Myanmar Witness's Public Investigations

MYANMAR WITNESS: TIMELINE OF PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO RAKHINE STATE, 2022 - 2026

Myanmar Witness's investigations relating to Rakhine State, 2022–2026 that are publicly available.
This is an overview of the project's published work, not a complete record of all incidents in Rakhine State

Publication Date	Publication Link	Description
18 JULY 2022	USING PAMPHLETS FOR PROPAGANDA	Examined pro-regime pamphlets disseminated across Myanmar, identifying anti-Muslim rhetoric, threats and misleading information.
21 JULY 2022	BURNING MYANMAR	Drawing on the earlier Ocelli Project, satellite research identified clear signs of fire destruction in more than 24,000 buildings in Rakhine between 2016 and 2020.
1 SEPTEMBER 2022	ONE YEAR MAPPING FIRES IN MYANMAR	Reviewed a year of monitoring deliberate fires across Myanmar and during the 2017 Rohingya crisis. A fire map is included.
7 DECEMBER 2022	RETALIATORY ATTACK IN SIN INN GYI	Investigated reports of killings and homes being burned in Sin Inn Gyi on 10 November 2022.
12 DECEMBER 2022	SAC SHELLING IN RAKHINE STATE KILLS AND WOUNDS CIVILIANS INCLUDING CHILDREN	Examined reports of shelling during a gathering in Gyit Chaung on 16 November 2022, including footage from a nearby hospital where casualties were treated.
16 JANUARY 2023	ROHINGYA VILLAGES A BATTLEGROUND FOR MILITARY CLASHES	Analysed footage showing wounded and deceased people amid reported clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army in and around Buthidaung Township.
27 JANUARY 2023	DIGITAL BATTLEGROUNDS: POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ABUSE OF MYANMAR WOMEN ONLINE	Examined politically motivated online abuse, identifying sexualised, anti-Muslim rhetoric used against pro-democracy women, including women perceived as sympathetic to Muslim minorities.

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31 JANUARY 2023

EYES ON THE SKIES

Recorded 135 airwar incidents across Myanmar between July and mid-December 2022, including incidents in Rakhine.

23 DECEMBER 2023

INVESTIGATION INTO 400 REPORTS OF BURNT BODIES, TWO YEARS ON FROM MOSO CHRISTMAS EVE KILLINGS

Catalogued 146 events involving reported burning of bodies across Myanmar. The research included a Rakhine case with visible burnt remains, reportedly linked to arson or an airstrike.

20 JULY 2024

SCHOOLS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

Documented 174 incidents of violence affecting educational institutions between February 2021 and April 2024, including eight incidents in Rakhine.

31 MARCH 2025

HOW FOUR YEARS OF WAR REDUCED MYANMAR CITIES AND TOWNS TO RUBBLE

Satellite imagery uncovers destruction, including extensive burning in Buthidaung. Most of the town had burned, while responsibility for the fires remained disputed.

28 MAY 2025

NECESSARY AND PROPORTIONATE? POTENTIAL 'UNPROVOKED' AIRSTRIKES IN JANUARY 2025

Combined geolocated footage, satellite imagery and fire-detection data to assess that a Myanmar Air Force airstrike likely occurred in Kyauk Ni Maw on 8 January 2025, damaging village infrastructure.

23 JUNE 2025

SACRED BUT NOT SAFE: DOCUMENTING AIRSTRIKES ON RELIGIOUS AND CEREMONIAL GATHERINGS

Recorded 17 reported incidents involving airstrike damage to religious buildings in Rakhine during 2024; the second-highest state incident count in the dataset.

6 AUGUST 2025

CEASEFIRE IN NAME ONLY: REPORTED AERIAL ATTACKS CONTINUE AFTER MYANMAR'S EARTHQUAKE TRUCE

Compared reported aerial attacks before and after the earthquake-related ceasefire. The dataset recorded three airstrikes in Rakhine in each of the two 20-day comparison periods.

4 NOVEMBER 2025

HUMAN REMAINS FOUND IN HTAN SHAUK KHAN VILLAGE: REPORTED MASSACRE IN BUTHIDAUNG

Geolocated two reported burial sites with differing confidence levels. Forensic analysis confirmed human remains in available imagery but could not establish the identities of the deceased.

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5 JANUARY 2026

ASSESSING THE INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT CRISIS IN MYANMAR

Analysed 284 open-source events concerning displacement across Myanmar between January and June 2025, including 11 events in Rakhine.

30 MARCH 2026

MYANMAR MILITARY-LED ELECTION 2025–2026

Examined conflict and electoral participation, finding that fewer than a quarter of Rakhine's townships participated in the first election phase.

2 APRIL 2026

MYANMAR'S PROTECTED RELIGIOUS SITES DEVASTATED BY AIRSTRIKES

Documented reported airstrikes affecting religious sites across Myanmar in 2024–2025. The accompanying map logged 37 incidents in Rakhine, 27 of which were geolocated.

24 JUNE 2026

STRIKES ON DETENTION SITES HOLDING CAPTURED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN MYANMAR

Investigated seven reported airstrikes on detention sites across Rakhine, Shan and Kayah, using footage and satellite imagery to examine detention conditions and damage consistent with aerial attacks.

9 JULY 2026

WHAT MISSING-PERSON ADS REVEAL ABOUT FORCED CONSCRIPTION IN MYANMAR

Analysed missing-person advertisements and reports of repatriation to Myanmar. A section examined the repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh.

15 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE HUMAN COST: THE IMPACT OF MYANMAR'S MILITARY-LED ELECTION ON CHILDREN

Examined child casualties around the military-led election. Rakhine had the second-highest child casualty count in the dataset; the report also investigated a February 2026 airstrike in the state.

7 OCTOBER 2026

THE LASTING HARM OF LANDMINES IN MYANMAR: REPORTED CIVILIAN INJURIES AND DISABILITY

Recorded 50 reported landmine-related incidents in Rakhine between April 2025 and March 2026. Two of the five townships with the highest incident counts were in Rakhine.

8 OCTOBER 2026

TRACING THE DAMAGE AND CIVILIAN IMPACT OF AN AIRSTRIKE IN KYAUKTAW

Assessed with high confidence that an airstrike occurred in a civilian area of Kyauktaw. Footage showed indicators consistent with at least 33 deceased people.