

# AERIAL ATTACKS CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY COUNCIL (5)

## Research Methodology

The analysis delves into the civilian casualties and the devastation inflicted upon hospitals, schools, and religious structures as a result of the Military Council's airstrikes during the period spanning from May to August 2024. This report relies on press releases from revolutionary organizations, as well as information from a wide array of independent news media outlets. The data presented herein has been meticulously compiled from a comprehensive array of 40 reputable news outlets, alongside official announcements from various revolutionary organizations.

The incidents of airstrikes mentioned in the report are calculated based on the number of places where airstrikes are carried out. One incident is counted if the airstrikes are conducted in one location on the same day. In cases where airstrikes occur in two different places on the same day, each incident is accurately accounted for as an individual event. If the frequency of airstrikes for an incident is not explicitly stated in the press releases of the revolutionary organizations or the media news, the number of airstrikes for that incident is counted as one time.

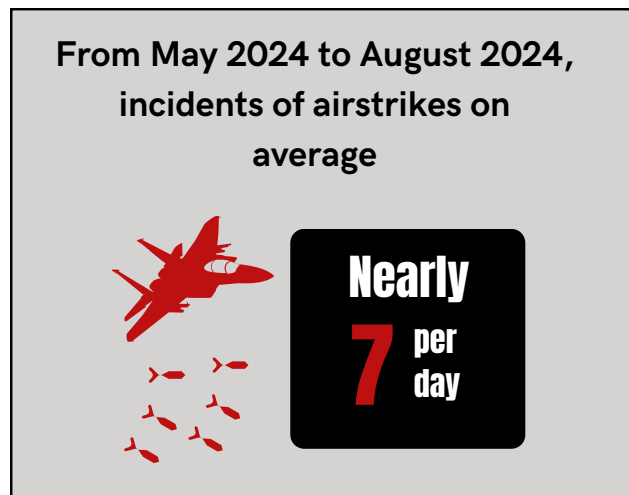
As data are collected from the announcements of the revolutionary groups and the media, the numbering of airstrike might be more on the ground.

## Introduction

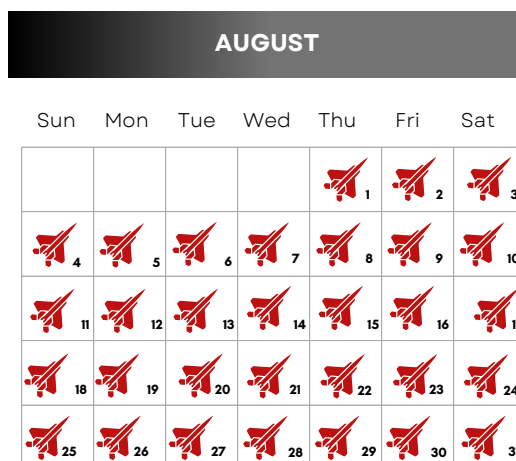
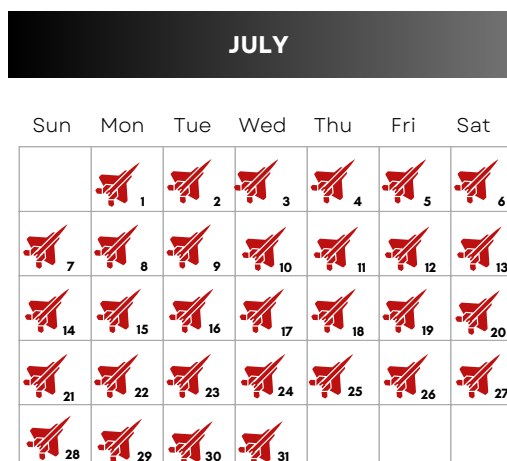
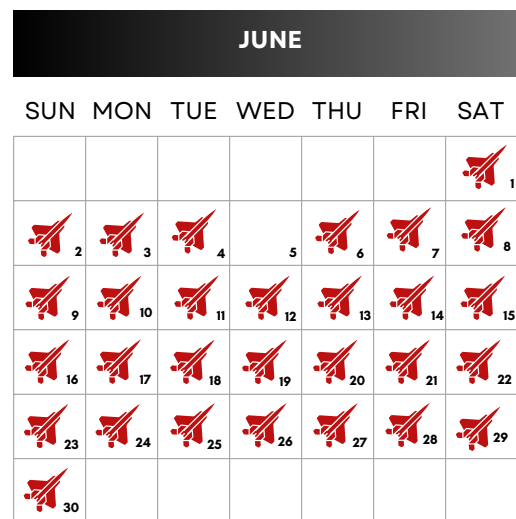
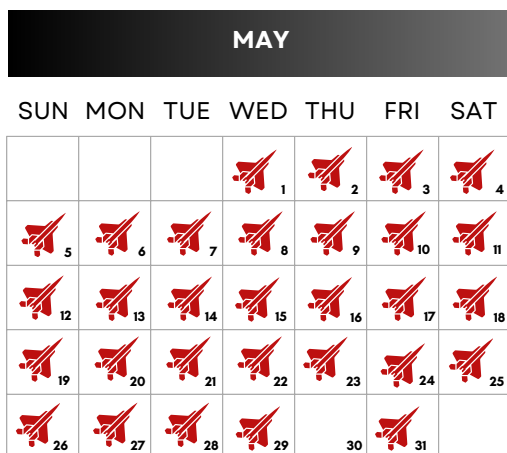
Since the onset of the Spring Revolution in February 2021, the Military Junta has not only directed its aerial attacks towards the military base area of Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations, People's Defence Forces, but has also extended its targets to the gathering spots of civilians, health infrastructures, educational institutions, places of worship, residential complexes, and even the temporary shelters provided for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

As per comprehensive observations, the Military Junta predominantly employs a variety of aerial assets, including fighter jets, helicopters, drones and training aircrafts for various purposes. These include (1) carrying out aerial operations, (2) conducting airstrikes during ground offensives, (3) executing aerial attacks when their military bases or columns are attacked (4) gathering information through reconnaissance, (5) replenishing/relocating troops and (6) transporting military resources.

# Airstrikes by the Military Council and civilian casualties from May 2024 to August 2024



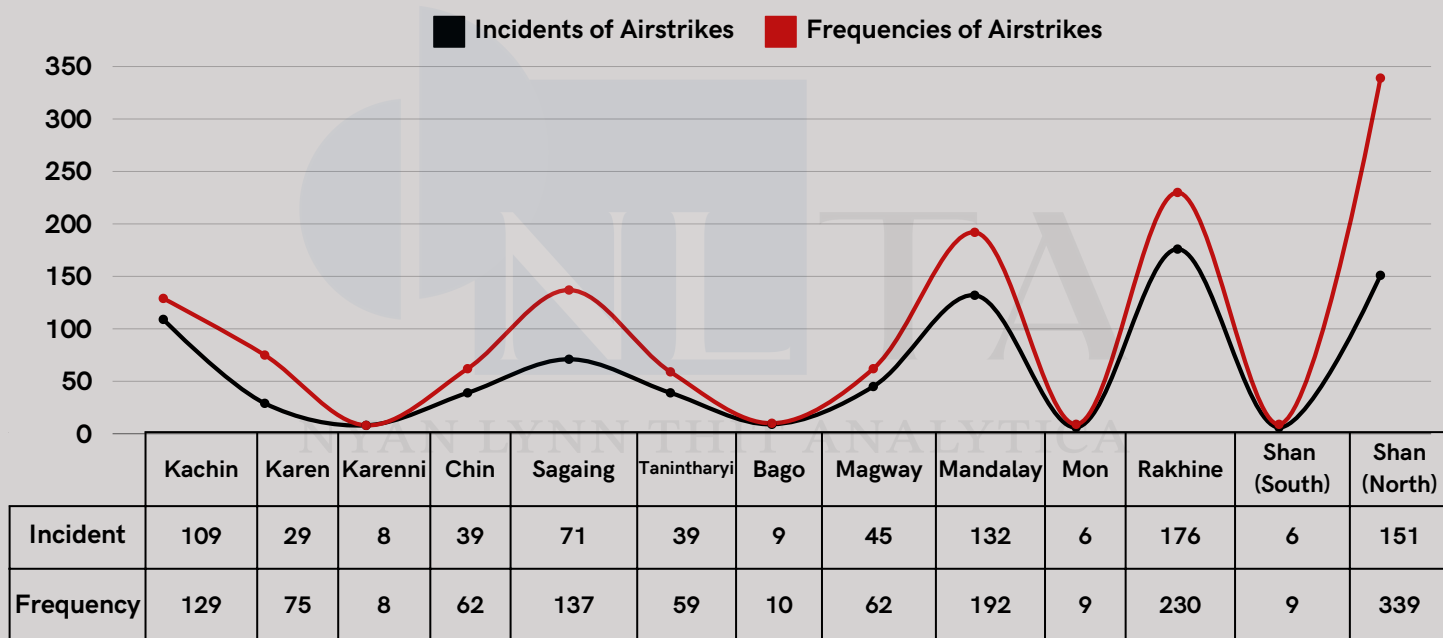
From May 2024 to August 2024, the military council carried out near-daily airstrikes over a span of 123 days. During these 4 months, the Military Council conducted a total of 820 incidents of airstrikes, averaging close to 7 incidents per day.



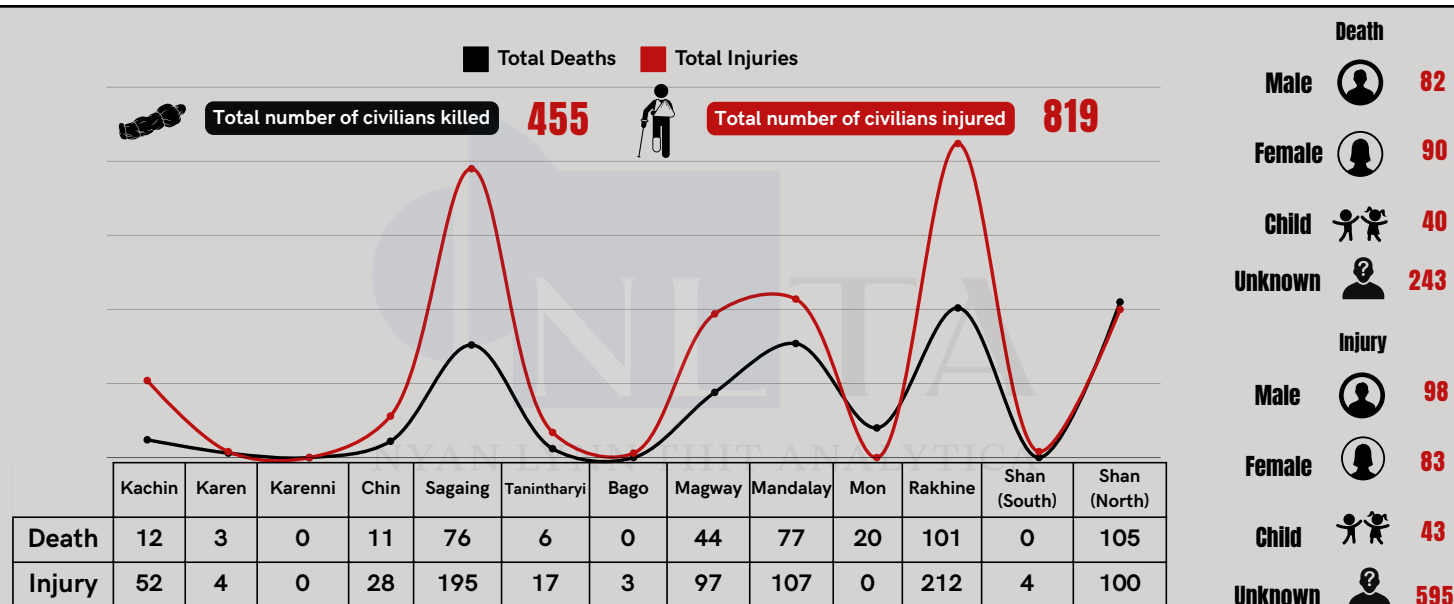
Calendar Showing the Dates of Airstrikes Conducted by the Military Council from May 2024 to August 2024

The military council conducted a substantial number of airstrikes across various regions, with Rakhine reporting the highest at 176 incidents. Shan (North) followed closely with 151 airstrikes, while Mandalay recorded 132. Other regions included Kachin with 109, Sagaing with 71, Magway with 45, and both Chin and Tanintharyi with 39 each. Additionally, Karen reported 29 incidents, Bago 9 incidents, Karenni 8 incidents, and both Mon and Shan (South) recorded 6 incidents each. From May 2024 to August 2024, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 455 civilians. Moreover, the incidents left 819 individuals wounded, while 61 religious buildings, 28 schools, and 16 health infrastructures were destroyed. There were also a lot of damage to houses, vehicles, livestock and farms.

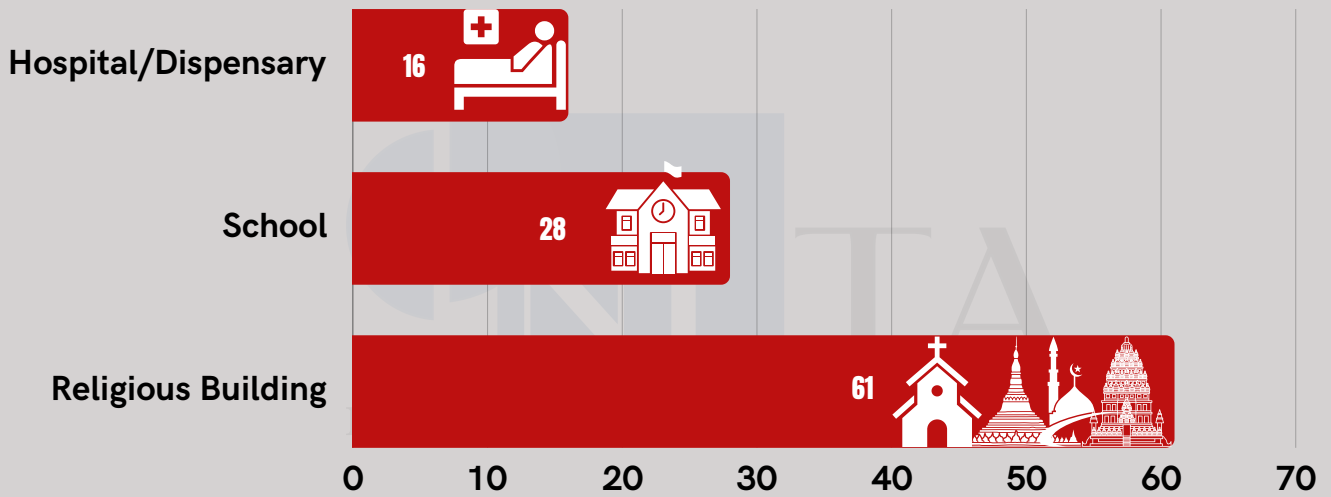
**Total Number of Airstrike Incidents 820** **Total Number of Airstrike Frequency 1321**



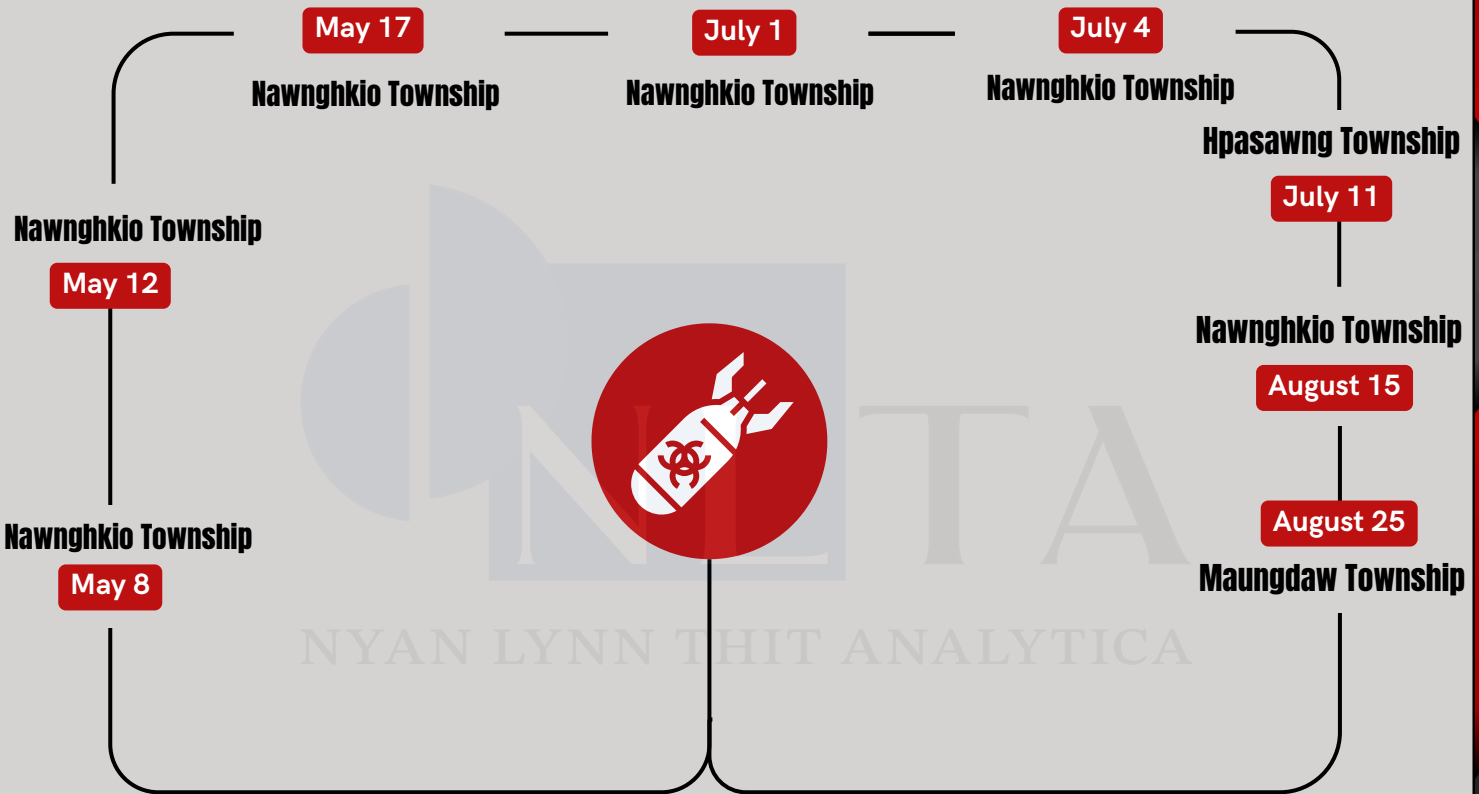
Incidents and Frequencies of Airstrikes from May 2024 to August 2024



Civilian Casualties due to Aerial Attacks by the Military Council from May 2024 to August 2024



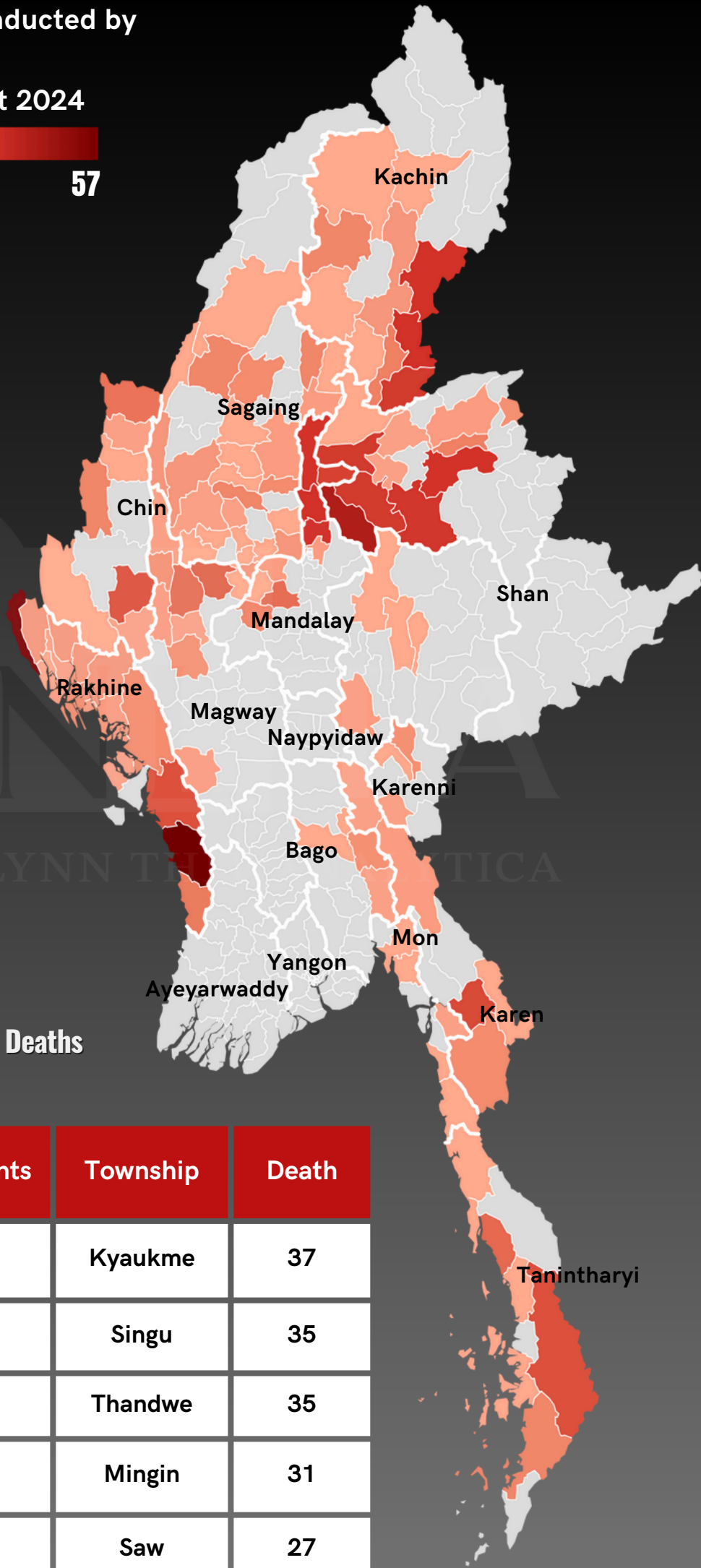
Number of Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from May 2024 to August 2024



In aerial attacks from May 2024 to August 2024, aerial attack incidents by the Military Council in which chemical weapons are used claimed by the revolutionary groups and local people

The revolutionary groups and local people asserted that at least 8 military airstrike incidents between May and August 2024 involved the use of chemical weapons.

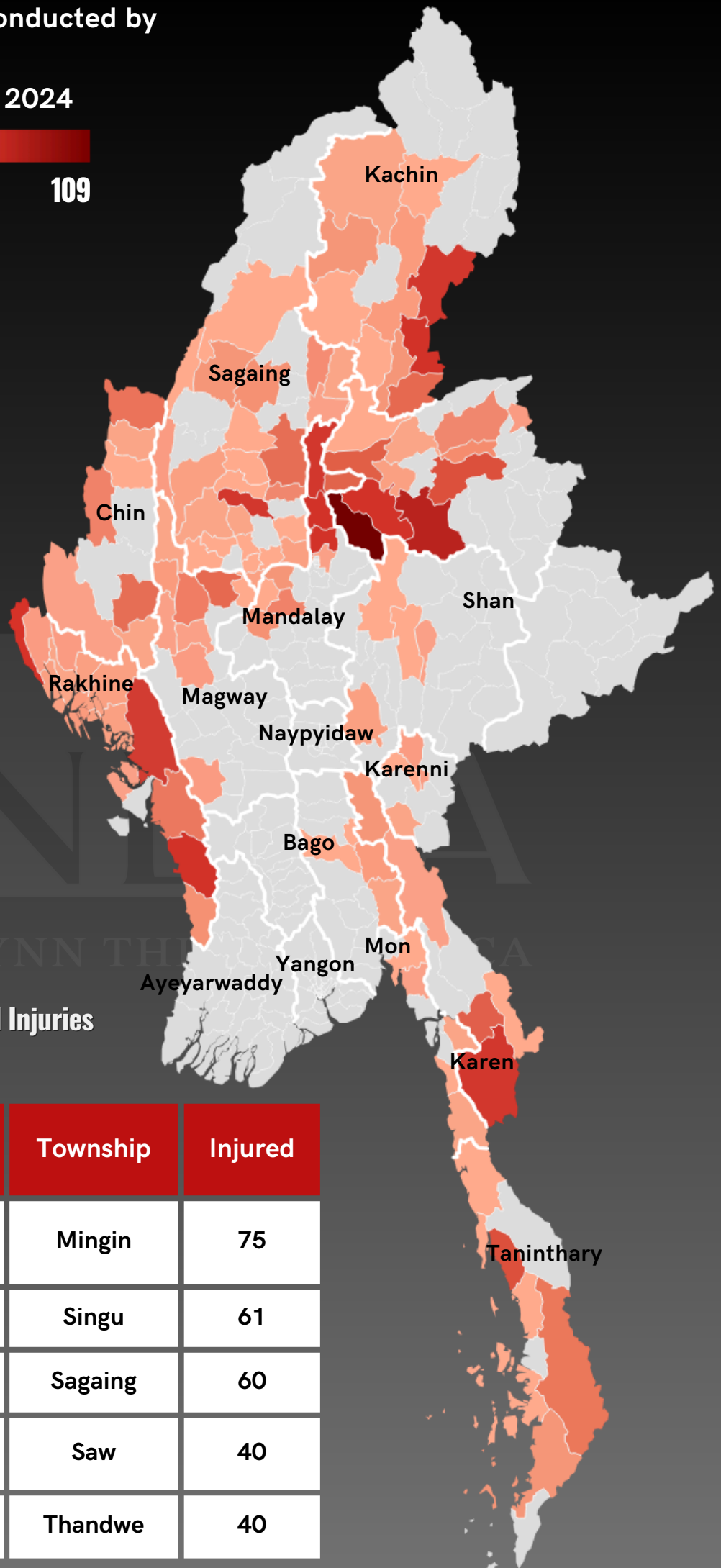
**Incident of Airstrikes conducted by  
the Military Council  
from May 2024 to August 2024**



**Highest Airstrike Incidents and Deaths  
According to Township**

No	Township	Incidents	Township	Death
1	Thandwe	57	Kyaukme	37
2	Maungdaw	55	Singu	35
3	Nawngkhio	45	Thandwe	35
4	Singu	35	Mingin	31
5	Momauk	34	Saw	27

**Frequency of Airstrikes conducted by  
the Military Council  
from May 2024 to August 2024**

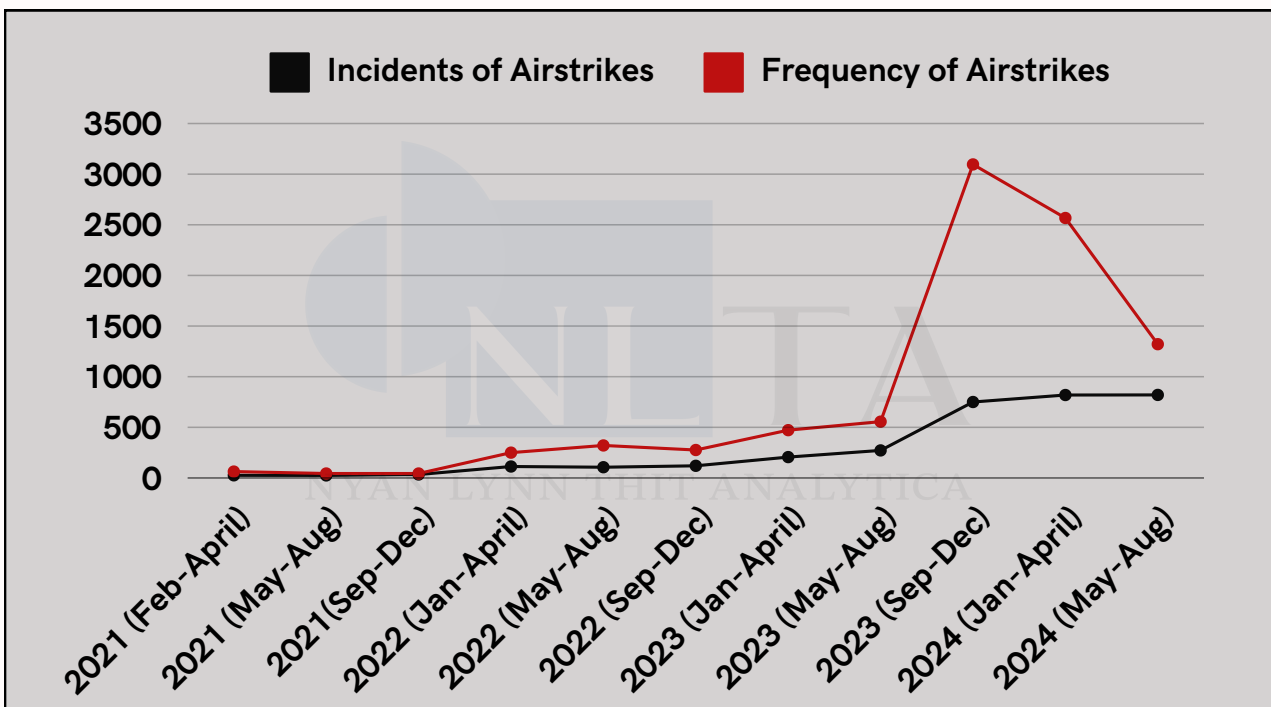


**Highest Airstrike Frequency and Injuries  
According to Township**

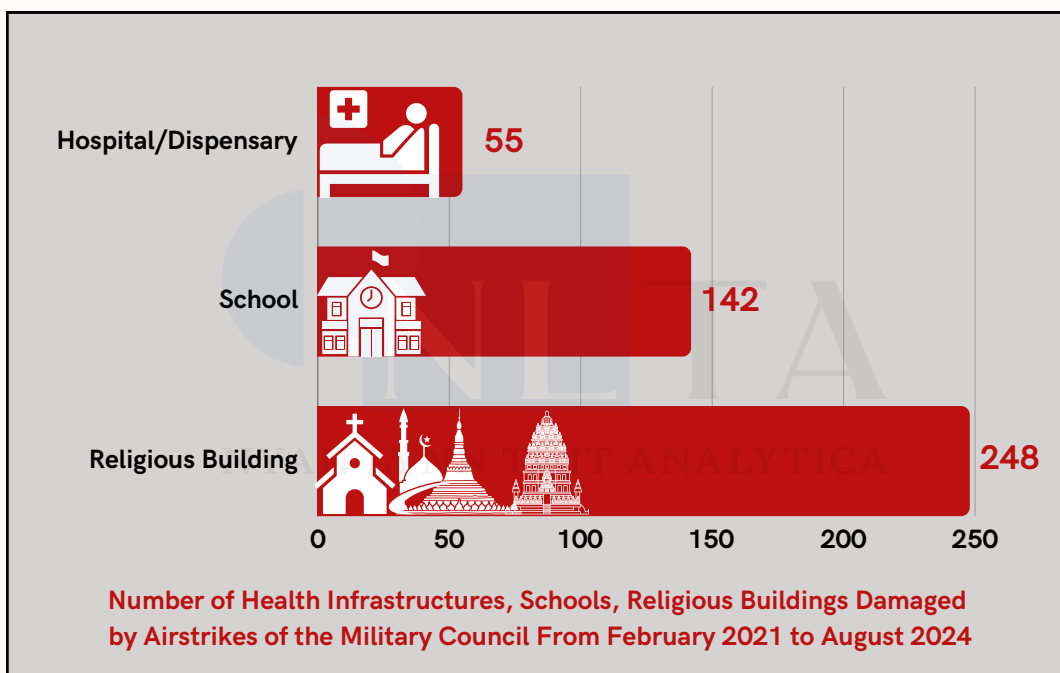
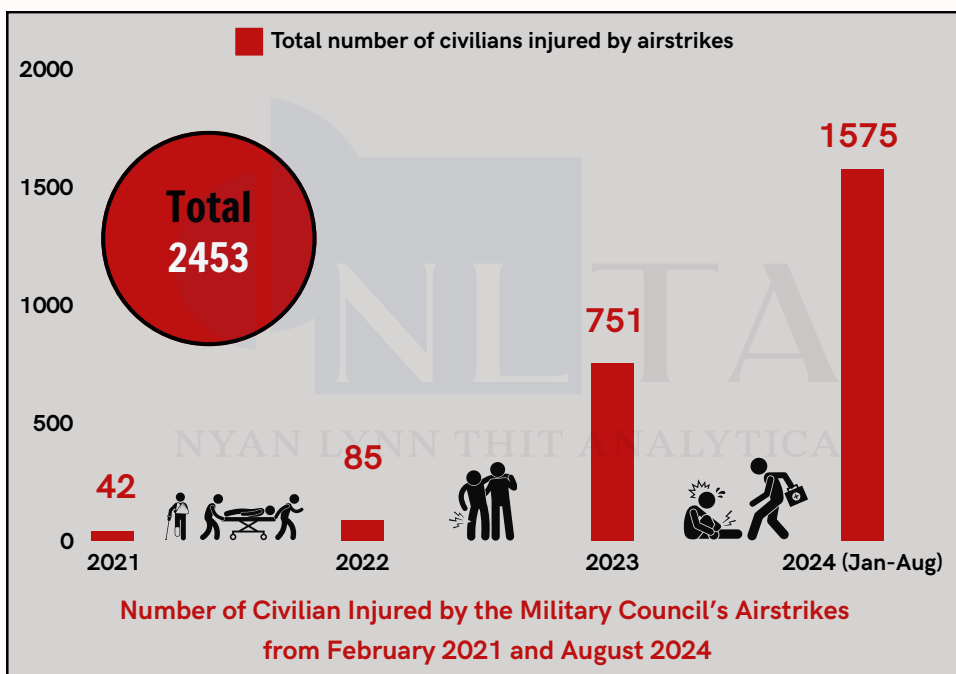
No	Township	Frequency	Township	Injured
1	Nawnghkio	109	Mingin	75
2	Hsipaw	82	Singu	61
3	Maungdaw	70	Sagaing	60
4	Thandwe	58	Saw	40
5	Singu	50	Thandwe	40

## A Comparison of the Military Council's Aerial Attacks during the Periods of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (Jan-August)

The military council has conducted a wide range of airstrikes on 813 days out of 1308 days from February 2021 to August 2024, and committed a total of 3292 incidents of airstrikes. Based on the data analysis, there have been a total of 1749 civilian fatalities and 2453 injuries as a direct consequence of the military council's aerial operations. Notably, a comparative analysis of the military council's aerial attacks in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (Jan-Aug) reveals that the frequency of aerial attack operation increased year by year, resulting in a harrowing toll of civilian casualties, injuries and substantial infrastructural damage.



A 4-month comparison of the incident and frequency of airstrikes carried out by the Military Council between February 2021 and August 2024





From February 2021 to December 2021, the Military Council conducted airstrikes on 58 days out of 334 days. From February to December 2021, the Military Council has committed a total of 85 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average an incident occurred every 4 days. From February to December 2021, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 63 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 42 individuals wounded, while 8 religious buildings, 7 schools, and 4 health infrastructures were destroyed.



**Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from February 2021 to December 2021**

During the entire year of 2022, the military council conducted airstrikes on 205 days out of 365 days. In 2022, the Military Council committed a total of 339 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average an incident occurred per day. Throughout the year of 2022, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 260 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 85 individuals wounded, while 20 religious buildings, 14 schools, and 7 health infrastructures were destroyed.

During **365 days** from January 2022 to December 2022, incidents of airstrikes



**Total**  
**339**

From January 2022 to December 2022, incidents of airstrikes on average



**At Least**  
**1** per day

Due to airstrikes of the Military Council from January 2022 to December 2022

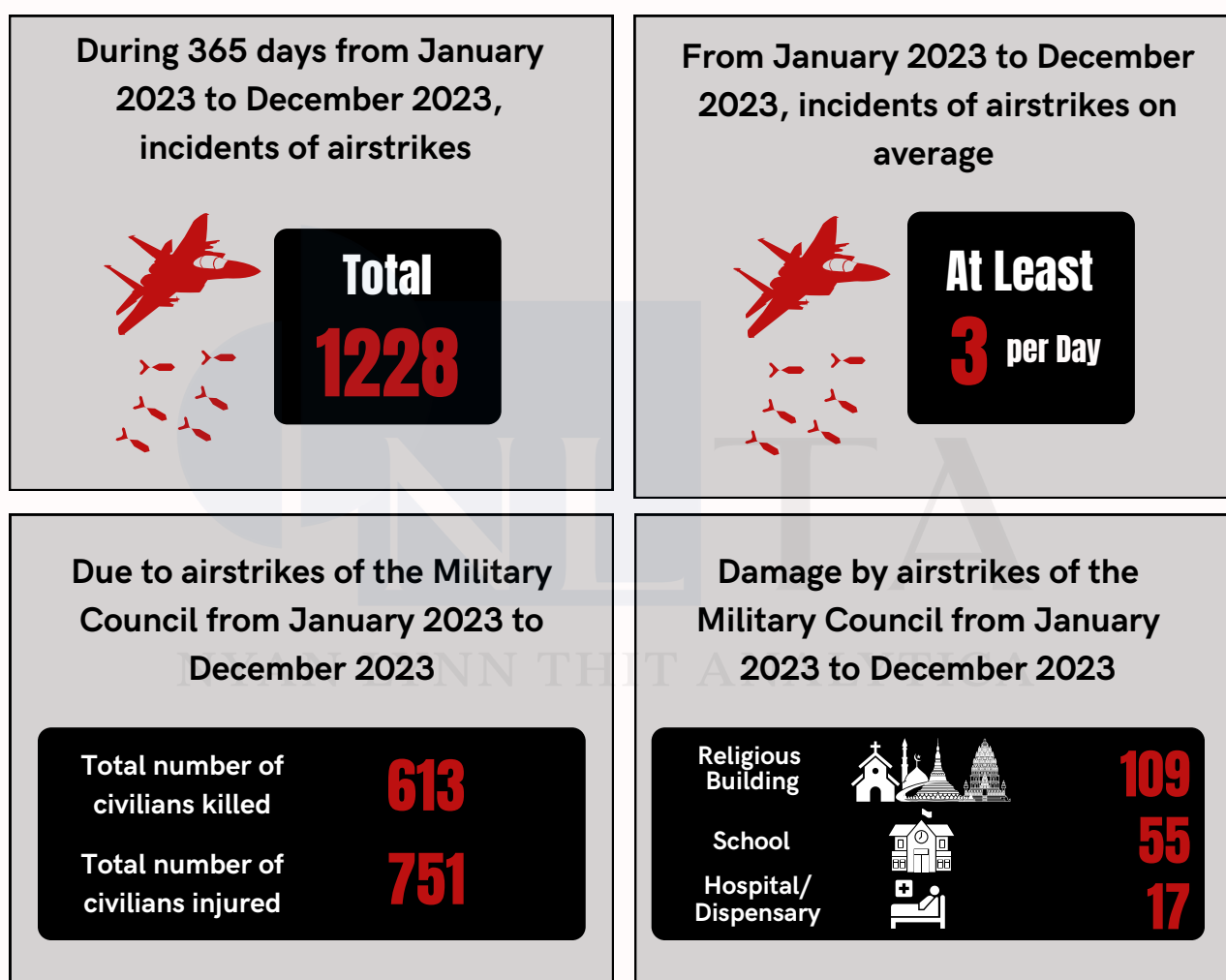
Total number of civilians killed **260**  
Total number of civilians injured **85**

Damage by airstrikes of the Military Council from January 2022 to December 2022

Religious Building		<b>20</b>
School		<b>14</b>
Hospital/Dispensary		<b>7</b>

**Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from January 2022 to December 2022**

During 2023, the military council conducted airstrikes on 308 days out of 365 days, indicating that aerial attacks occurred approximately every day in 2023. The Military Council has committed a total of 1228 incidents of airstrikes, i.e. on average 3 incidents occurred per day. From 2023, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 613 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 751 individuals wounded, while 109 religious buildings, 55 schools, and 17 health infrastructures were destroyed.



**Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council in 2023**

From January 2024 to August 2024, the military council conducted airstrikes on 242 days out of 244 days, indicating that aerial attacks occurred approximately every day. The Military Council carried out a total of 1,639 airstrike incidents, averaging 7 strikes per day over the past 8 months. From January 2024 to August 2024, a series of airstrikes executed by the military council led to the tragic demise of 813 civilians. Moreover, the incident left 1575 individuals wounded, while 111 religious buildings, 66 schools, and 27 health infrastructures were destroyed.



Number of Incidents, Civilian Casualties, Health Infrastructures, Schools, Religious Buildings Damaged by Airstrikes of the Military Council from January 2024 to August 2024.

