

Arakan Army

Not to be confused with the Arakan Army (Kayin State) and the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army.

Arakha Army

Leaders	Twan Mrat Naing ^[1] Nyo Twan Aung ^[2]
Spokesperson	Khine Thu Kha
Dates of operation	10 April 2009 – present
Headquarters	Laiza , Kachin State (currently) Mrauk-U , Rakhine State (planned)
Active regions	Chin State , ^[3] Kachin State , Rakhine State , Shan State , Bangladesh–Myanmar border
Ideology	Arakan self-determination
Status	Active
Size	20,000+35,000 ^[4]
Part of	United League of Arakan (Arakan Army Assistant(AAA)) Northern Alliance ^[5] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kachin Independence ArmyMyanmar National Democratic Alliance ArmyTa'ang National Liberation Army
Allies	Other allies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">All Burma Students' Democratic Front^[6]United Wa State ArmyJapanChina (alleged by India)^[7] Myanmar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tatmadaw
Opponents	Bangladesh India Non-state opponents: Arakan Liberation Army Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army
Battles and wars	

Internal conflict in Myanmar

- [Kachin conflict](#)
- [2015 Kokang offensive](#)
- [2015 Bangladesh–Arakan Army border clash](#)
- [2016 Muse offensive](#)
- [2019–2021 Northern Rakhine State clashes](#)

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The **Arakha Army** ([Burmese](#): ; [abbreviated AA](#)) is an insurgent group based in [Rakhine State](#) ([Arakan](#)). Founded on 10 April 2009, the AA is the armed wing of the [United League of Arakan \(ULA\)](#). It is currently led by commander in chief [Major General Twan Mrat Naing](#) and vice deputy commander [Brigadier General Nyo Twan Awng](#).^[1]

The AA has been fighting alongside the [Kachin Independence Army](#) (KIA) against the [Tatmadaw](#) (Myanmar Armed Forces) in the [Kachin conflict](#). Most AA soldiers were originally trained at the KIA Military Academy. Since 2014, the AA has set up its own training camps in [Rakhine State](#). According to the Myanmar Peace Monitor, the AA had more than 1,500 troops in 2014,^[8] including personnel stationed in the Rakhine State near Myanmar's border with Bangladesh.^{[9][10][11]} [The Irrawaddy](#) stated in September 2015 that the AA had more than 2,500 troops and 10,000 personnel in their civilian wing.^[12] In June 2020, the AA chief claimed that the group has more than 20,000 soldiers.

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