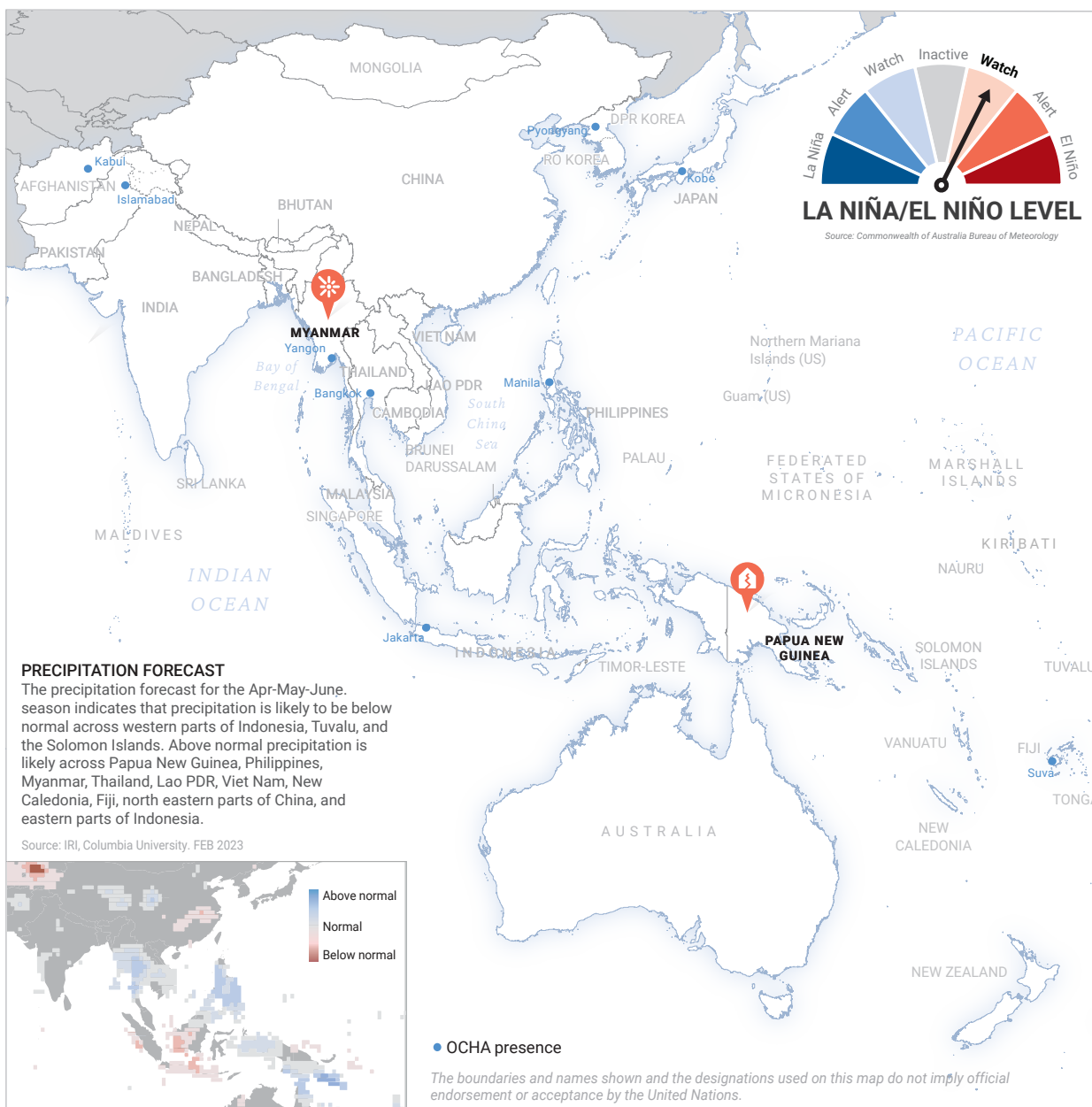


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Conflict involving artillery fire and frequent airstrikes continued in multiple states and regions during the reporting period. In Kachin, there were airstrikes in Hpakant Township, explosions in Mohnyin Township and military operations including civilian arrests in many villages in Hpakant, Shwegue and Sumprabum townships in March. Consequently, more than 1,300 people from several villages in Shwegu Township in Kachin were displaced in early March and are being hosted in 10 displacement sites and forest areas in the same township. Newly displaced people reportedly require food, shelter and other essential relief items and humanitarian partners are working to respond to their needs.

As of 27 March 2023, almost 1.8 million people remained displaced across the country, according to the latest UN figures. This includes more than 1.4 million people displaced since the military takeover.¹



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 at a depth of 63 km struck in the Chambri Lake area in East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea on 3 April. Aftershocks continue to be experienced. Unconfirmed news reports currently tally 4 deaths, 17 injuries and 300 homes destroyed. The East Sepik Provincial Disaster Coordinator has organized inter-agency teams to conduct rapid assessments in the affected areas, which are remote and hard-to-reach. Samaritan Aviation and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are also participating in the assessments.²