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UPDATE

Junta steps up airstrikes, uses villagers as human shields amid intensified fighting in Mongmit township

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During November 2026, the military junta has stepped up airstrikes on villages north of Mongmit town, injuring three civilians, and used residents of three villages as human shields during intensified fighting against joint forces of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and People's Defense Forces (PDF).

The recent escalation of fighting began in the first week of October 2026 along the road leading north from Mongmit town to Mabein, which is held by resistance forces.

On the afternoon of October 9, the junta carried out an airstrike on Kyauk Taung (7-Mile) village, north of Mongmit town, killing a 40-year-old woman.

In the first week of November, junta troops launched an attack on the resistance forces stationed along the Mongmit–Mabein road. When the attack failed, the junta troops retreated and set up bases in the 7-Mile, 5-Mile, and 4-Mile villages north of Mongmit town.

The junta troops then restricted entry and exit to the villages. Fearing being caught in the fighting, local residents attempted to flee, but the troops prevented them from leaving and held them as human shields.

In the morning of November 14, junta troops ordered the remaining residents of 7-Mile village to vacate their homes, and then went door-to-door looting rice, food supplies, and valuables. Civilians continued to remain trapped in 5-Mile and 4-Mile villages.

In the evening of November 14, between 6 pm and 8 pm, junta aircraft carried out several airstrikes on 7-Mile village, destroying at least five houses and injuring two civilians.

In the evening of November 15, junta forces bombed 7-Mile village using an Mi-35 helicopter, damaging several homes.

On the morning of November 17, SAC aircraft bombed 7-Mile village again, injuring a woman who was sheltering from the conflict in a farm hut near the village.

On November 19, junta troops retreated back to within two miles from Mongmit town. Local residents have been forbidden from entering and leaving the town to escape the fighting.

Junta airstrikes and use of villagers as human shields in Mongmit township, November 2026



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