systems while clearing over 2,000 landmines planted by SAC forces.

March 9, 2025: A local defense group based in Tedim Township, CDF-CDM Siyin (a member of Chinland Council), issued a statement that coordinated action against opium cultivation, production, and trade will be taken in its controlled areas.

March 14, 2025: The price of coffee per viss (a traditional unit of weight equal to approximately 1.63 kg) in Tedim Township increased from MMK 10,000 in 2024 to MMK 15,000 in 2025, according to local farmers.

March 15, 2025:

• The Chin National Front conducted its 3rd Central Committee meeting in its 8th party congress and discussed military, political, and strategic policies and future plans. CNF reaffirmed its commitment to unifying Chin resistance groups.

March 18, 2025: Due to supply disruptions from Mandalay, commodity prices in Hakha have surged, causing hardships for local residents.

March 14-18, 2025: Chinland Council, Chinland Parliament, and Chinland Government leaders conducted visits to Zophai, Mara, and Lautu regions to meet with local communities and explain the Chinland Parliament's newly enacted Chinland Local Administration Laws.

March 19, 2025:

- Free anthrax vaccinations for cattle, buffaloes, and other livestock began in Mindat Township, according to Mindat Township Administration.
- In collaboration with the Chin Health Organization (CHO) and the local administrative body, health workers vaccinated children under five in 65 villages across Paletwa Township, providing OPV (oral polio vaccines), rotavirus vaccines, measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines, pentavalent vaccines, and other immunizations.

March 20, 2025: On the 37th Chin Revolution Day, the CNF announced the release of 72 prisoners and reported the seizure of several military junta bases over the past two months in 2025, resulting in 30 enemy casualties, 20 military surrenders, and the capture of around 80 weapons. The CNF reaffirmed its commitment to abolishing the 2008 Constitution and establishing a genuine federal union in collaboration with other ethnic armed organizations and resistance groups.

March 17-21, 2025: Chinland Council leadership visited the Matupi and Zotung regions to meet with local communities in regard to the consultation of the new Chinland Local Administration Laws.

March 24, 2025:

- The CDF-Thantlang announced the confiscation of all assets belonging to Dr. Hmuh Thang in Thantlang town and its surrounding areas. He is identified as a supporter of the junta's SAC and accused of aiding violent acts.
- The CDF-CDM Siyin, based in the Siyin region of Tedim Township, issued a statement banning the movement of any vehicles within its controlled territory between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM without prior notice due to military security.

March 25, 2025: The CDF-Zotung urged residents in the Zotung region to refrain from carrying weapons such as homemade firearms, rifles, and pistols. Armed groups intending to pass through the area must notify CDF-Zotung in advance and provide credible identification.

March 26, 2025: Salai Htet Ni, the spokesperson of the CNF, dismissed the junta-led National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) peace talks held in Naypyidaw from March 24–26 as a deceptive effort, stating that the exclusion of key stakeholders renders the process illegitimate in both domestic and international contexts.

March 30, 2025: In response to the devastating 7.7-magnitude earthquake that struck near Sagaing on March 28 and resulted in over 2,700 casualties, the Chinland Council issued a statement pledging 10 billion kyats in support. They will open a hospital offering free treatment and can accommodate those struggling to settle in their controlled areas. The Council issued an urgent appeal for humanitarian aid, calling on international governments, organizations (INGOs/NGOs), civil society groups, and Myanmar nationals abroad to support affected communities. The Chinland Government pledged to mobilize emergency medical supplies, food, and reconstruction efforts.

March 31, 2025: The CNF urged the junta to immediately halt airstrikes and military operations in earthquake-affected areas, ensuring humanitarian access without political interference. It also called on international media to report on the ground realities and emphasized the importance of impartial humanitarian aid distribution.

Humanitarian Issues and Displacement

March 13, 2025: Since February 13, ongoing clashes between the junta and resistance forces in southern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, have displaced civilians, exacerbated by junta airstrikes. Displaced communities face severe shortages of drinking water and food, requiring urgent humanitarian assistance.

March 25, 2025: 3,000 residents from over 10 villages inhabited by the Chin (Acho) ethnic group in Magway Region, particularly in the Ann-Padan area, have been displaced due to airstrikes and ground offensives by the military junta. These displaced communities are in dire need of basic food supplies.

International Relations and Cross-border issues

March 10, 2025: The Chief Minister of Mizoram acknowledged some benefits from the abolishment of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) during the 9th session of the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly on March 10.

March 13, 2025: The Aizawl District Court in Mizoram issued an official notification stating that Myanmar refugees, including war-displaced persons in Mizoram, are not eligible to obtain official Indian documents such as voter ID, Aadhar Card, birth certificate, Tribal Certificate, and Residential Certificate, which are reserved for Indian nationals.

March 15, 2025:

- The Zo Reunification Organization (ZORO) met with India's Home Minister Amit Shah and urged him to reinstate the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the India-Myanmar border.
- On the same day, the Village Council and civil society organizations from Farkawn village, Champhai District, Mizoram, decided to close all market stalls operated by Chin refugees from Myanmar by May 31, 2025.

March 25, 2025: In Bualpui NG village, Lawngtlai District, Mizoram, a Myanmar national was arrested on March 25 by the Anti-Narcotics Task Force, Saiha Youth Group, and Bualpui NG YAL for possession of 5.5 kg of heroin valued at 1.5 million Indian rupees.

Human Rights and Public Safety Concerns

March 3, 2025: At 9:00 AM, the military junta conducted an airstrike in Lintae village (inhabited by the Chin community) in Ngaphe Township, Magway Region, killing one civilian male and destroying four houses.

March 6, 2025:

- In Paletwa Township, Chinland, local nurses and healthcare workers have been prohibited from providing medical treatment or selling medicines without the permission of the Arakan Army, which controls the areas.
- Around 2:30 PM, the military junta carried out an airstrike on Sethaw village in southern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, where Chin communities reside, resulting in the injury of one civilian and the destruction of one Buddhist monastery, a community hall, and six houses.

March 7, 2025:

A military unit of about 40 soldiers from the junta's Ngaphe-based battalion arrested two Chin women, Daw Palon (54) and Mai Estherman (18), from Sapse village, Ngaphe Township, Magway Region.

March 17, 2025: The Mizoram State Home Minister, Pu K. Sapdanga, stated at the 9th session of the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly that the government is coordinating with the Indian central government to collect biometric data of more than 40,000 refugees, including 33,505 Myanmar nationals, who have taken refuge in Mizoram.

March 20, 2025: Four individuals from Myanmar and two ethnic Mizos were arrested in Lunglei, Mizoram, by the Lunglei District Special Branch and the 92 BN BSF (Advance Party) for possession of heroin worth approximately 800,000 Indian rupees.

March 13, 2025: Although the junta has been absent for nearly three months, residents have not yet returned to resettle in Kanpetlet, Chinland, due to ongoing landmine clearance operations and the presence of the Arakan Army and CDF-Kanpetlet.

March 14, 2025: At around 3:00 PM, the military junta launched an airstrike on Zamual village, located two miles from Falam town along the Falam-Kalay highway, destroying four houses.

March 15, 2025:

- Six Chin men working at a Chinese-owned coal mine along the old Padan-Minbu road in Ngaphe Township, Magway Region, were arrested by the junta's Infantry Battalion 99 for alleged links to resistance forces.
- The junta has frequently cut off telephone and internet services, causing disruptions to residents' economic, healthcare, and social activities in Hakha, Chinland.

March 16, 2025:

- At around 1:00 AM, the junta carried out an airstrike on Tlangzar village along the Falam-Haka highway in Chinland, resulting in four civilian houses being destroyed.
- At approximately 5:00 PM, the junta fired artillery shells into Tedim Township, Chinland, injuring two civilians and damaging two houses.

March 19, 2025:

- The junta attacked Hakha Lay village, inhabited by Chin people, in southern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, using MIG-29 fighter jets, which resulted in three civilians, including a woman, being killed and two homes being destroyed.
- On the same day, the junta also launched airstrikes using MI-35 helicopters on Laphan Chaung, Samate Kwin, and Pyi Taw Thar villages in southern Kalay Township, injuring one civilian.

March 20, 2025: A 9-year-old, second-grade schoolgirl from Seizang village in Tedim Township, Chinland, was found dead inside a refugee camp in Churachandpur/Lamka town, Manipur State, India, where she had been raped and murdered.

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March 29, 2025: A mother lost her baby during childbirth due to the absence of a midwife and lack of medical supplies in Thanchaung-Kophe Gyi village, under Area (2) of the Daai Regional Council in southern Chinland's Paletwa Township. The mother was later transported to a hospital in Mrauk U, Rakhine State, for medical treatment.

March 31, 2025: Two displaced civilians' houses were destroyed by fire around 7:00 PM due to the spread of a wildfire, according to local sources.

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