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Period

March 31, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

Incidents/events

In the five months since Gen. Ye Win Oo assumed command of the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF), at least 1,583 airstrikes have been conducted nationwide. Magway Region was targeted most heavily, accounting for over 20 percent of all strikes (at least 322 incidents).

Locations

Airstrikes were recorded across 13 states and regions, excluding Yangon Region and the Union Territory of Naypyitaw.

Types

Airstrikes

Status/Trends

Under Gen. Ye Win Oo, military operations shifted tactically, accompanied by an escalation in airstrikes. The MAF conducted the most airstrikes in Magway Region (at least 322 times),

followed by Chin State (at least 301 times), Sagaing Region (at least 242 times), and Rakhine State (at least 222 times). In contrast, approximately 86 airstrikes were recorded in Kachin State and about seven in northern Shan State. This shows that the MAF's offensives and airstrike operations are increasingly concentrated in the country's western and central regions.

Risk Level

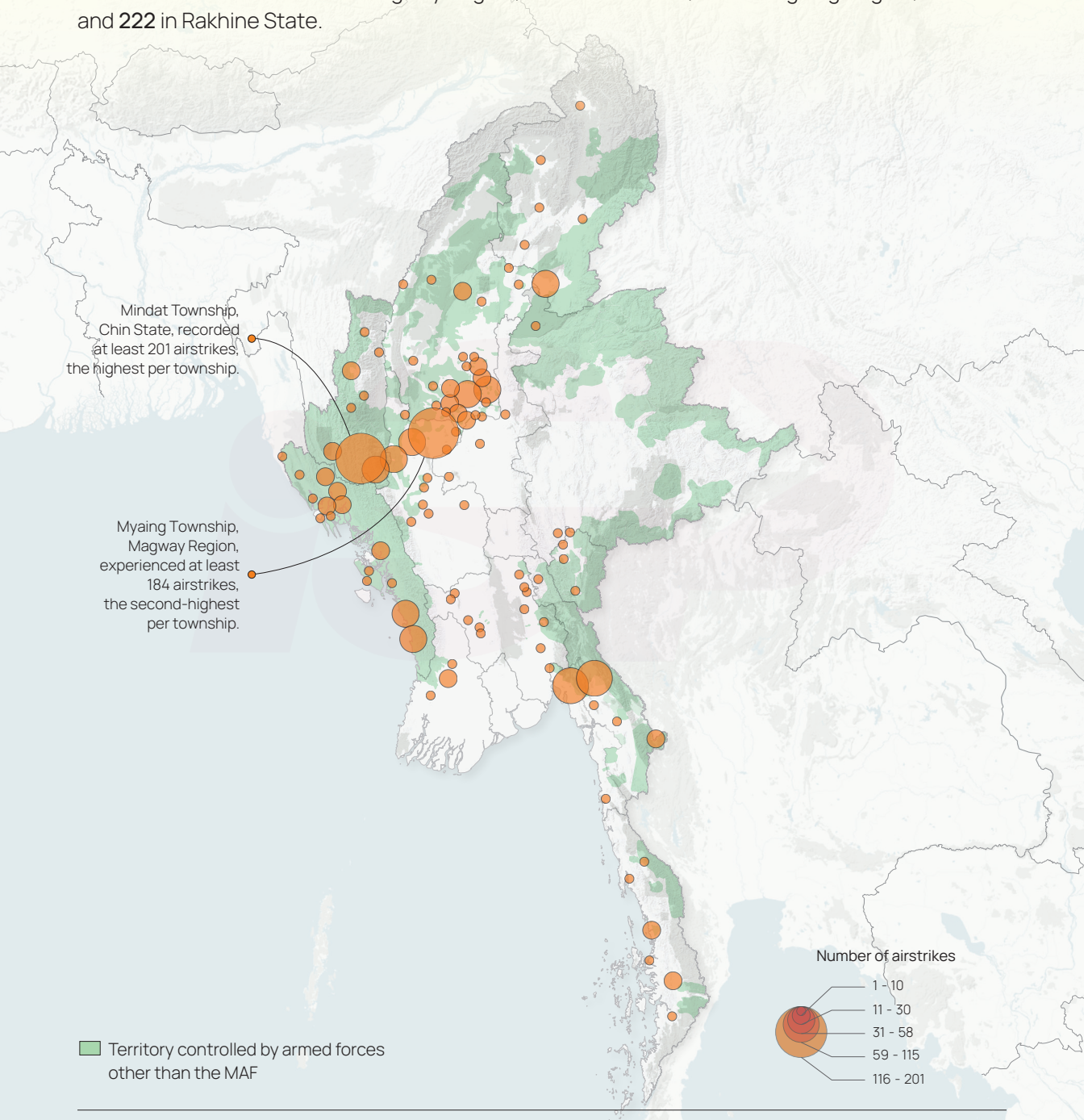
Airstrikes are heavily concentrated in Chin State, Sagaing Region, Rakhine State, and Magway Region. Magway serves as a key military operational route to the rest of the connecting territories. Civilians in resistance-controlled territories across these four regions face the highest risk of impacts.

Implications

In the post-election period, the Min Aung Hlaing administration is employing diverse tactics, including military pressure, to secure bilateral ceasefires with individual Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs). Data indicate that airstrikes are unlikely to decrease. As attacks continue to strike schools, religious buildings, hospitals, and IDP camps, civilian casualties, displacement, and the humanitarian crisis could inevitably deepen. ■

Myanmar Armed Forces Conducts At Least 1,583 Air Strikes in Five Months

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Data from March 31 to August 31, 2026, is part of research conducted by ISP-Myanmar's Conflict, Peace and Security Studies and is based entirely on open-source data. It may vary from other sources due to differences in methodology or data availability.