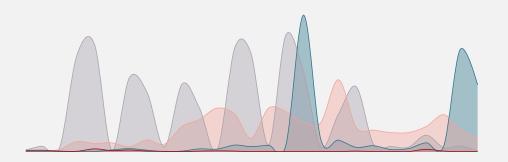


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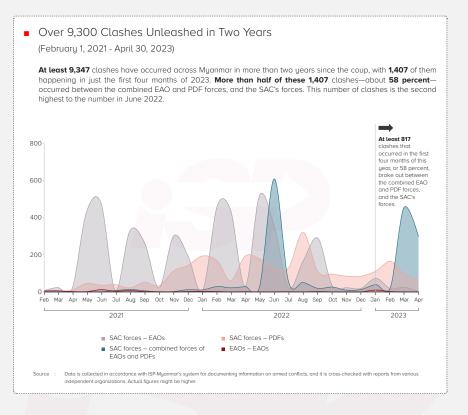


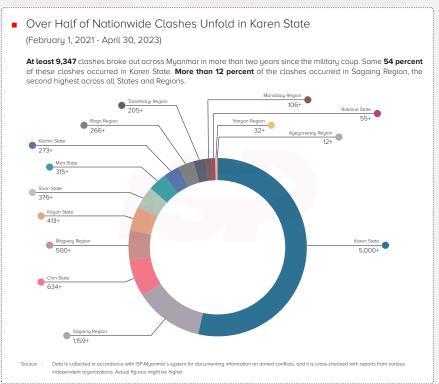
At least 9,347 clashes have occurred across Myanmar in the more than two years since the coup, with 1,407 of them happening in just the first four months of 2023. More than half of these 1,407 clashes—about 58 percent— broke out between the combined EAO (Ethnic Armed Organizations) and PDF (People's Defense Force) forces and SAC's (State Administration Council) forces. The number of clashes between the combined EAO and PDF forces and the SAC's forces within these four months is the second highest to the number in June 2022.

The SAC has also carried out at least 442 airstrikes in 56 townships during the first four months of 2023, in which at least 693 civilians were killed. The deadliest airstrike took place in Pazi Gyi village in Sagaing Region's Kanbalu Township, in which no fewer than 150 civilians were killed.

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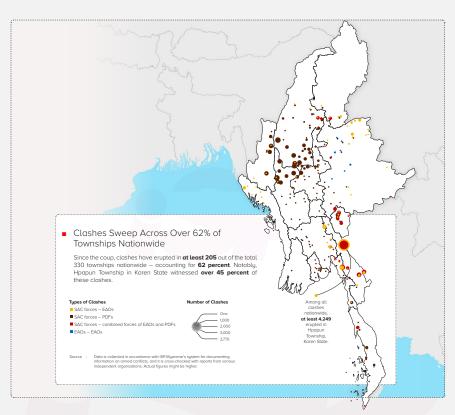
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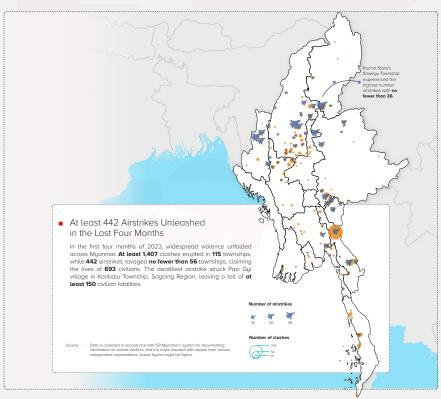




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