



Myanmar Situation Update (5 - 11 July 2021)

Summary

The junta's special court in Naypyitaw on 6 July rejected objections by the defense team of ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi to the introduction of prosecution evidence against her on a sedition charge with the argument that it failed to follow established judicial procedure. Former Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Bu's trial was conducted online as he is charged under the Section penal code 505-a. Although he said that he was not guilty, the court decided to continue proceeding with the case.

The junta also announced that National League for Democracy (NLD) Vice Chairman Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and the former Mandalay Region Minister of Electricity, Energy and Construction U Zarni Aung have been charged under the Anti-Corruption Law and the former chief minister of the Mandalay Region, Dr Zaw Myint Maung, has been charged with two counts, under the Defamation of the State Act and the Disaster Management Act.

The election commission appointed by the junta announced that 11,305,390 cases of voter fraud were found nationwide in the voter lists of the 315 townships where the 2020 Myanmar general elections were held. It further mentioned that these numbers include those who were on the voter list without a citizenship card, those who were on the voter lists two, three or more times with the same citizenship scrutiny card and citizens below 18 years old and over 100 years old. It is important to note that no evidence has yet been put forward by the junta-appointed UEC to support these allegations.

The NUG's Ministry of Human Rights has released information regarding the state of press freedom since the coup. Up to 3 July 2021, 32 journalists have been detained, 6 imprisoned, and 3 injured. The junta released 49 journalists but issued arrest warrants for 26 others. It has also revoked the license of 8 media companies¹.

More than 11 weeks since the ASEAN leaders met in Jakarta to find a solution for Myanmar has not been able to appoint a special envoy that was part of the five point consensus agreed at the meeting and also the regional body facing criticism for failing to pressurise the Myanmar junta adhere to the five point

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/141883444698962>

consensus. The ASEAN sources say there are three nominees - Virasakdi Futrakul, a former Thai deputy foreign minister and veteran diplomat, Hassan Wirajuda, a former Indonesian foreign minister, and Razali Ismail, a Malaysian who was a U.N. special envoy for Myanmar in the 2000s tasked with facilitating national reconciliation and democratization in the country².

Nearly 90 percent of the country has been affected by Myanmar's third wave of coronavirus infections, with 296 of 330 townships nationwide reporting COVID-19 cases since May. The numbers of confirmed cases are hitting new records of daily rates while the country is facing a shortage of oxygen for patients.

Norwegian telecom operator Telenor has sold its Myanmar operations to Lebanese investment firm M1 Group for \$105 million. According to the Burma Campaign UK, M1 Group was included in "The Dirty List" as it was involved in building the Mytel towers which have been owned by the junta. The digital rights groups say that Telenor's departure from Myanmar would worsen the already limited digital rights that people in Myanmar have. Many International food and fashion franchises have announced the termination of their operations in Myanmar in the last few months since the coup. US pretzel chain Auntie Anne's, Chinese hot pot chain Little Sheep, and Taiwanese bubble tea franchise Koi are among the biggest names to have announced their branches will be closing permanently. Bridgestone, the 2nd-largest Japan tire production company, also announced this week that they will suspend all their investment in Myanmar starting at the end of July 2021.

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 Chin, Shan, Karen, Kachin, Mon States and Sagaing, Yangon, Tanintharyi Bago and Mandalay Regions. The Karen Peace Support Network (KPSN) documented from the 12th of March to the 2nd of April a total of 27 airstrikes and 47 bombs were dropped on Karen villages, as well as 575 mortar strikes around the Mutraw district (Hpapun). Burma Army attacks killed 20 civilians and injured 40 others, displacing 70,000.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 33 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 9 people were injured and 3 killed³.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 10 July, 899 people have been killed by the junta. 5,173 people are currently under detention and 249 are sentenced. 26 have been sentenced to death and 1,963 are evading arrest warrants⁴.

²<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/07/fcb57b7aa094-focus-asean-deadlocked-in-selection-of-special-envoy-to-myanmar.html>

³ Annexure I

⁴ <https://aappb.org/?p=16439>

Colour Code and its Categories

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

Timeline of events

5 July	
	Eight village tract administrators submitted their resignations in Kawlin as fighting between local resistance groups and the junta's armed forces intensified in Sagaing Region's Kawlin Township ⁵ .
	<p>Media reported an incident of a daughter of an activist was detained along with her sister and the mother instead of her father, who is on the junta's wanted list in Mogoke township in Mandalay Region, is said to be in deteriorating health while her family was denied visits⁶.</p> <p>Khin Kyaw, an executive member of National League for Democracy (NLD) on 57th Ward, in South Dagon Township, Yangon Region, was shot dead and his wife got injuries according to neighbouring residents.⁷</p>
	<p>A new task force, Myanmar Witness, which is funded by the British government, was launched to investigate evidence of human rights violations in Myanmar more than five months after the coup⁸.</p> <p>China's foreign minister Wang Yi said that the international community should refrain from imposing sanctions on the junta, citing such actions as "inappropriate intervention" and urged Myanmar to settle its political crisis through internal dialogue and reconciliation⁹.</p> <p>Japan government's top spokesman said that Japan demanded to prevent the repeat of raids on embassy and aid staff after junta's troops forcibly entered the homes of Japanese Embassy and aid staff in Yangon in April¹⁰.</p>

⁵ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/eight-village-tract-administrators-resign-in-kawlin>

⁶ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-activist-says-his-daughter-is-dying-in-prison.html?>

⁷ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/nld-member-from-south-dagon-shot-dead>

⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-rights-violations-under-scrutiny-new-task-force-2021-07-05/>

⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-sanctions-inappropriate-says-china.html>

¹⁰ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/japan-urges-myanmar-to-prevent-repeat-of-raids-on-embassy-and-aid-staff>

	<p>The American Bar Association (ABA) released a Rule of Law Letter on Myanmar expressing their "condemnation of the Tatmadaw's abrogation of the rule of law through its February 1st military coup d'état."¹¹</p> <p>Justice For Myanmar called for an immediate suspension of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project in response to recent Indian announcements regarding the Sittwe Port and condemned the Indian government for continuing business as usual following Myanmar's brutal and illegal attempted coup¹².</p>
	<p>At least 20 junta's troops and two members of the local People's Defence Force (PDF) were killed in a clash in Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region on Monday evening, according to local sources¹³.</p> <p>An executive member of National League for Democracy (NLD) of South Dagon Township, was shot dead on Monday, and his wife got injuries according to neighbouring residents¹⁴.</p> <p>Two Phyu Saw Htee members were shot in Pale of Sagaing State on Monday. One was died at the spot and one was severely wounded¹⁵.</p> <p>An alleged junta's informer was shot dead in Htantalan of Chin State on Monday¹⁶.</p>
	<p>According to the aid workers, about 1,000 IDPs in Myaing Gyi Ngu and Kamaung who fled due to the fighting in Hpapun township in Kayin State are in need of shelter and food¹⁷.</p> <p>Over 800 civilians in Kyaukme Township, Shan State urgently required emergency food rations and other aid after Northern Alliance members Shan State Progress Party and Ta'ang National Liberation Army attacked the Restoration Council of Shan State¹⁸.</p> <p>Media reports most of the displaced villagers from Depayin Township in Sagaing Region have not returned to their homes despite a retreat by the junta's armed forces, saying that the area continues to be too dangerous¹⁹.</p>
	<p>Restaurants and tea shops in Yangon have been instructed to only allow takeaway orders, said officials from the Township Administrative Team²⁰.</p>

¹¹ <https://bit.ly/3dPPeZZ>

¹² <https://www.facebook.com/justiceformyanmar.org/photos/a.112041640488379/355377282821479>

¹³ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/kawlin-pdf-carries-out-lethal-ambush-of-military-convoy>

¹⁴ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/nld-member-from-south-dagon-shot-dead>

¹⁵ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/473499?>

¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/chinworldmedia/posts/4298825316845478>

¹⁷ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/refugees-myaing-gyi-ngu-and-kamaung-need-aid?>

¹⁸ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/22904>

¹⁹ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/displaced-depayin-residents-afraid-to-return-home-despite-military-retreat>

²⁰ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/yangon-restricts-restaurant-dine-ins-as-covid-19-cases-rise-uncontrollably>

According to the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) Central Administration, people have been restricted from entering KIO-controlled areas since July 5 due to a COVID-19 outbreak²¹.

Around 20 presidents, vice presidents and secretaries of gem and jewelry associations joined a meeting hosted by the junta-controlled Myanmar Gems Enterprise via Zoom to discuss securing new technology and foreign investment for the sector, a leaked invitation letter shows. The National Unity Government of Myanmar also announced that any business projects, including in gems mining, approved by the military council were “null and void” and that those involved in such projects would “be held criminally liable.”²².

6 July

The court rejected objections by the defense team of ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi to the introduction of prosecution evidence against her on a sedition charge, arguing that it failed to follow established judicial procedure, a member of her legal team said²³.

The lawyer of Myanmar’s detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi said she and her personal staff have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 since being taken into military custody, as the country battles a spike in cases²⁴.

The junta-controlled state broadcaster Myanmar Radio and Television announced that corruption charges under the Anti-Corruption Law would be filed against National League for Democracy (NLD) Vice Chairman Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and the former Mandalay Region Minister of Electricity, Energy and Construction U Zarni Aung²⁵.

The NUG Ministers held a joint meeting with Japan parliamentarians. They discussed matters related to urgent humanitarian assistance to Myanmar and IDPs who fled due to the violence and terror of the junta. They also agreed to urge the Japan Government to recognize the NUG and continue its support to get the Democracy which deserved for the people of Myanmar²⁶.

²¹ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/restrictions-put-place-due-covid-19-pandemic-kio-controlled-area?>

²² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/gem-industry-leaders-attend-meeting-with-junta-officials>

²³ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/evidence-objection-07062021154212.html?>

²⁴ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmars-aung-san-suu-kyi-vaccinated-against-covid-19-in-military-custody-lawyer?>

²⁵ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-to-file-corruption-charges-against-nld-vice-chairman.html>

²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/143642314523075>

According to detainees who were released last week, political prisoners suffered oppression while criminals enjoyed privilege²⁷.

Junta troops arrested 10 locals in Hlegu following the shooting of an accused military informer²⁸. Junta troops detained a 12-year-old boy along with six others, including his family members, after resistance fighters clashed with the junta near Mandalay International Airport²⁹.

Family members asked to investigate the rape case of an underage nun which happened in Nant Phat Kar, Kut Kai of northern Shan State. On July 3, two sides met as fourth meeting³⁰.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said during a visit to Jakarta that Russia strongly supports the Southeast Asian diplomatic effort to end the crisis in Myanmar and the five-point consensus should be the basis by which the situation can be resolved³¹.

Daw Zin Mar Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar met with Minister Nigel Adams, Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development of UK³².

Singapore's Foreign Minister said that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was working to expedite the implementation of a five-point consensus reached by their leaders to deal with the crisis in Myanmar³³.

The Japanese government extended the visa of 300 Myanmar people in Japan due to the political instabilities in Myanmar after the military coup. Reportedly, there were 50 people who applied for the status of refugee³⁴.

U Wunna Maung Lwin, the junta appointed Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the Special ASEAN-Russia Foreign along with the other foreign ministers in ASEAN regional block³⁵.

²⁷<https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/while-criminals-enjoy-privileges-political-prisoners-suffer-oppression-say-released-detainees>

²⁸<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-troops-arrest-10-locals-in-hlegu-following-shooting-of-accused-military-collaborators>

²⁹<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-troops-detain-yet-another-child-after-shootout-near-mandalay-ai>

³⁰<https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/987089808773817>

³¹<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/russia-backs-asean-position-myanmar-crisis-foreign-minister-2021-0>

³²<https://www.facebook.com/mofaNUG/posts/141547921400807>

³³<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/singapore-says-asean-aims-speed-up-plan-end-myanmar-crisis-2021>

³⁴<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/07/fc0339c19a9d-japan-grants-visas-to-300-myanmar-nationals-amid->

³⁵https://cdn.myanmarseo.com/file/client-cdn/2021/07/7_July_21_gnlm-1.pdf

A USDP member was shot dead in Shwe Bo of Sagaing State. He was accused to be a military informer as well as a Pyu Saw Htee member, a military backed organization to fight against the people defense forces³⁶.

A ward administrator and his driver were shot dead in Dagon Seikkan township of 88 ward. He was notorious for his oppression against the protesters³⁷.

Two alleged Phyu Saw Htee members in Khin Oo township of Sagaing State were stabbed to death³⁸.

Myanmar's border trade with China is halted due to COVID-19 spikes in major border trade towns, according to merchants from Muse, a frontier town in northern Shan State³⁹.

Nearly 500 people in northwest Myanmar, Kalay township are believed to have died of COVID-19 over the past 30 days with the shortage of oxygen supply and lack of access to proper treatment, as the country struggles with a third wave of the coronavirus⁴⁰.

"Stay at home" order is imposed in Zabuthiri and Pynmana townships in Nay Pyi Taw, Taungoo, Bago and Pyay townships in Bago Region, announced the authorities at MRTV on 8 pm news⁴¹.

The Kachin Independence Organisation (KIO) sealed its borders with the rest of Burma land when the country was struggling to contain its third wave. KIO will close all the entries into their territory, including to travellers and supplies. The only food will only come from China, KIO's COVID-19 Control and Response Committee member said⁴².

7 July

Protesters hit the streets across Myanmar to mark the anniversary of the 1962 Yangon university protests during which more than a hundred people died and thousands were arrested in a violent crackdown by the military⁴³.

Defense lawyers say the Junta has suspended trials inside Insein Prison in Yangon due to rising COVID-19 infections. There are 38 temporary courts established in Insein Prison that each

³⁶ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/473793?>

³⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1240036086433735>

³⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1239977666439577>

³⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmars-border-trade-with-china-hit-by-covid-19-outbreaks.html>

⁴⁰ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/covid-07062021182953.html>

⁴¹ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/stay-at-home-order-imposes-in-zabuthiri-pyinmana-taungoo-bago-and-pyay>

⁴² <https://kachinnews.com/2021/07/07/kio-shutters-borders-amid-burmas-third-wave/>

⁴³ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-protesters-mark-1962-rallies-against-first-military-government>

	<p>representing a township in Yangon, apart from Cocokyun Township and other townships where the junta has imposed martial law⁴⁴.</p> <p>Over 400 civil society organizations objected, holding the Hluttaw meeting under the 2008 Myanmar Constitution which had been revoked by the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) itself. Civil society groups also point out that the legislature was convened with a majority of NLD members, without the full representation of other political parties who elected members to the parliaments and that there had been no prior negotiations with federal democratic political forces, including ethnic armed groups.⁴⁵</p>
	<p>Former Captain U Zaw Naing Win, PSO of the State Counsellor and deputy director of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was sentenced to 7 years in prison last month with the charge of Section (409) for breaking confidentiality. He resigned from work at the time of the military coup. He took part in supporting anti-junta movements and CDM staff members⁴⁶.</p> <p>Spokesperson of Karen National Union - KNU's Thaton District said that junta troops continuously committing violation of human rights including targeted shelling of heavy artillery to the villages in Thaton District⁴⁷.</p>
	<p>A United Nations human rights investigator urged countries to impose economic sanctions on Myanmar's oil and gas sector to cut the junta's revenue that the military needs to continue its reign of terror⁴⁸.</p> <p>China has tightened security on its adjacent border with Myanmar after a Covid-19 outbreak that pushed reported cases to the highest daily tally in six months⁴⁹.</p> <p>US embassy Yangon released a statement that they honored all those who died on July 7, 1962, as well as the hundreds killed since February 1 who sought a return to democracy and the right to exercise their basic fundamental freedoms⁵⁰.</p>
	<p>The Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) released a statement that they accepted the resignation letter submitted by the acting PPST team leader, General Yawd Serk who has duly served more than</p>

⁴⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-suspends-trials-inside-insein-prison-due-to-covid-19.html>

⁴⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/myanmarnownews/posts/2154201618060898>

⁴⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1240531229717554>

⁴⁷ <http://kicnews.org/2021/07/>

⁴⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/un-rights-chief-urges-asean-move-myanmar-dialogue-2021-07-07/>

⁴⁹ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/china-tightens-security-myanmar-border-amid-surge-coronavirus-cases>

⁵⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4104791162936005>

	<p>2 years and appointed Nai Aung Min (acting chair), Colonel Hkun Okker (member) and Colonel Sai Ngern (member) to lead the PPST up until the 4th NCA-S EAO summit (2nd session)⁵¹.</p> <p>Two civilian People's Defense Force fighters were killed during a shootout with junta forces in Tanintharyi Region's Dawei Township⁵² and the People Defense Force attacked the convoy of junta troops in Khin Oo township, Sagaing State. One police man died, 2 injured and one resistance force died⁵³.</p> <p>Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked with remote mines while junta's troops marched in HpaKant of Kachin State. Locals reported that there were several casualties⁵⁴.</p>
	<p>Thousands of civilians who sought refuge from fighting between the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) and Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) on Loi Huan mountain, southern Shan State, are in shortage of food, medicine and shelter amid COVID - 19 third wave⁵⁵.</p>
	<p>Junta imposed stay-at-home order in 10 townships of Yangon - Mingaladon, Hmawbi, Hlaing Thar Yar, Shwe Pyi Thar, Innsein, Mayangone, South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa, Mingalar Taung Nyunt, Bahan and Gangaw township of Magway Region, Mawlamyaing and Thanbyuzayat of Mon State. The order will be active from 8 July⁵⁶.</p> <p>Some senior military officers of the Myanmar junta, including the commander of northern command, tested positive for COVID-19, according to sources of Mizzima media⁵⁷.</p>
8 July	
	<p>The National Unity Government (NUG) formed the national committee on COVID-19 control and response led by acting president, Duwa Lashi La⁵⁸.</p> <p>The junta's communication department has been preparing to broadcast Tha-Pyay radio in Yangon and surrounding areas, starting from 11 July. They announced that it would include a programme which would expose the fake news⁵⁹.</p>

⁵¹ <https://www.facebook.com/ncasignatoryeaoofficial/posts/1114350929089775>

⁵² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/two-civilian-fighters-killed-in-shootout-with-myanmar-junta-troops-in-dawei.html>

⁵³ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1241401049630572>

⁵⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1240462669724410>

⁵⁵ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/22908>

⁵⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/DVBTvNews/posts/4487116384660160>

⁵⁷ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/northern-commander-senior-office-test-positive-covid-19?>

⁵⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/144490091104964>

⁵⁹ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=651388512462003&id=540307426903446

Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative/Ambassador of Myanmar joined the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS and called the international community to act to stop all the junta's brutal and inhumane acts against the civilians and health care personnel⁶⁰.

Families of the victims of a brutal crackdown on anti-junta protests in Myanmar called on the Netherlands-based International Criminal Court (ICC) to prosecute Myanmar junta and its fellows for the death or dismemberment of their loved ones⁶¹.

Secretary of the United States, Antony Blinken, met with representatives of Burma's civil societies, saying to stand in solidarity with the people of Burma as they demand restoration of their democratically elected government and called to end its violent suppression of the people of Burma⁶².

The ASEAN - EU – Senior Officials' Meeting was convened via videoconference and with regarding the situation in Myanmar, the EU noted its long-standing support for the principles of democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, which are enshrined in the ASEAN Charter. The EU reiterated its concern for the situation in the country and called for the release of all detainees including foreigners⁶³.

The junta increased security at a highway checkpoint in Waingmaw town following a series of Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacks on the Burma Army in Kachin State and Sagaing Region⁶⁴.

Anti-Fascism Force announced that the traffic police force and Yangon electricity supply corporation (YESC) are involved in the taxation of the junta. They must stop such activities and if not, there may be unwanted damages⁶⁵.

In Tantsi Township, the junta administration clerk in the Sanswe Sigyi group, was killed by decapitation near Bogyoke statue round-about at about 8:00 pm Thursday. His headless and lifeless body was found at Chaung-U divergent point on Friday morning⁶⁶.

The Restoration Council of Shan State(RCSS) announced on Thursday that they would like to find a solution to the conflict between ethnic armed organizations peacefully. RCSS has been fighting with Shan State Progress Party (SSP) and Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) in northern Shan State for a few months⁶⁷.

⁶⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/Myanmarmisson/posts/1471797936503893>

⁶¹ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/icc-07082021192301.html>

⁶² <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4109719432443178>

⁶³ <https://www.facebook.com/EUinMyanmar/posts/1990933101056219>

⁶⁴ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/07/08/military-beefs-up-security-following-kia-attacks-in-northern-burma/>

⁶⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/AntiFascistArmedForce/posts/120863346897321>

⁶⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1242372459533431>

⁶⁷ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/473911?>

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Google restricted its services used by business groups and educational purposes in Myanmar according to their official announcement, but individual access can be still available⁶⁹.

The Kachin Independence Organisation’s COVID-19 Control and Response Committee announced that all the schools and religious buildings in Mai Gya Yan would be closed from 8 - 14 July as there were COVID -19 cases arose⁷⁰.

Myanmar’s hospitals and COVID-19 centers run out of beds and cannot accept more patients in some areas, including Yangon, as people seek treatment at home, according to activists⁷¹.

Forty prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19 in Myanmar's main jail housing, Innsein, where some of the thousands of anti-coup protesters who have been arrested by the junta⁷².

Junta-controlled television announced on Thursday that all schools, including private and monastic schools, will be closed until July 23 as there is a surge in COVID-19 cases⁷³.

9 July

The former chief minister of the Mandalay Region, Dr Zaw Myint Maung, has been charged with two counts, under the Defamation of the State Act and the Disaster Management Act, according to his lawyers⁷⁴.

The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment - NUG announced that the arrangements of the military junta for 23 state-owned buildings and land with open tender do not represent the public. Therefore, the military junta don’t have the right to sell them. As for buyers, they are not to buy them and even if they buy them, the property will be confiscated as a state-owned asset⁷⁵.

Regarding the charge against former Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Bu with Section (505-a), a trial was conducted online. Although he said that he was not guilty, the court decided to continue proceeding with the case⁷⁶.

⁶⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/telenor-sells-myanmar-operations-m1-group-105-mln-2021>

⁶⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1241479299622747>

⁷⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/theKachinNews/posts/3627301037369613>

⁷¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-hospitals-run-out-of-beds-amid-covid-19-surge.html>

⁷² <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/covid-19-outbreaks-myanmar-jails-sow-alarm-2021-07-08/?>

⁷³ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/junta-closes-myanmar-s-schools-amid-covid-19-spike.html>

⁷⁴ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/former-chief-minister-mandalay-charged-two-counts?>

⁷⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/145212184366088>

⁷⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/4656503434393772>

	<p>Junta has brought multiple charges against the protest leader from Chaung-U, Sagaing Region, facing five charges of incitement under Section 505a of the penal code and he had been tortured in prison; his fingers were broken during his interrogation, according to his family member⁷⁷.</p> <p>Local people said that some houses were damaged when heavy artillery shells fired into the village by the Burmese Army and the Border Guard Force (BGF) in Lay Kay village, Myintkyo village tract, Bilin township, Thaton district⁷⁸.</p>
	<p>A Junta appointed village administrator was shot dead in Kantbalu, Sagaing State and junta troops arrested five women from the village the next day⁷⁹.</p> <p>A junta appointed administrator of Thonekwa, Yangon Region was shot dead on Friday⁸⁰.</p> <p>Kachin Independence Army (KIA) together with People Defense Force (PDF) attacked junta's troops in Shwe Ku of Kachin State on Friday. Kachin local news stated that at least 30 junta troops died and 50 were wounded. In response, junta attacked Min Hla village of Shwe Ku with 2 fighter jets; 6 resistance forces died and 11 were injured⁸¹.</p> <p>In Yay Township, a captain in plain clothes was shot dead by an unknown gunman at about 6:30 pm Friday while he was on his way back with a motorbike to his army No. (317) near Lamai⁸².</p>
	<p>Telenor and Ooredoo announced that they have changed their products and promotions due to the instruction from the junta's Posts and Telecommunication Department. These will be effective starting from July 13, 2021⁸³.</p>
	<p>Hospitals in northern Shan State told COVID - 19 positive patients to stay at home because there are no longer any beds left⁸⁴.</p> <p>Nearly one million children in Myanmar have been denied routine vaccinations amid the political unrest of the military's coup d'état, healthcare workers⁸⁵.</p> <p>A state-backed Myanmar power company warned its customers that their electricity supplies could</p>

⁷⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/multiple-charges-brought-against-imprisoned-tortured-protest-leader>

⁷⁸ <https://web.facebook.com/KICNewsPage/posts/1723947167790097>

⁷⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/myanmarnownews/posts/2156850291129364>

⁸⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4552561084778761>

⁸¹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1242738456163498>

⁸² <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/474260>

⁸³ <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4300396226648851>

⁸⁴ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/22917>

⁸⁵ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/unvaccinated-07092021183306.html>

	be disrupted if they continue refusing to pay their bills as part of a boycott ⁸⁶ .
	10 July
	The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) appointed U Toe Aung who was nominated by the National Unity Government (NUG) as Union Auditor General ⁸⁷ .
	Media reported that the junta ordered oxygen factories to suspend refilling the oxygen to the public and forced refill for their controlled hospitals and COVID - 19 centres in priority. So that most of the factories in Yangon stopped providing oxygen for the public which caused the “Oxygen Crisis”.
	In a press release in the State newspaper, the junta controlled Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it “Myanmar rejects Interactive Dialogues in the absence of the country concerned as well as one-sided remarks without verification”. It also rejected the remarks made by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Michelle Bachelet and rejected the calls made by the Special Rapporteur, Mr Thomas Andrews. The junta says it interferes with the internal affairs of a sovereign state ⁸⁸ .
	<p>A junta-appointed 100-household administrator was shot dead in Bago. Along with him, one friend died and another one was injured⁸⁹.</p> <p>Spokesman of Karen National Union (KNU), Padoh Saw Taw Nee that the Karen National Defence Organisation - KNDO's head General Ner Dah Bo Mya and his subordinate Lieutenant Saw Ba Wah have been "suspended temporarily" as they investigates an alleged massacre of 25 civilians on its territory⁹⁰. General Ner Dah Bo Mya said that he couldn't accept the statement released by KNU's defence department⁹¹.</p> <p>There was an exchange shooting in Patheingyi of Mandalay Region as junta's troops raided to arrest 4 CDM policemen. One CDM traffic police officer died, 2 were arrested and 1 managed to escape⁹².</p>
	<p>Nearly 2,000 Myanmar migrant workers in Mae Sot in western Thailand's Tak Province have caught coronavirus and are in need of help, according to labor rights organizations Yaung Chi Oo⁹³.</p> <p>Although a temporary ceasefire was agreed between junta and resistance forces until July 14 in Mindat of Chin State, transport of food and medicine are restricted by the junta. The town was</p>

⁸⁶ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-electricity-grid-losing-spark-people-power-bites?>

⁸⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/146009604286346>

⁸⁸ <https://cdn.myanmarseo.com/file/client-cdn/2021/07/10-7-20211.pdf>

⁸⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1243075532796457>

⁹⁰ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-knu-suspends-key-leader-massacre-investigation>

⁹¹ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=3910690742375230&id=422055381238801

⁹² <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/474481>

⁹³ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/nearly-1200-coronavirus-positive-myanmar-workers-in-thailands-tak>

	<p>running out of medicine and basic healthcare necessities because the junta had declared medicine a “banned item.”⁹⁴</p> <p>Over 740 IDPs who sought refuge from fighting between the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) and Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) in Mai Kai, southern Shan State, are desperate need of food supplies⁹⁵.</p>
	<p>A journalist of Ayeyarwaddy Times based in Maubin township was arrested on Saturday for the 2nd time after 10 days he was released from the prison by the junta⁹⁶.</p> <p>Junta controlled ministry of information warned foreign news agencies not to further apply the usage of military council/military junta/junta for the government and not to quote and exaggerate the false news. Also it warned to take actions against them under the existing laws if news agencies apply wrong usages, quote and exaggerate fake news and disseminate false information⁹⁷.</p>
	<p>The health authorities in Labutta township of Ayeyarwaddy sent back home for the people under 50 who suspect they have COVID-19 as they claim to have insufficient space to accommodate them, according to a CDM teacher who has volunteered to help the health authorities⁹⁸.</p>
11 July	
	<p>The junta appointed Union Election Commission has announced in the state media that it has conducted voter list scrutiny at 315 townships that the 2020 Myanmar general Elections was held on 8 November 2020 and voter list errors in all the 315 township across Myanmar. It also mentioned a total of 11,305,390 of voter fraud cases were found in the voter lists⁹⁹.</p> <p>Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the junta leader, said in the meeting that external doctors would be hired with contracts to control the third wave of COVID-19. He also confessed that the military hospitals could no longer provide sufficient medical treatment¹⁰⁰.</p>
	<p>Myanmar's coup leader said Russia had agreed to supply two million doses of coronavirus vaccine from this month, as Myanmar reports a record in COVID-19 cases and deaths, according to Reuters¹⁰¹.</p>

⁹⁴ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/transport-of-food-medicine-restricted-despite-temporary-ceasefire-ext>

⁹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/989555045193960>

⁹⁶ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/474575>

⁹⁷ <https://cdn.myanmarseo.com/file/client-cdn/2021/07/10-7-20211.pdf>

⁹⁸ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/people-under-age-50-suspecting-they-have-covid-19-labutta-township-sent>

⁹⁹ Global New Light of Myanmar on 11.07.2021

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4303635586324915>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-leader-says-russia-sending-2-million-doses-covid-19-vaccine?>

Staff members of the junta's electricity office who collected electricity bills in Chan Aye Thar Zan, Mandalay were attacked by unknown armed people. One person died and one managed to escape¹⁰².

People Defense Force - PDF Myaing and Pale together ambushed the convoy of junta on Pale-Khin Aye Road of Sagaing and claimed that at least 20 junta troops died and several wounded¹⁰³.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked the base of junta's troops near Aung Myay 1 village in WaingMaw township, Kachin State on Sunday's night. According to the Kachin local news, KIA burned down the junta's base, seized some weapons and there were some casualties from the junta side, but not reachable¹⁰⁴.

As the COVID-19 cases in Namkham, the Myanmar border town with China in northern Shan State have reportedly increased, travel restrictions have been imposed on the camps of internally displaced persons from the armed conflicts in the area¹⁰⁵.

The fighting between junta troops and Karenni People's Defense Force, in Kayah State and Southern Shan State, has destroyed at least 88 homes in Moebyel according to the Progressive Karenni People's Force (PKPF)¹⁰⁶.

Another "Stay at home" order is imposed in 6 townships of Bago - Oak Twin, Kawa, Kyauk Ta Kah, Daik Oo, Waw & Oak Pho, 12 townships in Yangon - Taik Gyi, Tramway, North Dagon, Yankin, Tharkata, Thingangyun, Kayan, Kamaryut, Kyeemyindine, Sanchaung, Dagon & Hlaing, announced at junta's MRTV on 8 pm news. As of 11 July, there are 63 townships which were imposed "Stay-at - Home" orders¹⁰⁷.

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¹⁰² <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/878314439436897>

¹⁰³ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1934616583363000>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1244378075999536>

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/travels-restrictions-idp-camps-northern-shan-state?>

¹⁰⁶ <https://web.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1243865112717499>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar/posts/4647198761976059>

Annexure I:

Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 5 - 11 July, 2021

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
5 July	Magway Mawlamyain g Magway Bago	A bomb was thrown to the No (3) B.E.H.S in Natmauk of Magway. A blast occurred at the social security office in Mawlamyine. A blast was reported in Pauk B.E.H.S in Pauk, Magway. There was a blast on Yangon - Pyay railway in Pyay, Bago West.	DVB Ayeyarwaddy Times Myaelattathan Myaelattathan
6 July	Naypyitaw Council Yangon Magway Mon	A blast was reported in Pynmana and 2 policemen died, 1 policeman and 1 civilian were injured. 2 blasts reported in front of the junta's appointed administrator's house in Yuzana Garden City, there were some injuries which cannot be reachable. On Tuesday, there was an explosion on Kanna road in Ward (9) of Pakkoku. Three local residents were injured in the incident. In Yay Township, there was an explosion at the house of the member of the junta Pyusawti, in Asin village on Tuesday. Reportedly, at least two people were injured.	Than Lwin Khet News Khit Thit Mizzima Mizzima
7 July	Yangon Bago	At least 5 blasts were reported in electricity supply corporation offices in South Okkalapa, Tamwe, Thingangyun and Hlaing townships as the junta forced the people to pay the electricity bill. The People Defence Force in Bago conducted a bomb attack in Bago Township on 7 July, killing one soldier.	Khit Thit Mizzima
8 July	Yangon Yangon Kachin Sagaing Mon	A blast was reported in "Shwe Nan Daw" jewellery shop in Lan Ma Daw township which is owned by SAC member, Thet Thet Khaing, one staff member was injured. A homemade mine exploded at the traffic police station on Theinphyu Road near the Yangon Secretarial Office, according to residents. A blast was reported in Tharyargone Administrative office, Hpa-Khant. In Kwechaung village of Yinmabin Township, there was an explosion at the house of the younger sister of Kachin State chief military officer on Thursday.	Khit Thit Burma Associated Press Kachin News Group Mizzima Mizzima

		In Kyaikhto, there was an explosion near the military affairs security office on Thursday.	
9 July	Yangon Yangon	At least 4 blasts were reported in electricity supply corporation offices at Thingangyun, Lanmadaw, Mingalardon and Sanchaung townships in Yangon. In Kyauktada Township, a hand-made bomb was thrown into a car parked in front of the revenue department (headquarters) on Kanna road, and a woman was injured.	Standard Times Mizzima
10 July	Yangon, Mandalay, Magway Mandalay	At least 4 blasts were reported in electricity supply corporation offices in Shwepyithar of Yangon, Chan Mya Tharsi and Amarapura of Mandalay and Yaysakyo of Magway Regions. A blast was reported in front of Kyaukse Myoma police office.	Khit Thit Mizzima
11 July	Yangon Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported in Thanlyin electricity supply corporation office. 2 blasts were reported near Mawlamyaingkyune Myo electricity supply corporation office.	Khit Thit Mizzima

