

July 11 Battle News

July 12, 2017

As the Myanmar Tatmadaw (MT, or Myanmar Army) has stepped up offensives, starting from June, in the Ta'ang Region, battles are taking place nearly everyday and there are indications that the battles are likely to become more ferocious.

1. On July 11, 2017, a head-on battle took place from 0800 to 0900 hours, between troops of the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) Bn-818 under the command of Bde-5 and Myanmar Tatmadaw (MT) IB-11 of Div-33, near PainHtan and PainKham villages of KutKai Township, Bde-5 Area Ta'ang Region.
2. From 2010 hours, a clash started between troops of TNLA Bn-773 under the command of Bde-3 and MT LIB-505, near YeBon village of MoeMeik Township, TNLA Bde-3 Area, and the exchange of fire was still going on in the morning of July 12.
3. Even when there was no battle taking place in TNLA Bde-2 Area, IB-130 Headquarters, based in Manton Town, started firing heavy weapons, from late afternoon, toward the village of TatKyet village of Manton township. Reports on damages will be submitted later.

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July 19 Battle News

July 20, 2017

On July 19, from 1940 to 2015 hours, a head-on battle took place near NorKoo village of Manton Township, Bde-3 Area, Ta'ang Region, between troops of TNLA Bn-999 and MT Div-88. There had been no clashes from July 11 to 18, a period of over one week. The battle recurred on July 19. The battle took place because the MT troops marched up, in offensive action, from NamtTan village towards NorKu, the place near where the battle broke out and where the TNLA was situated. As the MT troops fired many heavy weapon rounds near NorKoo village, the villagers no longer dared to remain in the village and they moved to the tea plantations for refuge. There were

damages to the houses and loss of domestic animals. Details regarding the damages are still not known. In the month of July, clashes took place between the TNLA and MT troops for 6 times.

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July 25 Battles News in Ta'ang Region

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On July 25, from 1500 to 1540 hours, a head-on battle took place between troops of TNLA Bn-683 and MT Div-88 at a place between TaPon and ToonKaw villages of NamtKham Township, Bde-3 Area, Ta'ang Region.

On July 24 also, a head-on battle took place near TaPon village. On July 24, as the MT troops fired heavy weapons into TaPon village, 2 civilians Kun Alu, aged 42, and Mar Alu At, aged 40, were wounded and there were losses as the village religious building, houses and domestic animals were hit. Details regarding damages are still not known.

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Battles Took Place between Troops of TNLA and MT Div-77 Coming Up for Offensive into Ta'ang State

August 4, 2017

A head-on battle took place between TNLA Bn-999 troops and MT Div-77 troops coming up from NamTu, from 1115 to 1145 hours, on NamTu-ManTon highway, 3+miles to the east of ManTon Town of ManTon Township, Bde-3 Area, Ta'ang State.

In the battle, the RPG rounds fired by the TNLA troops burnt up one MT military truck, sent one into the roadside ditch and one to slide and stand across the road.

On August 4, today, the MT Div-77 brought in more reinforcement of troops in 16 military trucks, from ManTon Township side, and 20 military trucks, from NamtSan

Township side. As more MT troops come into Ta'ang State for offensive, the local populations are in fear of the battles becoming more ferocious.

On August 3 also, a head-on battle took place between TNLA Bn-717 troops and MT troops near KawPaung village of Kyaukme Township, Bde-2 Area, Ta'ang State.

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Two Battles between TNLA and MT Troops

August 5, 2017

Today, from 1230 to 1345 hours, a battle took place between TNLA Bns 112/571 and MT Div-88 troops at the MawHsaung village side of KutKai Township, Bde-1 Area, Ta'ang State, and from 1220 to 1235 hours a battle took place between TNLA Bn-765 and MT Div-88 troops near ManKyawt village of ManTon township, Bde-3 Area, Ta'ang State.

In the battle taking place near MawHsaung village of KutKai Township, a heavy weapon round fired by the MT troops from NamtPetKa military camp, hitting the house of Ya Am Kyin, killed 38 years old Ya Am Kyin, a mother of 4.

Battles are taking place because of MT troops coming into Ta'ang State for military offensives.

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