

Actor Name	Ideology	Status	Areas of Operation	Affiliations	Modus Operandi & Adversaries
AA: Arakan Army	Arakan Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chin State - Kachin State - Rakhine State - Shan State - Myanmar-Bangladesh Border 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed wing of ULA: United League of Arakan - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance) - NCCT, , , - Allied with KIA - Formerly allied with ABSDF (pre-ceasefire) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battles and Remote violence against Myanmar Security Forces - Battles against Bangladeshi Security Forces - Battles against ALA
ABSDF: All Burma Students' Democratic Front	Liberal democracy	Party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Myanmar-Thailand Border - Myanmar-India Border - Myanmar-China Border 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allied with KIA, AA, KNLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battled against Myanmar Security Forces
AA: Arakan Army (Kayin): Arakan State Army	Arakan Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayin State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of NCCT, ANC - Allied with DKBA-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battles against Myanmar Security Forces
ALA: Arakan Liberation Army <i>(Also known as RSLP: Rakhine State Liberation Party)</i>	Arakan Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rakhine State - Kayin State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed wing of the ALP: Arakan Liberation Party - Member of NCCT, ANC - Allied with AA: Arakan Army (Kayin), KNLA, SSA-S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battled against Myanmar Security Forces - Battled against AA

<p>ARSA: Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army</p> <p><i>(Previously known as Harakah al-Yaqi)</i></p>	Rohingya Ethnic Nationalism; Muslim Extremism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rakhine State - Myanmar-Bangladesh Border 	UNKNOWN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battles against Myanmar Security Forces
<p>CNA: Chin National Army</p>	Chin Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chin State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed wing of the CNF: Chin National Front - Former member of UNFC (pre-ceasefire) - Allied with SSA-S - Member of PPST, UPDJC, JMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battled against Myanmar Security Forces
<p>DKBA: Democratic Karen Buddhist Army</p> <p><i>(Also known as the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association)</i></p>	Karen Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayin State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from KNLA in 1994 - Allied with Myanmar Security Forces as of 1994 - Disbanded & transformed into BGF: Border Guard Forces 1011-1022 in 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battles against KNLA - Fought against DKBA-5
<p>DKBA-5: Democratic Karen Benevolent Army</p> <p><i>(Also known as Klo Htoo Baw Battalion)</i></p>	Karen Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayin State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from DKBA in 2010 - Member of NCCT, PPST, UPDJC - Allied with ASA, KNLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battled against DKBA - Battles against Myanmar Security Forces
<p>KDA: Kachin Defense Army</p>	Kachin Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shan State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from KIA (was originally 4th Brigade) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battled against Myanmar Security Forces

<i>(Also known as Shan State (North) Special Region-5)</i>		state security forces in 2010		- Disbanded & transformed into PMG: People's Militia Group 3-7 in 2010	
KIA: Kachin Independence Army <i>(Also known as Kachin State Special Region-2, KNO: Kachin National Organization)</i>	Kachin Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not part to 2015 ceasefire	- Kachin State - Shan State - Southwest China - Northeast India	- Armed wing of KIO: Kachin Independence Organization - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance) Former member of UNFC - Allied with ABSDF, KNLA, KUKI, SSA-S	- Battles and remote violence against Myanmar Security Forces - Fought against NDA-K - Fought against from the CPB: Communist Part of Burma (pre-dissolution in 1989) -
KNA: Karenni National Army <i>(Also known as KA: Karenni Army)</i>	Karenni Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2012 ceasefire	- Kayah State	- Armed wing of KNPP: Karenni National Progressive Party - Member of UNFC - NCCT, SD, DPN	- Fought against Myanmar Security Forces - Fought against KNPLF
KNA(B): Kuki National Army	Kuki Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	- Myanmar-India Border - Northeast India - Chin State - Saigaing Region	- Armed wing of KNO: Kuki National Organization - Allied with KIA	- Battles against Myanmar Security Forces
KNLA: Karen National Liberation Army	Karen Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	- Kayah State - Kayin State	- Armed wing of the KNU: Karen National Union - Allied with ABSDF, ALA, DKBA-5, SSA-S	- Battles against the MNLA - Fights against Myanmar Security Forces - Fought against DKBA

				- Member of PPST, PPWT/CT, UPDJC, JMC	
KNPLF: Karen National People's Liberation Front <i>(Also known as Kayah State Special Region-2)</i>	Karen Ethnic Nationalism; Communism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2009	- Kayah State	- Split from the KNA in 1974 - Disbanded and transformed into BGF 1004-1005 in 2009	- Fought against KNA
KPF: Karen Peace Force <i>(Also known as Haungtharaw Special Region Peace Group)</i>	Karen Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2009	- Karen State	- Split from KNLA (was originally Battallion 16) - Disbanded and transformed into BGF 1023 in 2010	UNKNOWN
KPC: Karen Peace Council <i>(Also known as Karen Nation Union/ Karen National Liberation Army Peace Council)</i>	Karen Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	- Karen State - Kayah State	- Split from KNLA (was originally 7 th brigade) in 2007 - Member of NCCT	UNKNOWN
LDU: Lahu Democratic Union	Lahu Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	- Shan State	- Member of UNFC, NCCT	UNKNOWN
LMG: Lahu Militia Group <i>(Includes Jakuni Group, Makman Militia & Ja Pikwe Group)</i>	Lahu Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2010	- Shan State	- Disbanded and transformed into BGF 1007-1010 in 2010	UNKNOWN

MNDA: Mon National Defense Army	Mon Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; merged with other armed groups in 2011	- Mon State	- Merged with MNLA in 2011	UNKNOWN
MNDAA: Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army <i>(Also known as the Kokang Army, Shan State (North) Special Region-1)</i>	Kokang Ethnic Nationalism; Communism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	- Shan State (Kokang Zone) - Myanmar-China Border	- Split from the CPB: Communist Part of Burma (post-dissolution in 1989) - Armed wing of KDP: Kokang Democracy Party - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance) Allied with KIA	- Fights against Myanmar Security Forces
MNLA: Mon National Liberation Army	Mon Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	- Mon State	- Armed wing of the NMSP: New Mon State Party - Member of UNFC, NCCT	- Battles against KNLA - Fought against Myanmar Security Forces
MRA: Monland Restoration Army	Mon Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; surrendered to government in 2012	- Mon State	- Split from MNLA/MNDA - Armed wing of the HRP: Hongsawatoi Restoration Party	- Fought against Myanmar Security Forces
NDA-K: National Democratic Army (Kachin) <i>(Also known as Kachin State Special Region-1)</i>	Kachin Ethnic Nationalism; Communism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2009	- Kachin State - Shan State	- Communist faction split from KIA - Formerly allied with CPB: Communist Party of Burma (pre-dissolution in 1989) - Disbanded and transformed into BGF 1001-1003 in 2009	- Fights against KIA

				- Allied with NDAA	
NDAA: National Democratic Alliance Army <i>(Also known as Shan State (East) Special Region- 4, Mongola Group)</i>	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2011 ceasefire	- Myanmar-China Border - Myanmar-Laos Border - Shan State	- Split from the CPB: Communist Party of Burma (post-dissolution in 1989) - Allied with MNDAA, UWSA, NDA-K - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance)	- Fights against Myanmar Security Forces
NSCN-K: National Socialist Council of Nagaland- Khaplang	Naga Ethnic Nationalism; Militant Christianity	Defunct; disbanded after 2012 ceasefire	- Sagaing Region	- Allied with Zomi Revolutionary Army	- Fights against Indian Security Forces - Fights against Myanmar Security Forces
NUPA: National United Party of Arakan	Arakan Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; disbanded after disarmed in 2014	- Rakhine State - Myanmar-Bangladesh Border	- Member of UNFC, ANC	UNKNOWN
PNLA: Pa-O National Liberation Army	Pa-O Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2012 ceasefire	- Shan State - Myanmar-Thailand Border	- Armed wing of the PNLO: Pa-O National Liberation Organisation. - Member of PPST, PPWT, UPJDC, JMC -	- Fought against Myanmar Security Forces
SNA: Shanni Nationalities Army <i>(Also known as Shan State (North) Special Region-3)</i>	Shanni Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; allied with government	- Kachin State	- Split from KIA in 2016 - Allied with SSA-N, Myanmar Security Forces	- Fights against KIA

SSA-N: Shan State Army – North	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2012 ceasefire	- Shan State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed wing of the SSPP: Shan State Progress Party - Member of the UNFC, NCCT - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance) 	- Fights against Myanmar Security Forces
SSA-N (3): Shan State Army -North (Brigade 3) (Also known as Hseng Kaew People's Militia Group)	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2010	- Shan State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from SSA-N - Disbanded and transformed into PMG 8-10 in 2010 	UNKNOWN
SSA-N (7): Shan State Army -North (Brigade 7)	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2010	- Shan State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from SSA-N - Disbanded and transformed into PMG 11 in 2010 	UNKNOWN
SSA-S: Shan State Army – South	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shan State - Myanmar-China Border - Myanmar-Thailand Border 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed wing of RCSS: Restoration Council of Shan State - Allied with ALA, CNA, KIA, KNLA, KNA - Member of PPST, PPWT/CT, UPDJC, JMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battles against TNLA - Battles against Myanmar Security Forces - Fights against UWSA
SSA-S (758): Shan State Army - South (Brigade 758)	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; integrated with state security forces in 2009	- Shan State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split from SSA-S - Disbanded and transformed into PMG 12-13 in 2010 	UNKNOWN

SSNA: Shan State National Army	Shan Ethnic Nationalism	Defunct; merged with other armed groups in 2005	- Shan State	- Merged with SSA-S in 2005	- Fought against UWSA
SRA: Zomi Revolutionary Army	Zomi Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	- Chin State - Myanmar-India Border	- Allied with NSCN-K	- Fights against Myanmar Security Forces - Fights against Bangaldeshi Security Forces - Fights against Indian Security Forces
TNLA: Ta'ang National Liberation Army	Ta'ang Ethnic Nationalism	Active combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	- Shan State	- Armed wing of the PSLF: Palaung State Liberation Front - Former Member of UNFC - Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance) - Allied with AA, KIA, MNDAA, SSA-N	- Fights against SSA-S - Battles and remote violence against Myanmar Security Forces
UWSA: United Wa State Army	Wa Ethnic Nationalism	Party to 2015 ceasefire	- Shan State - Myanmar-Thailand Border - Myanmar-China Border	- Split from the CPB: Communist Part of Burma (post-dissolution in 1989) - Armed wing of the UWSP: United Wa State Party Member of FPNCC (Northern Alliance)	- Occasionally clashes with Myanmar Security Forces
WNA: Wa National Army	Wa Ethnic Nationalism	Non-combatant; not party to 2015 ceasefire	- Shan State	- Armed wing of the WNO: Wa National Organization - Member of UNFC	UNKNOWN

			- Myanmar-Thailand Border		
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*** Where group exists as an armed wing of a broader political group, only armed group name is listed.*

*** Does not include groups defunct, incorporated into other groups, disarmed, or incorporated into the government prior to 2005.*

*** Does not include government groups except in instances of non-state groups incorporated into the government after 2005.*

*** Non-state armed groups only.*