Armed Groups' Control Along Myanmar–China Trade Route

The main Mandalay–Lashio–Muse corridor for Myanmar–China border trade is controlled by a mix of armed actors, including the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF), the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), and the Three Brotherhood Alliance (3BHA). The Hseni–Chinshwehaw route is controlled by the MNDAA. Since Operation 1027, the Nam Lan–Taunggyi and Nawnghkio–Lawksawk–Shwenyaung road segments have increasingly been used as alternative routes linking to southern Shan State.



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