

Chinland Monitoring Briefing



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Executive Summary

In October 2025, the operation of Chinland Defence Force- Hakha under the Chinland Council, conducted the Hakha Town Police Station in the morning and the rescue of civilian detainees. On the other hand, the military recaptured Hmantaw Village in southern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, controlled by Chinland Defence Force (CDF-KKG), then the military junta launched a counteroffensive with a superior force not only along the Kalay-Gangaw highway but also Kalay-Tedim highway.

The Chin Brotherhood and Chinland Council issued statements that condemn the sham election and urge the public not to participate in that election; the person who do not comply will face action. Additionally, six ethnic armed organizations, including the Chin National Front, issued a joint statement urging the United Nations, ASEAN, and international diplomats to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar by not attending the 10th anniversary ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement- NCA with the military junta.

The conscription law of the military junta has been continuously threatening the lives of civilians, including the Chin people, and causing the instability of the nation. For example, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) stated that 101 Chin people were killed since 2021 because of airstrikes and heavy artillery attacks by the military commission.

The military junta tried to establish its legitimacy by conducting an election dramatically in October because it launched airstrikes across Chinland, such as Hakha, Mindat, Kanpelet, and Matupi townships. The multiple attacks killed innocent civilians and school boys and girls, and many staff residences and local houses were damaged tragically, which caused the residents a great loss.

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

OCTOBER 1

In Tedim Township, two members of the military junta from LIB-269, a Corporal Officer and a Private, defected to the People's Defense Force-Zoland, bringing ammunition with them.

OCTOBER 16

Chinland Defence Force- Hakha under the Chinland Council, conducted an operation to the Hakha Town Police Station in the morning, resulting in the deaths of five military troops and the rescue of 15 detainees.

OCTOBER 18

- Chinland Defence Force (CDF-KKG) lost control of Hmantaw Village in southern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, after the military junta launched a counteroffensive with a superior force. The attack continues along the Kalay-Gangaw highway.
- Four military vehicles carrying military junta troops advanced from Kalay toward Chinland in the evening, via the Kalay-Tedim highway, according to local sources.

OCTOBER 24

A soldier named Zwel Htet Aung from the military junta based in Hakha defected to Chinland Defense Force-Hakha, bringing with him one MA-11 rifle, three magazines, and 150 bullets.

OCTOBER 26-29

Local sources reported that the military junta reinforced troops 26 times by MI-17 helicopter from Kalay between October 26 and 29 to Infantry Battalion (269) based in Tedim town.

OCTOBER 27

- Due to a full-scale military offensive by the military junta targeting the Siyin area in Tedim Township, CDF-CDM Siyin announced the temporary closure of motorcycle routes between Kalay and Tedim.
- A soldier from the military junta stationed in Hakha defected to the Senthang Revolution Force (SRF) on October 27, bringing with him an MA-1 rifle and ammunition.

OCTOBER 28

On October 28, approximately 100 troops from Infantry Battalion (269) advanced along the Tedim-Tonzang road toward Tonzang. However, the troops retreated halfway through the route on the same day, according to CDF-Tonzang's commander.

OCTOBER 29

Around 200 troops from Kalay and another 200 from Tedim advanced along the Kalay-Dingin and Tedim-Dingin routes, respectively. A clash broke out between the advancing military junta and Chinland Defense Force-CDM Siyin near Hmualpi village on the afternoon.

OCTOBER 30

A battle occurred between approximately 200 military troops advancing from Tedim along the Tedim-Dingin-Kalay road and the People's Defense Force-Zoland, about six miles outside of Tedim.

Political Development and Governance

OCTOBER 11

A coalition of 20 organizations, including the Chin National Front (CNF), National Unity Government (NUG), and Karen National Union (KNU), jointly released a statement urging the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to reject and not recognize any elections organized by the military junta. They called for immediate action to protect civilians from violence and demanded the unconditional release of all political prisoners, among five key demands.

OCTOBER 11

Six ethnic armed organizations, including the Chin National Front, issued a joint statement, urging the United Nations, ASEAN, and international diplomats to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar by not attending the 10th anniversary ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement- NCA, scheduled for October 15, 2025, which is being organized by the military .

OCTOBER 14

The Chinland Defense Force- Hakha Central Council released a statement condemning ongoing airstrikes targeting civilians across Chinland as military junta is trying to organize the election. They called for a complete boycott of the elections and warned of decisive action against participants. The statement also urged international organizations to apply pressure to halt attacks on civilian areas immediately.

OCTOBER 10-14

A delegation led by the Chinland Council, Vice President- 2, along with ministers, conducted field visits and public meeting and discussion in Thado and Tonzang Townships from October 10 to 14.

OCTOBER 15

The Ministry of Education under Chinland Council issued a statement condemning the military junta's airstrikes targeting schools and school children across Myanmar, including Chinland. It called on the international community to take urgent action to stop these lawless attacks.

OCTOBER 16

Due to continuous rainfall during the 2025 rainy season, roads in the Zotung region, such as Gangaw-Aika and Hakha-Matupi routes, have suffered severe landslides and damage, disrupting cargo transport; thus, substantial funding is needed for repairs, according to the Zotung Federal Council.

OCTOBER 20

The Chinland Government's Ministry of Education announced that three new faculties, Education, Law, and Technical & Vocational Studies, will open at Chin National University in January 2026.

OCTOBER 24

During the Mindat operation period, local vehicle owners who supported the resistance by transporting supplies were issued certificates of contribution. The Public Administration of Mindat announced that these contributors will be exempt from checkpoint taxes within the township.

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OCTOBER 25

In a congratulatory message marking the 65th anniversary of the founding of the KIO/KIA on October 25, the Chin National Front expressed pride in its leadership, supporting and sacrificing with fellow ethnic revolutionary organizations. The message reaffirmed shared objectives and goals with Kachin allies, the NUG government, and other revolutionary forces, pledging to stand with the people until victory is achieved.

OCTOBER 25

Due to ongoing aerial bombardments targeting civilians and intensified military reinforcement aimed at securing the elections, Chinland Defense Force-Hakha Central Council issued a curfew order prohibiting on the night in Hakha.

OCTOBER 29

- The Chinland Council issued a statement strongly opposing the military junta's planned December 2025 sham election. It warned that participation by non-CDM civil servants would legitimize prolonged military rule. The Council urged Chin people to exercise their right by avoiding the election and called on the international community not to recognize of the election.

- Due to continuous aerial attacks on schools, public buildings, and civilian homes by the military commission, Thantlang council's Education Department announced the indefinite closure of all community-based schools in its jurisdiction. Similarly, Senthang Central Council, Kanpetlet Township Administration, and Mindat Township Administration had already issued indefinite school closure orders earlier in October.

Humanitarian Issues and Displacement

OCTOBER 1-2

Four Malaysia-based Chin civil society organizations, such as ACR, CRC, Dai Community, and FRO, led a two-day meeting from October 1 to 2. The international Chin leaders, church pastors, and community organizations are invited in the event to develop coordinated responses for Chin refugees currently residing in Malaysia.

OCTOBER 6

According to the Home Department of Mizoram State, biometric data collection for Myanmar Internally Displaced Persons in Mizoram State, India, which began in late July, had reached 37.4% completion.

OCTOBER 9

On October 9, the Network for Chin National Community Development (NCCD) announced that it had distributed essential food supplies to Chin Internally Displaced persons across 13 locations in Tedim and Mindat Townships and Mizoram State, India.

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OCTOBER 21

Due to large-scale military offensives by the military junta along the northern Kalay-Tamu and Kalay-Gangaw roads in Sagaing Region, over 10,000 civilians from nearby villages have fled their homes. Emergency food assistance is urgently needed, according to a statement by the Kalay People's Defense Committee.

International Relations and Cross-border Issues

OCTOBER 11

On the Union Highway in Champhai District, Mizoram State, India, two individuals Lalruatsuma (age 34) from Khawthir Village, Falam Township, Chinland, and David Lalvulmawia (age 42) from Letpanchaung Village, Sagaing Region were arrested by district police on October 11 for possession of 1.627 kilograms of heroin.

OCTOBER 15

Mizoram police arrested a 28-year-old man named Khawlianlala from No. 2 Ward, Rikhawdar Town, Chinland, in Zokhawthar village, Champhai District, Mizoram State, for possession of 1.215 kg of heroin.

OCTOBER 17

Assam Rifles seized 90 bags of poppy seeds and 120 bags of betel nuts smuggled from Myanmar near Ruangtlang village, Champhai District, Mizoram State, however, the owner is unknown.

OCTOBER 18

Assam Rifles arrested two men in Vaphai village, Champhai District, Mizoram State, near the India-Myanmar border, for attempting to smuggle explosives into Myanmar. The seized items included gelatin mine 5,800 sticks, 10,500 meters of Cordtex fuse, and 6,000 detonators.

Human Rights and Public Safety Concerns

OCTOBER 1

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), 101 Chin people were killed between 2021 and September 30, 2025, due to airstrikes and heavy artillery attacks by the Military Commission.

OCTOBER 4

The military junta launched airstrikes on a location in the eastern ward of Mindat Town and the Hung Hung Hotel in the western ward, around 1:30 AM, injuring three civilians and damaging hotel buildings.

OCTOBER 5

Ten out of sixteen youths who had been arrested by the military junta in August 2025 while returning from church in Hakha Town were released.

OCTOBER 6

- Chinland ranks among the top three regions in Myanmar with the highest school dropout rates of rural youth, due to the ongoing military and political conflicts since the coup, according to UNDP Myanmar.

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- Local sources confirmed that U San Ni Aung, also known as Beung Kang, a Chin ethnic resident of Daletza Village, Paletwa Township, was released after being detained for over two weeks by the Arakan Army. He had been accused of leaking information about cross-border passport issues in Mizoram State, India.

OCTOBER 8

The military junta carried out airstrikes on the Catholic church and school in Htin Chaung Village, Mindat Township, around 7 PM, killing three male students and one disabled female student, injuring around 15 others, and causing the buildings to catch fire and collapse. A similar airstrike was launched at the same time on the school in Vamthu village, damaging the school building.

OCTOBER 10

- The military junta bombed the area near the fire station in Matupi Town around 8 PM, causing injuries, deaths, and destruction was reported by residents.
- One in three young men in Chinland face daily threats to their personal safety, more frequently than young women, since the 2021 military coup, according to UNDP Myanmar.

OCTOBER 13

The military junta bombed the school in Vanha Village, Hakha Township, around 10:30 AM, killing two students, injuring 21 others, and severely damaging the school buildings.

OCTOBER 14

- The military junta's air force bombed the Fire Station Hill and Khuavung Ward in Tonzang Town, destroying three civilian homes.

- An airstrike targeted the area near the General Public Hospital in Matupi Town around 7 AM, local sources confirmed damage to the hospital building.

OCTOBER 15

Chinland Defence Force-Mara detained three educators CDM members from the Matupi Township Education Board, accusing their refusal to support the group's draft local governance law.

OCTOBER 16

The military junta launched an airstrike on a location in Matupi Town around 4 PM. No official statement has been issued regarding the damage.

OCTOBER 19

A 62-year-old woman from Daukdwe Village, Mindat Township, Chinland who had been displaced and was residing in Saw Town, Magway Region was found dead two days after going missing. Local sources reported that she had been robbed and brutally murdered. Two suspects, believed to be former police officers who defected during the Rakhine conflict, are currently at large.

OCTOBER 20

KapSianMung, a 40-year-old Chin youth from Aung Village in northern Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, was reportedly shot and killed in his home by military junta troops.

OCTOBER 21

The military junta bombed Zathal village in the Sengthang area of Chinland around 1 PM, damaging one school building and one residential home.

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OCTOBER 24

The Military junta dropped two bombs on the location where the wedding ceremony of the Chin Defense Force-Kanpetlet Commander in Ward No. 2, Kanpetlet Town. The attack killed three men and one woman, injured 15 others, and destroyed four civilian homes.

OCTOBER 25

The military junta bombed Kanpetlet Town around 8:30 PM, damaging the fire station and three staff residences.

OCTOBER 26-27

The military junta conducted two aerial bombings targeting the Khonu Center in Mindat Town that damaged the buildings and the deaths are unknown yet.

OCTOBER 27-28

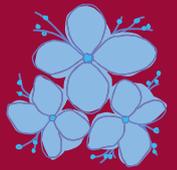
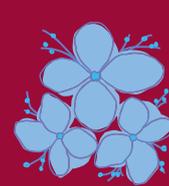
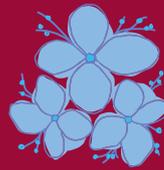
In southern Kalay Township, over 100 military junta troops raided Kyunchaung village near the Kalay-Gangaw road on October 27 around 1:00 PM, setting fire to several civilian homes. On October 28, similar troops attacked Htukkyat village and burned down the village people's houses.

OCTOBER 28

At around 10:00 PM, the military junta attacked Tai-ngin village in the Siyin area by aerial bombing on the Kalay-Tedim road. One civilian woman was injured, and a residential home was destroyed.

OCTOBER 31

Military junta troops operating along the Kalay-Gangaw road entered Ha-Khalay village in the Zanniatram area of Falam Township, and set fire to multiple civilian homes lawlessly.



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