



## Myanmar Situation Update (12 - 18 July 2021)

### Summary

Myanmar detained State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint and former Naypyitaw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung appeared at a special court in Naypyitaw's Zabuthiri township for their trial for incitement under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code. The junta filed fresh charges against Suu Kyi, bringing the number of cases she faces to ten with a potential prison sentence of 75 years. The next court hearings of their trial have been moved to July 26 and 27, following the junta's designation of a week-long public holiday and lockdown order.

Senior National League for Democracy (NLD) patron Win Htein was indicted on a sedition charge by a court inside a Naypyitaw detention center with a possible prison sentence of up to 20 years. The state-run MRTV also reported the Anti-Corruption Commission (AAC) made a complaint against the former Chief Minister of Shan State, three former state ministers, and three people under the anti-corruption law at Taunggyi Township police station while the junta has already filed corruption cases against many former State Chief Ministers under the NLD government.

During the press conference on 12 July 2021 in Naypyitaw, the junta-appointed Union Election Commission (UEC) announced that 11,305,390 voter list errors were found from the investigation conducted by the UEC. The UEC also said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is investigating foreign funding of political parties and the investigation reports will be published soon with legal actions to be taken against the parties who violate the law. On the other hand, the UEC said it has received 18 papers related to the introduction of the proportional representation electoral system and this will be further discussed during the next meeting with political parties as they are planning to conduct meetings with political parties quarterly. The next meeting will be conducted at the end of August. The UEC also posted an article on social media on the PR system as an attempt to justify the idea of introducing a PR system to its electoral system<sup>1</sup>.

As the third wave of COVID-19 hit the country, Asia Times reported that public health experts in Myanmar predicted that 50% of Myanmar's 55 million people will be infected within three weeks by either the Alpha or Delta variant of COVID-19 and the population will be decimated by at least 10-15 million by the time COVID-19 is done with Myanmar<sup>2</sup>. In response to the criticism that the junta-imposed restrictions on

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/uecmyanmar/posts/3944751485650520>

<sup>2</sup> <https://asiatimes.com/2021/07/everyone-is-dying-myanmar-on-the-brink-of-decimation/>

private oxygen plants ordering not to refill cylinders for individuals, the junta spokesman said “people are doing it unnecessarily”. Media also reported that Yangon’s Yeway Cemetery saw a steady stream of ambulances carrying bodies to funerals from the morning hours. The same scenes are being observed at the city’s other three burial sites<sup>3</sup>.

The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar also accused Myanmar’s junta of “weaponizing” the COVID-19 crisis by blocking civil society organizations and humanitarian groups from providing aid “for millions of people as a massive third wave of COVID-19 sweeps the country.”

The UN Child Rights Committee (CRC) has warned that children’s rights in Myanmar are facing an onslaught that risks leaving an entire generation damaged. Since the military coup, 75 children have been killed, about 1,000 arbitrarily detained and countless more deprived of essential medical care and education in Myanmar, according to credible information obtained by the Committee. The Committee called for immediate action to bring about a peaceful solution to the crisis and urged Myanmar to uphold its obligations under the Convention to protect and promote children’s rights to the utmost degree<sup>4</sup>.

Myanmar's junta-appointed foreign minister, Wunna Maung Lwin, joined foreign ministers meeting of the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) and US and replied to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken remarks on Myanmar by saying that his government is doing its best to implement what was agreed to at the ASEAN summit. The junta also rejected the UN Human Rights Council resolution calling for reconciliation with the persecuted Rohingya minority, slamming "one-sided allegations" over its treatment of the stateless community.

American journalist Danny Fenster, managing editor of Frontier Myanmar, appeared in another virtual court trial as he faces allegations of working to foment dissent against the country’s military government and he has informed his lawyer that he had been infected with COVID-19. Out of 87 journalists arrested by Myanmar’s junta in the five months since the coup, 43 domestic and international reporters remain in detention.

The junta established a new drafting committee with a mandate to change an old draft “hate speech” bill first developed by the USDP government and then re-drafted by the NLD. It included much broader political “crimes” which is another sign of the junta’s intention to restrict freedom of expression in the long term, according to the Free Expression Myanmar (FEM).

Protests continue in different parts of Myanmar despite the crackdown by the junta. The clashes between the junta forces and the civil resistance fighters or Ethnic Armed Organizations also emerged across Myanmar particularly in Shan, Karen, Kachin, Mon, Kayah States and Sagaing, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/crematoriums-overflow-in-myanmars-biggest-city-as-COVID-deaths-spike>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27318&LangID=E&>

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 20 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 13 people were injured and 2 were killed<sup>5</sup>.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 17 July, 914 people have been killed by the junta. 5,291 people are currently under detention and 254 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,963 are evading arrest warrants.

### Colour Code and its Categories

Political updates	Repression by the junta	International community	CRFs and EAOs	Humanitarian situation	Media	Other

### Timeline of events

12 July
<p>Myanmar's detained State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi appeared at a special court in Naypyitaw and the Major Win Htut Oo, who led the raid on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's residence, testified at the trial that the military found walkie-talkies on the premises, but they did not have a search warrant when they searched the State Counselor's house and compound. He also testified that there was no security personnel were present at the compound when they enter at 4.00 am<sup>6</sup>.</p> <p>Detained central executive committee (CEC) member of the National League for Democracy (NLD), U Nyan Win is in intensive care at Yangon General Hospital with COVID-19, according to his lawyer. He was charged with sedition under Article 505(b) of the Penal Code<sup>7</sup>.</p> <p>Major General Zaw Min Tun, spokesman for the Military Council, urged people to pay electricity and act like good citizens, speaking at a news conference in Naypyidaw on July 12<sup>8</sup>. He also admitted that it was not able to handle the increasing number of COVID-19 infections or provide security for military-appointed administrators<sup>9</sup>.</p> <p>During the press conference in Naypyitaw, the junta appointed Union Election Commission announced that 11,305,390 voter registration errors found out from the investigation conducted that UEC has published earlier in the state newspapers. Also, the UEC said that upon a request by</p>

<sup>5</sup> Annexure I

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/no-security-present-when-myanmar-military-raided-daw-aung-san>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/detained-nld-legal-chief-in-intensive-care-with-COVID-19.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/military-council-urges-people-pay-electricity-bills-and-be-good-citizens>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-says-it-cant-cope-with-rising-COVID-19-cases.html>

	<p>the UEC, the Ministry of foreign affairs is investigating the foreign funding to the political parties and the investigation reports will be published soon. UEC has received 18 papers related to the PR system and this will be further discussed during the next meeting with political parties as they are planning to conduct meetings with political parties on a quarterly basis. The next meeting will be conducted at the end of August.</p> <p>The Ministries of the NUG met civil society organizations on 12 July and obtained recommendations as to the Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights<sup>10</sup>.</p>
	<p>Junta soldiers fired into the air to disperse the crowds queuing for Oxygen cylinders in South Dagon Township, Yangon. They also shot a person who fled with an Oxygen cylinder on a motorcycle according to witnesses<sup>11</sup>.</p> <p>Locals in the Sagaing Region township of Kani discovered the disfigured bodies of 15 men in a forest after soldiers detained a group of residents from nearby villages<sup>12</sup>.</p> <p>Junta arrested a Lower House lawmaker from the National League for Democracy (NLD) and his wife, accusing him of leading a township civilian defense force<sup>13</sup>.</p>
	<p>The UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution condemning human rights violations by Myanmar's junta against the Rohingya and other minorities and called for a process of reconciliation<sup>14</sup>.</p>
	<p>At least seven junta soldiers died during an all-day battle with the Karenni Army (KA), which is the armed wing of the Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) near Loilen Lay in Loikaw, Kayah State, claimed the KNPP's Karenni Information Center (KnIC). Around 1,000 villagers fled their homes to avoid the violence<sup>15</sup>.</p> <p>A police truck was triggered by a landmine between Hpakant and Sai Taung village, severely injuring around 10 officers. A resident said there might have been deaths<sup>16</sup>.</p>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/147211850832788>

<sup>11</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/soldiers-fired-air-disperse-crowds-queuing-oxygen-yangon>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/locals-find-bodies-in-forest-after-15-men-massacred-in-sagaing-region>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-arrests-nld-lawmaker-and-his-wife-in-yangon.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://undocs.org/A/HRC/47/L.11>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-troops-die-in-kayah-state-clashes.html>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4589095961135225>

There was a fighting between junta's troops and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), Kokang Army, in Mong Koe township of Muse, Shan State on Monday. At least 7 junta's troops died and 18 injured<sup>17</sup>.

Shan State Federal Force SSLP/SSSF declared war against the junta leader and all of his accomplices in the military junta<sup>18</sup>.

Telenor CEO Mr Sigve Brekke said the company had been forced to sell due to concerns over employee safety and the difficulties it faced upholding good business practices under the junta. And M1 Group offered 'best solution' for Telenor users, according to him<sup>19</sup>.

464 civil society organisations across Myanmar called on Telenor to cancel the sale of Myanmar business to M1 Group<sup>20</sup>.

### 13 July

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint and Dr. Myo Aung, the former Naypyitaw Council Chairman, appeared at a special court in Naypyitaw's Zabuthiri Township for their trial for incitement under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code. Junta filed the fresh charges against the ousted State Counselor bringing the number of cases she faces to ten and facing a potential prison sentence of 75 years<sup>21</sup>.

According to state media, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the military junta has sent another letter to the U.S to transfer U Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations, who has been issued a warrant as a national traitor<sup>22</sup>.

The NUG Ministry of Human Rights has issued a statement regarding measures in response to the third wave of COVID-19 and warned the junta to stop harassing health care organisations immediately and ensure that health care services are delivered to the people<sup>23</sup>.

Wife and daughter of a local protest leader from Mogok in Mandalay Region have both been sentenced to three years in prison for incitement<sup>24</sup>.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1249883138782363>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4308062199215587>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/m1-group-offers-best-solution-for-telenor-users-says-ceo-brekke/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/csos-calls-telenor-cancel-sale-myanmar-business-m1-group?>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/aung-san-suu-kyi-faces-75-years-in-prison-as-myanmar-junta-brings>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/4947674668581622>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/147933740760599>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/wife-and-daughter-of-anti-regime-activist-get-three-year-prison->

	<p>Japan will extend \$5.8 million in emergency humanitarian aid to Myanmar. The aid, to be delivered through UN agencies such as the World Food Program and the United Nations Children's Fund, is expected to cover supplies for some 136,000 people affected in the southeastern part of Myanmar near the Thai border<sup>25</sup>.</p>
	<p>An ex-military official was shot dead in his house in Mogok, Mandalay region, found dead whose hands were tied with rope<sup>26</sup>.</p>
	<p>At least 10,000 people in Kani Township, Yinmabin District, Sagaing Region, have fled to escape fighting and they are still in need of food and medicine, according to local sources<sup>27</sup>.</p>
	<p>More than 220 students have caught coronavirus in Maijayang, a town controlled by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) on the Chinese border in Kachin State. There are some 2,000 school students in Maijayang, and all the schools have been closed, said KIA information officer Colonel Naw Bu<sup>28</sup>.</p> <p>A total of 13 more townships have been imposed "Stay at home" order bringing the total number of townships to 74 in COVID-19 third wave period, according to figures from junta control Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS)<sup>29</sup>.</p>
<p><b>14 July</b></p>	
	<p>Junta announced Nationwide Lockdown from 26 July in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19 amid a surge in infections and deaths in the country. It said that July 17 to 25 will all be official public holidays<sup>30</sup>.</p> <p>Myanmar's junta-appointed foreign minister, Wunna Maung Lwin, joined foreign ministers meeting from the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) and replied to Blinken's remarks by saying that his government is doing its best to implement what was agreed to at the ASEAN summit<sup>31</sup>.</p> <p>Myanmar's junta rejected a UN Human Rights Council resolution calling for reconciliation with the persecuted Rohingya minority, slamming "one-sided allegations" over its treatment of the stateless community<sup>32</sup>.</p>

<sup>25</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/japan-to-extend-58-million-in-humanitarian-aid-for-crisis-hit-myanmar>

<sup>26</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475051?>

<sup>27</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/at-least-10000-flee-their-villages-in-kani-in-need-of-food-medicine>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/COVID-19-spreads-among-students-in-kachin-independence-army>

<sup>29</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/mohs-imposes-stay-at-home-order-in-74-townships-on-july-13>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-announces-nationwide-lockdown-next-week-as-COVID>

<sup>31</sup> <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/07/a265bf977bfa-update1-us-raps-china-at-asean-meeting-for>

<sup>32</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-slams-un-rohingya-resolution>

The media reported that the Junta-appointed authorities in Yangon have ordered local administrators in the city to resume late-night inspections of homes suspected of having unregistered guests<sup>33</sup>.

The junta has ordered private oxygen plants not to refill cylinders for individuals as many victims of COVID-19 are dying as a result and charities are struggling to help patients<sup>34</sup>.

Addressing a video conference with foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN), U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States has "deep concerns" about the situation in Myanmar and urged ASEAN to take "immediate action" on the consensus and appoint a special envoy to Myanmar, asked for the release of all those "unjustly detained" in the country, and the restoration of Myanmar's democratic transition<sup>35</sup>.

An Israeli Canadian lobbyist hired by Myanmar's ruling military leaders to represent them in Washington and other capitals said that it has stopped the work with the generals due to sanctions prevented him from being paid<sup>36</sup>.

China shut the land border last week saying the trade suspension would not apply to medical equipment, but traders said they are unable to import anything including desperately needed medical supplies through the Muse border gate<sup>37</sup>.

Myanmar was set to receive six million COVID-19 vaccines from China by August, an official from the State Administration Council said Wednesday, as cases surge across the country<sup>38</sup>.

A junta's appointed ward administrator was killed by a gunshot while she was distributing face masks and hand sanitisers near a marketplace in Aung Chanthar Ward of Myitngel town in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region<sup>39</sup>.

The Karen National Defence Organization (KNDO) made an announcement denying a rumour spreading online about an assassination plot of leaders of the Karen National Union (KNU), saying which was the baseless accusation, divisive scheme by the military junta to disunite Karen people<sup>40</sup>.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/regime-aims-to-resume-late-night-household-inspections>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-accused-of-restricting-oxygen-supplies.html>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/blinken-calls-southeast-asian-nations-take-action-myanmar-2021-07>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-army-rulers-lobbyist-us-ceases-efforts-lack-pay-2021-07>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/myanmar-unable-to-import-badly-needed-medical-supplies-via-border>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/myanmar-to-receive-6-million-COVID-19-vaccine-doses-from-china/>

<sup>39</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/junta-appointed-ward-administrator-mandalay-shot-dead-while-distributing-face>

<sup>40</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/kndo-accuses-junta-hatching-divisive-scheme-disunite-karen-people>

<p>Former parliamentary representative from the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and another man were shot and stabbed to death in Myaung Township, Sagaing Region according to local sources<sup>41</sup>.</p> <p>Shanni Nationalities Army (SNA) attacked the junta's ship which was supposed to be carrying jade near Lan Pal village of Homalin township, Sagaing Region. There were no injuries on either side, according to the spokesperson of SNA<sup>42</sup>.</p> <p>An ultra-nationalist as well as Pyusawtee member and junta's informant was shot dead in South Dagon township, Yangon<sup>43</sup>.</p> <p>Kachin Independence Army (KIA) ambushed the junta's troops who were marching to Hpa-Kant township, Kachin State on Wednesday. At least 15 junta troops died, according to locals<sup>44</sup>.</p>
<p>Thousands of people displaced by conflict in Rakhine State were facing shortages of food, masks and hand sanitiser at a camp in Mrauk-U that went into lockdown on Wednesday after a woman living there tested positive for COVID-19<sup>45</sup>.</p>
<p>Travellers from Myanmar barred from entering Singapore from July 15 given a rise in COVID-19 cases there, said the Ministry of Health (MOH)<sup>46</sup>.</p>
<p><b>15 July</b></p>
<p>Human rights groups - Human Rights Now, Human Rights Watch, Japan International Volunteer Center, Justice for Myanmar, and Mekong Watch called for Japan to cancel a real estate project involving Myanmar's junta, saying the project is linked to the military, which has waged a deadly crackdown since the February 1 coup<sup>47</sup>.</p> <p>The Singapore Embassy in Yangon called on Singaporeans to "leave Myanmar as soon as they can by the regular relief flights and the Embassy cannot guarantee that the relief flights will continue on a regular basis, or that travellers will be able to leave the country freely on their desired dates of travel," it said<sup>48</sup>.</p>

<sup>41</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/two-men-including-ex-mp-from-usdp-shot-dead-in-myaung>

<sup>42</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475290?>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4570326676335535>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1937117533112905>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/fear-of-food-shortages-as-displacement-camp-in-rakhine-goes-into>

<sup>46</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/travellers-from-myanmar-barred-from-entering-singapore-from-july-15>

<sup>47</sup> [https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/rights-groups-urge-japan-stop-real-estate-project-myanmar-2021-](https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/rights-groups-urge-japan-stop-real-estate-project-myanmar-2021-07)

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<sup>48</sup> <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singaporeans-advised-leave-myanmar-while-still-possible>

	<p>According to the statement from Kalay People’s Defence Force, there was fighting with junta’s troops as they raided the northern part of Kalay township. At least 17 junta and 2 PDF members died during the fights<sup>49</sup>.</p> <p>Fight between Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and junt’s troops continuously fierced in Hpa-Kant of Kachin State. 6 civilians were injured due to the shelling of heavy artillery into the village, by the junta forcers according to the locals<sup>50</sup>.</p> <p>Junta’s appointed administrator was shot dead in Watlat of Sagaing State<sup>51</sup>.</p>
	<p>Aid workers reported that more than 700 refugees from Kayah state are in dire need of assistance after fleeing fierce fighting between junta troops and a branch of the Karenni National Defense Force (KNDF) militia formed to protect them from junta’s offensives<sup>52</sup>.</p>
	<p>An American journalist Danny Fenster, managing editor of the Frontier Myanmar, detained in Myanmar since May appeared in another virtual court trial on Thursday as he faces allegations of working to foment dissent against the country’s military government<sup>53</sup>. He told his lawyer that he had been infected with COVID-19<sup>54</sup>.</p> <p>Nearly half of the 87 journalists arrested by Myanmar’s junta in the five months since the coup remained in detention, mostly on charges of defamation, prompting their colleagues, family members, and media watchdogs to call for their immediate release Thursday<sup>55</sup>.</p>
	<p>Youth volunteers rejected the junta's request to call volunteers to take part in COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, saying they don’t have any plan to work under junta<sup>56</sup>.</p> <p>Around 6,000 Myanmar migrant workers who have been quarantined in Kyal Gaung township at Myanmar-China border were forced to return to factories if they couldn’t pay the expense for the quarantine<sup>57</sup>.</p>
<p><b>16 July</b></p>	

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/129946705951722>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/367413011444893>

<sup>51</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475471>

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/border-07152021203804.html>

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/american-journalist-remains-jailed-myanmar-after-court-appearance>

<sup>54</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=194862822649758&id=105480538254654](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=194862822649758&id=105480538254654)

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/media-07152021204940.html>

<sup>56</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475409?fbclid=IwAR0-YljiFsPfsdt6w3Jj7iA-bk9U7mc1znk-XvVKtsV2rEBu72JAeM4gK1Y>

<sup>57</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/880600109208330>

Senior National League for Democracy (NLD) patron Win Htein was indicted on a sedition charge by a court inside a Naypyitaw detention centre facing up to 20 years in prison if convicted, according to his lawyer<sup>58</sup>.

The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar, a group of independent international experts, accused Myanmar's junta of "weaponizing" the COVID-19 crisis by blocking civil society organizations and humanitarian groups from providing aid "for millions of people as a massive third wave of COVID-19 sweeps the country."<sup>59</sup>

The People's Party urged the military junta to release health-care personnel who have been in detention without exception, withdraw charges against them, and let them work freely at public hospitals and also in private clinics, hospitals and organizations for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19<sup>60</sup>.

The central executive member of National League of Democracy (NLD), Han Thar Myint, has been transferred to the Yangon General Hospital from Insein prison as he has been infected with COVID 19 and his oxygen level is lower than 85 in the prison, according to the family member<sup>61</sup>.

At least six people were arrested when junta forces carried out a crackdown on anti-regime protesters in Yangon's Tamwe Township<sup>62</sup>.

Media reported that two children, aged 12 and 15, who are among the seven villagers from Ohn Pin Chan in Mandalay Region's Sintgaing Township who have been detained at the township's police station since July 6, were charged with violating the Explosive Substances Act, and face at least five years in prison if convicted<sup>63</sup>.

A five-year-old girl who was hit in the head by shrapnel in Kalay, Sagaing Region after a shelling by the junta in early July paralyzed as they have been unable to secure necessary treatment for the child, said the family member<sup>64</sup>.

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/win-htein-indicted-on-sedition-charge>

<sup>59</sup> <https://specialadvisorycouncil.org/2021/07/the-people-of-myanmar-need-urgent-assistance-as-the-junta-weapon>

<sup>60</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/peoplepartyHQ/posts/1737348399804180>

<sup>61</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475831>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4599935950051226>

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/two-children-charged-with-harboring-explosives-in-sintgaing>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/five-year-old-girl-paralysed-by-untreated-shrapnel-injury-after-military>

Detained Yangon Chief Minister, Phyo Min Thein and his wife have been infected with COVID-19 and he has been admitted to Mingaladon military hospital urgently on Friday as he became unconscious<sup>65</sup>.

Junta's court sentenced 6 Arakenese Army's members who were arrested with weapons and explosive materials in Mandalay, with long-term imprisonment and hard labour via virtual court hearing<sup>66</sup>.

According to the volunteers, the junta's troops pointed with guns, rejected the patients on trying to be admitted to the hospital and ordered the ambulances to turn back at the entrance in North Okkalapa General Hospital even though they have all the required documents<sup>67</sup>.

Junta's soldiers killed the father of a regional Hluttaw representative in Sinbaungwe Township, Magway Region by several gunshots as they failed to arrest the MP<sup>68</sup>.

The Sangai Express, a newspaper based in Manipur, India, reported that Chin National Army (CNA) cadres have been giving arms training to Myanmar civilians to fight against the junta at the former's "liberated area" called Camp Victoria on the banks of the Mizoram-Myanmar border river Tiau<sup>69</sup>.

According to the statement from Kalay People's Defence Force, fighting restarted with junta's troops. 8 junta troops died, and 6 PDF members were injured due to the fighting. Junta forcers also used heavy artillery shelling against PDF<sup>70</sup>.

There was a fighting between junta's troop and Karenni Nationalities Defense Force (KNDF) together with the Karenni Army (KA) near Nang Pe village of Bawlake township, Kayah State. Villagers from Nang Pe village fled due to the fighting<sup>71</sup>.

Karen National Union (KNU) clashed with junta's troops near Bakkar village of Kyaik Hto township, Mon State. 3 junta's troops died and 1 was injured. In response, the junta shelled artillery randomly into the village, 5 villagers were injured including a 13 year old boy<sup>72</sup>.

According to information received, on 21 May 2021 the junta established a new drafting committee with a mandate to change an old draft "hate speech" bill first developed by the USDP government

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/rfaburmese/posts/10161235683243128>

<sup>66</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475632?>

<sup>67</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475797>

<sup>68</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/junta-soldiers-kill-father-regional-mp-sinbaungwe-township>

<sup>69</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/civilians-seek-training-chin-state>

<sup>70</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/130292619250464>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1938554169635908>

<sup>72</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475714>

	<p>and then re-written by the NLD. It included much broader political “crimes” which is another sign of the junta’s intention to restrict freedom of expression in the long term<sup>73</sup>.</p>
	<p>Yangon struggled with the crematorium quota system as officials have requested a quota system township by township and the rising death toll in the third wave of COVID-19 in Myanmar has increased putting further pressure on crematoriums<sup>74</sup>.</p> <p>Two bowsers carrying 20 metric tons each of liquid oxygen arrived in the city of Yangon for people’s hospitals and COVID centers on July 15 and 16 respectively while 26 more bowsers are due to arrive within days, according to junta’s information sources released on July 16<sup>75</sup>.</p>
<b>17 July</b>	
	<p>Next week’s court hearings of detained State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s trials have been moved to July 26 and 27, following the Myanmar junta’s designation of a weeklong public holiday and Lockdown order<sup>76</sup>.</p> <p>Myanmar National Unity Government (NUG) will work to provide help during the third wave of COVID-19, said by Dr. Win Myat Aye, the union minister for the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management of NUG<sup>77</sup>.</p> <p>The Anti-Corruption Commission (AAC) made a complaint against the former Chief Minister of Shan State, three former state ministers and three people under anti-Corruption Law at Taunggyi Township police station, according to a report from MRTV<sup>78</sup>.</p>
	<p>According to the locals, 4 civilian youths were shot dead by the junta’s troops without any reasons as they fled while the junta raided the Seik Khon village of Shwebo, Sagaing State<sup>79</sup>.</p>
	<p>There was a fighting between Mingin People Defense Force and Pyusawtee’s members near Kyarpin village of Mingin, Sagaing State on Saturday. 4 Pyusawtee’s members died and 1 was severely wounded<sup>80</sup>.</p>

<sup>73</sup> <https://freeexpressionmyanmar.org/hate-speech-committee-threatens-more-censorship/>

<sup>74</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/yangon-struggles-crematorium-quota-system>

<sup>75</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/two-liquid-oxygen-trucks-arrive-in-yangon-26-more-to-come>

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4602733413104813>

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-nug-works-provide-help-during-third-wave-COVID-19?>

<sup>78</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/shan-chief-three-state-ministers-and-three-people-charged-under-anti-corrup>

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1249898535447490>

<sup>80</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/475840>

	<p>There was a fighting between the Karen National Union (KNU) and border guard forces backed by the junta, near Tagaungbo village tract of Hpa-An, Karen State on Saturday. 2 BGF were severely wounded<sup>81</sup>.</p>
	<p>Liquid oxygen bowsers containing 3000 ton (40 liters oxygen cylinders-75000) of oxygen bought from China will be arrived in Mandalay by Fund Finding Committee for Public Health &amp; Urban Development Assistance, which will be sent to Mandalay Hospital's liquid oxygen storage tank and directly given to patients through pipelines at the patients' beds according to the committee<sup>82</sup>.</p>
<p><b>18 July</b></p>	
	<p>The National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG) called to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the International Community and to all the people of good will to act for the people of Myanmar in these desperate times as Myanmar will likely become the nexus for the regional spread of COVID - 19, potentially including new variants and Myanmar's crisis is on the cusp of becoming the resurgent regional and global health crisis<sup>83</sup>.</p>
	<p>Chairman of USDP's Phayarthonesu was shot dead, and his 2 friends were injured along with him in Kyar Inn Seikgyi township of Karen State<sup>84</sup>.</p> <p>In 4 villages of Shwebo township, there was fighting between junt's troops and People Defense Forces (PDF). Hundreds of villagers fled as the junta shelled heavy artillery into the villages<sup>85</sup>.</p> <p>Battle was fought between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the junta's troops near Mawtaung village of Muse township, Northern Shan State on Sunday<sup>86</sup>.</p> <p>Fighting broke out between the Kokang Army (MNDA) and the junta soldiers killed seven soldiers from junta and confiscated large quantities of ammunition in Mong Koe, Muse township<sup>87</sup>.</p>
	<p>Kanni People Defense Forces claimed that junt's troops brutally tortured and murdered 16 IDPs from Kani township, Sagaing Region. It said that bodies were found scattered near Kani and Khone Thar village and most of them were men<sup>88</sup>.</p>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4580538355314367>

<sup>82</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/liquid-oxygen-bowers-bought-from-china-arrive-in-mandalay-today>

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/151229683764338>

<sup>84</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/KICNewsPage/posts/1730683033783177>

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4580558041979065>

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/995030921313039>

<sup>87</sup> <https://web.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1249883138782363>

<sup>88</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=196400622495978&id=105480538254654](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=196400622495978&id=105480538254654)

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**Annexure I:**  
**Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 12 - 18 July 2021**

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
12 July	Yangon Sagaing	A blast was reported in the Insein electricity supply cooperative office. 2 blasts occurred in Katha USDP office and 7 ward administrative office of Sagaing.	Voice of Myanmar Khit Thit
13 July	Bago Mandalay Kayah	2 blasts were reported in the ward administrative office and one blast was reported in the junta's base camp stationed in No (7) B.E.H.S in Bago. There were injuries which couldn't be identified. A blast occurred on a junta's truck in Myingyan, at least 3 were injured and casualties were unknown, according to the witness. There were 2 bomb explosions at the Loikaw District police office and the electricity department. Reportedly, two members of the military junta were injured in the incident.	Myanmar Now Myanmar Now Mizzima
14 July	Mandalay Shan Mandalay	At least 3 blasts occurred in the Mandalay's Municipal Office of Chan Mya Tharzi township. There was a bomb explosion near the Yan Aung store on the opposite side of the electricity department of Taungyii on Wednesday evening. Reportedly, a person was injured, and a car was damaged in the incident. A blast was reported in Kyaukse electricity support cooperation office.	Khit Thit Mizzima DVB
16 July	Yangon Mandalay	A blast was reported in the Thuwanna electricity supply cooperative office. A homemade bomb exploded at an electricity manager office in Pyigyitakon Township in Mandalay, two people were killed and 7 were injured.	Than Lwin Khet News Voice of Myanmar
17 July	Ayeyarwaddy Mandalay	A blast was reported near Kyangin township education office and no injuries reported. A home-made bomb was exploded in front of the junta's appointed	DVB DVB

		administrator's house in Mogoke.	
18 July	Magway	A blast was reported at the entrance of 103 light infantry of Taungdwingyi township.	Myaelatt Athan

