

# Border Trade Disrupted by Asian Highway Closure

The Myawaddy–Kawkareik section of Asian Highway 1—a key trade route between Myanmar and Thailand—remains closed. This disruption has led to an estimated loss of **nearly USD 721.96 million** in trade (based on a comparison of the first six months of 2023 and 2024). With the main road blocked, transport has been rerouted through a rural path across the Dawna Range. Along the Myawaddy–Hpa An road, control of border trade checkpoints is fragmented: two stations remain under State Administration Council (SAC) partial control, while **over 22 checkpoints** are controlled by Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) and Border Guard Forces (BGF).

