



Myanmar Situation Update (2 - 8 August 2021)

Summary

As 8 August 2021 marked for Myanmar the 33rd anniversary of the 1988 pro-democracy uprising, a historic protest movement in which the cry for democracy of Myanmar's people was heard around the world, activists around the country renewed calls to end military rule once and for all.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) picked Brunei's second foreign minister, Erywan Yusof, as its special envoy to Myanmar. He has been tasked with opening dialogue between the military rulers and their opponents in an effort to halt the violence, and stated that he should be given full access to all parties in Myanmar. 413 Myanmar civil society organizations released a statement rejecting the special envoy and expressing deep disappointment with ASEAN and their lack of inclusive decision-making process. The junta has approved the appointment as reported by state-controlled media.

Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations who is denounced by the junta, Kyaw Moe Tun said that an apparent threat had been made against him and that U.S. authorities had stepped up his security. Later, two Myanmar citizens were charged with one count of conspiracy to assault or violently attack him. If convicted, they can face a prison sentence of up to five years. Sources reported that conspirators accused of plotting an attack have military ties.

Twenty-eight junta-backed political parties, including the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), on Wednesday released a joint statement that they would welcome the new elections the military junta says it will hold in the future. The Wa National Party (WNP) also announced their strong denunciation against the signature of U Sai Paung Nut, chair of their party, which was included in an announcement of 28 political parties.

The junta massacred around 40 people in Kani Township of Sagaing Region in July, according to residents¹. Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations, Kyaw Moe Tun, sent a letter to the UN secretary general, António Guterres, to alert that case as a "reported massacre" by the military junta.

More than 60 junta soldiers were killed and 101 injured in clashes with the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) in Karen State's Mutraw (Hpapun) District in July alone, according to the Karen National Union

¹<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/junta-massacres-40-people-in-myanmar-resistance-stronghold-during>

(KNU)².

The Arakan Army (AA) and its political wing, the United League of Arakan (ULA), have accelerated their effort to expand their administrative grip and be seen as its legitimate governing body in Rakhine State. They announced a stay-at-home order and had warned that legal action would be taken against anyone who does not follow the directive and making inroads on the legal system in the state, saying all legal disputes, including over land, as well as cases involving violence and theft, should be submitted to the ULA.

According to the World Food Program (WFP)'s latest estimate, 6.2 million people in Myanmar could face food insecurity by October, a crisis that is compounded by ongoing political unrest and a third wave of the coronavirus sweeping the country. The WFP is appealing for \$86 million to provide help over the next six months to two million people in Myanmar facing acute hunger and the ravages of COVID-19³.

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, Chin, Kayah States and Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Magway Regions.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 22 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 15 people were injured and 4 died⁴.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 7 August, 960 people have been killed by the junta. 5,512 people are currently under detention and 255 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,984 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

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² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/more-than-60-junta-troops-killed-in-mutraw-in-july-knu-says>

³ <https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/food-insecurity-grips-myanmar-un-struggles-help>

⁴ Annexure I

The National Unity Government in Myanmar (NUG) declared the military council's caretaker government an illegal association⁵.

Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, president U Win Myint, and Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman Dr. Myo Aung, appeared in a trial with video conferencing in Zabuthiri township court. The next trial is scheduled for 9 and 10 August⁶.

The junta reformed three government ministries by splitting each in two, now making up 28 government ministries in total⁷.

Myanmar's junta released jailed political activists and government employees who took part in anti-coup protests on Monday⁸.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that they need to vaccinate five million of the population per month as they are setting up the aim to vaccinate 50 % of the population at the end of this year, in the sixth coordination meeting on prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19⁹.

Junta appointed police colonels and police brigadier generals as State/Region Ministers in reforming the State/Region Administration Council as State/Regional Government¹⁰.

8 villagers who were involved in volunteer works were arrested within 2 days regarding the murder case of Hni Pa Daw's village administrator in Mudon, Mon State¹¹.

15 civilians were arrested after 2 bombs were found at BRB bus-stop in Yangon's Baho Street and Hledan centre on Sunday¹².

Myanmar's junta is limiting the number of foreign staff allowed to work in domestic banks, no more than 25 foreign staff in major banks, 15 at medium-sized banks and eight at small lenders¹³.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing signed an amendment to the Counterterrorism Law, introducing harsher penalties for supporting anti-regime activities. Under the amendment, the jail term is

⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/161331479420825>

⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=207403144729059&id=105480538254654

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/5004093519606403>

⁸ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/release-08022021165542.html>

⁹ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6622>

¹⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4370505706304569>

¹¹ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/891821554752852>

¹² <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/891520908116250>

¹³ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-limits-foreign-hires-banks-troubled-financial-sector-2021>

increased from three to seven years for “acts of exhortation, persuasion, propaganda and recruitment of any person to participate in any terrorist group or activities of terrorism”¹⁴.

15 residents of Sanchaung Township had been arrested as they banged pots and pans. Among them, 11 people were released on Tuesday morning. Reportedly, the remaining ones were still detained with the excuse of having affiliations with weapon cases¹⁵.

A female student at a Nursing University, and three youths were arrested by the junta in Kinma village in Pauk Township, where the military almost burned the entire village down. They were arrested while they were carrying medicine to the village¹⁶.

In Patheingyi Township of Mandalay, the junta armed forces entered Kyuwun village, opening fire and exploding sound bombs many times. According to local residents, 15 villagers were beaten and arrested¹⁷.

A senior State Department official of the US said that the plan by Myanmar’s junta to hold elections in two years shows they are stalling for time and the need for Southeast Asian countries to step up pressure on them¹⁸.

UK’s foreign minister Dominic Raab said that the decision by the junta to extend in Myanmar is unjustifiable and a blatant attempt to solidify their undemocratic power grab, saying Myanmar should return to a democratically elected government¹⁹.

Indonesia’s foreign minister urged Myanmar to approve the appointment of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) special envoy²⁰.

Singapore will contribute USD 100,000 to support the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management AHA CENTRE as it begins preparations to provide humanitarian assistance for the Myanmar people expeditiously²¹.

Officials from Manipur, India, said that India-Myanmar border gates will re-opened to transport the medicines and related equipment for the COVID-19²².

¹⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-coup-chief-amends-counterterrorism-law.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7684>

¹⁶ <https://mizzima.com/article/female-student-nursing-university-and-three-youths-arrested-kinma-village>

¹⁷ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479349>

¹⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/us-says-myanmar-poll-plan-shows-need-asean-step-up-efforts->

¹⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/myanmar-should-return-democratically-elected-government-says-uk>

²⁰ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/indonesia-urges-myanmar-approve-appointment-asean-envoy->

²¹ <https://www.facebook.com/Vivian.Balakrishnan.Sg/posts/10157770801321207>

²² <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/891619558106385>

3 family members were shot by unknown people in Ywar Than village of Khin U township, Sagaing region, 2 were dead and 1 was severely injured. Locals said that they are members of Pyu Saw Htee who made brutal acts on villagers²³.

A statement was released that the Myanmar National Defence Force (MNDF) had been formed after collecting various members of People's Defence Forces (PDFs) to eradicate the junta that has illegally seized state power and to support the transition process to a new federal democratic state. It is also said that the MNDF will abide by the guidelines of the National Unity Government (NUG)²⁴.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) ambushed the junta's forces in Hpakan Township, starting with throwing landmines at the military column of one hundred soldiers, followed by gunfire²⁵.

A pro-military informer in Nandawin ward of Monywa township in Sagaing, was stabbed to death by an unknown motorbiker while he was sitting at a betel shop²⁶.

There was a battle on Pha-Kant town-road near Sum Bwi Bum as the junta armed forces from Nantya village in Hpakan Township, Kachin State were attacked with mines by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA)²⁷.

Kan Htaung Gyi IDP Camp in Myaybone of Rakhine State, where nearly 900 displaced people from 255 households sheltered, are in basic food supplies, according to the camp's incharge²⁸.

Around 7000 villagers who fled from 14 villages of Kani township, Sagaing Region, are in shortage of food supplies and medicines, according to locals²⁹.

The Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) announced that goods will not be sold at higher prices than usual in Laiza during the crisis caused by Covid 19 and it would take action against those who put up prices³⁰.

The Myawaddy – Mae Sot border between Myanmar and Thailand was reopened only for the Burmese migrant workers to return home³¹.

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²³ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479143?>

²⁴ <https://mizzima.com/article/pdfs-form-myanmar-national-defence-force-mndf>

²⁵ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/08/03/kia-ambushes-burma-army-in-hpakant-township/>

²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/891567398111601>

²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/378889980297196>

²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/dmgnewsagency/posts/2075680505917683>

²⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479057>

³⁰ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/kio-announces-price-freeze-goods-laiza?>

³¹ <https://karennews.org/2021/08/myawaddy-mae-sot-border-reopens-to-allow-burmese-migrant-workers-to>

Junta-appointed Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Wunna Maung Lwin has called on the United States to provide more assistance, including the COVID-19 vaccines, to protect the lives of the Myanmar people, according to a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs³².

Myanmar military suspended the resignation of its soldiers since the military coup on Feb.1, according to the sources within the military³³.

Two more people have died under suspicious circumstances while undergoing interrogation by junta's forces in Myanmar, bringing to 32 the total number of such deaths since the military seized power in a coup d'état six months ago³⁴.

The junta's military has launched artillery on civilians in Waingmaw and Laiza in Kachin State, according to villagers. KIA spokesman Colonel Naw Bu said there were no operations by the armed group in Waingmaw and the artillery did not affect KIA forces³⁵.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Myanmar's U.N. envoy Kyaw Moe Tun who represents the elected civilian government said a total of 40 bodies were found and described three different incidents during July in Kani stating as "clearly amounting to crimes against humanity," and calling on the U.N. Security Council & international community to impose a global arms embargo on Myanmar's military³⁶.

Secretary Blinken urged the countries to take immediate action to hold the junta accountable to the ASEAN five-point consensus at the second Mekong-U.S. Partnership ministerial meeting. He called for joint action to press the Burmese military to end the violence, release those unjustly detained, and restore Burma to the path to democracy³⁷.

The United League of Arakan (ULA), the political wing of the Arakan Army (AA), has announced that it will set up a judiciary in Rakhine State. All legal cases, including cases related to violence, theft and land disputes will be referred to the ULA judiciary, according to AA deputy commander Brig-Gen Nyo Twan Aung³⁸.

A homemade bomb exploded near the gate of the town hall of Phegon Township, Shan State while Covid-19 vaccinations were being carried out there. 2 police killed, 3 including Covid jab receivers wounded in the blast³⁹.

³²<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-calls-on-us-to-provide-more-support-including-providing-of-covid>

³³<https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1952845501540108>

³⁴<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/deaths-08032021185014.html>

³⁵<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-uses-artillery-on-civilians-in-kachin-state.html>

³⁶<https://www.facebook.com/Myanmarmisson/posts/1489834188033601>

³⁷<https://www.state.gov/secretary-blinkens-participation-in-the-mekong-u-s-partnership-ministers-meeting/>

³⁸<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/ulaaa-to-establish-its-own-judicial-system-in-rakhine-state>

³⁹<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/2-police-killed-3-including-covid-jab-receiver-wounded-in-phegon-town-hall>

A combined force of the Karenni Army (KA) and the Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF) ambushed a convoy of junta troops heading from Loikaw to Bawlake Township near Kyunbingone village. During the attacks 11 soldiers were killed and over 20 wounded, according to the KNDF information team⁴⁰.

Armed conflict has accelerated in Waingmaw Township in Kachin State. Local battalion No. 58 of the military exchanged fire with the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and People's Defence Forces, said locals⁴¹.

Media reported that a series of explosions rocked at six locations in Loikaw Township, Kayah State, including departmental buildings⁴².

There was fighting between the junta forces and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) in Pansai of Shan State. Reportedly, the military junta lost 5 soldiers, including two officers⁴³.

The junta armed forces shot mortars towards Laiza, headquarters of Kachin Independence Organization (KIO). Locals reported that some mortars fell into China and exploded twice⁴⁴.

U Aung Thaug, a village administrator of Sintut village in Sagaing Township was stabbed to death⁴⁵.

Restrictions imposed by public health officials to try to curb recent Covid-19 outbreaks and the spread of infections in Thailand, including in the refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border has resulted in rising price of food items and shortages of food supplies in the IDP camps⁴⁶.

500 houses have been flooded and transport cut off as torrential rain poured down along Pathein-Mawtin motor road in Ayeyarwady Region as well as rainwater coming down from Ngayokkaung mountain in Ngaputaw Township⁴⁷.

⁴⁰ <https://mizzima.com/article/military-convoy-attacked-local-militia-near-loikaw>

⁴¹ <https://mizzima.com/article/armed-clashes-continue-kachin-state>

⁴² <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/series-of-explosions-rock-at-six-locations-in-kayah>

⁴³ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1264052090698801>

⁴⁴ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479415>

⁴⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/myithmautkhit/posts/305068921308135>

⁴⁶ <https://karennews.org/2021/08/refugees-facing-rising-food-costs-as-covid-19-restrictions-disrupts-supplies-to>

⁴⁷ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/torrential-rain-causes-over-500-flood-victims-in-ngaputaw>

	Fighting between the junta's army and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) displaced approximately 400 villagers since the violence started in Muse Township, northern Shan State ⁴⁸ .
	Junta has cut off all telephone lines except Mytel in Kani and Minki townships of Sagaing region where they committed atrocity killings in the past four days ⁴⁹ .
	Myanmar's junta has been inoculating inmates in prisons and labor camps against COVID-19 and 6,260 people had been vaccinated, according to junta-controlled newspapers ⁵⁰ . One town and 7 villages from Ann and Myaybone townships in Rakhine State had electricity blackouts for a week and locals are facing health and social problems ⁵¹ .
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	<p>The detained chief minister of Mandalay, Dr Zaw Myint Maung, who suffered from leukemia, has been admitted to the hospital inside Obo prison after his health began to deteriorate late last month⁵².</p> <p>Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations who is denounced by the junta, Kyaw Moe Tun said that an apparent threat had been made against him and U.S. authorities had stepped up his security⁵³.</p> <p>The junta announced in state-run papers that civilians in hiding due to fears of legal action were invited to come home and return to their jobs, promising to withdraw lawsuits against them⁵⁴. Activists, striking workers do not trust the junta's promise and said that it was not made for their sake⁵⁵.</p> <p>Twenty-eight junta backed-up political parties, including the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), released a joint statement that they would welcome new elections that the junta will hold⁵⁶.</p>

⁴⁸<https://kachinnews.com/2021/08/07/hundreds-affected-by-violence-between-mndaa-and-military-in-northern>

⁴⁹<https://mizzima.com/article/telephone-lines-except-mytel-cut-kani-and-minkin-townships>

⁵⁰<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-vaccinating-prisoners-against-covid-19.html>

⁵¹<https://www.facebook.com/narinjara.info/posts/4552685618076813>

⁵²<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/nld-vice-chair-admitted-to-prison-hospital-as-health-worsens-amid>

⁵³<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-un-envoy-says-personal-security-stepped-up-amid-threat>

⁵⁴<http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6631#4>

⁵⁵<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/activists-striking-workers-dont-trust-juntas-promise-to-withdraw->

⁵⁶<https://mizzima.com/article/usdp-and-affiliated-parties-welcome-new-election>

A former political prisoner and the Hanthawaddy U Win Tin Foundation's secretary U Kyaw Aung was detained at a COVID-19 vaccination center in Yangon after being vaccinated⁵⁷.

The junta shelled villages with artillery in Muse district, after fighting with Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) in northern Shan State⁵⁸.

Junta forces with plainclothes beat and arrested NLD MP for Moenyin who won the seat in 2020 General Elections at her house in Kachin State⁵⁹.

After the battle in Pansai on Tuesday, the junta armed forces wildly opened fire with mortars at Phai-Kaung village. According to local residents, many houses were damaged⁶⁰.

Foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have appointed Brunei's second minister for foreign affairs, Erywan Yusof, as the special envoy to Myanmar⁶¹.

The US State Department said Deputy Secretary Wendy Sherman spoke with Daw Zin Mar Aung, who has been appointed acting foreign minister in the National Unity Government (NUG) for Myanmar, discussed ongoing efforts to return Myanmar to a path to democracy, including continued US support for the pro-democracy movement⁶².

Justice for Myanmar said that US/Luxembourg satellite company Intelsat is continuing to lease transponder capacity to the junta via a UK subsidiary. They called on Intelsat to act immediately to prevent the illegal and murderous Myanmar junta from using satellite capacity for military purposes⁶³.

The European Union welcomed the appointment of the ASEAN Special Envoy on Myanmar, Brunei's Foreign Minister Erywan Yusof and supported ASEAN's efforts in finding a peaceful solution to the current crisis and stressed the need to implement quickly and faithfully the five-point consensus adopted by ASEAN Leaders at their summit⁶⁴.

⁵⁷ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-charity-secretary-detained-after-covid-19-vaccination.html>

⁵⁸ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/24105>

⁵⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/380345273485000>

⁶⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1264167260687284>

⁶¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/asean-appoints-bruneis-erywan-yusof-envoy-myanmar-sources>

⁶² <https://www.state.gov/deputy-secretary-shermans-call-with-zin-mar-aung/>

⁶³ <https://www.justiceformyanmar.org/press-releases/intelsat-providing-myanmar-with-unrestricted-satellite-communications-that-can-be-used-for-military-purposes>

⁶⁴ <https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/102739/myanmarburma-statement>

Soldiers from the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) have allegedly detained and beaten two men after being displaced by the conflict in Kyaukme Township, northern Shan State, while they returned to their home when their rice ran out⁶⁵.

A combined force of the Karenni Army (KA) and the Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF) made a defense attack on junta troops in the western part of Demoso of Kayah State. During the attacks, three soldiers were killed and some were injured⁶⁶.

There was fighting between Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and junta's troops near Kansi village of Hpa-Kant of Kachin State⁶⁷.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) triggered a mine on junta's troops near Ho Naung village of Kutkai, northern Shan State, on Wednesday. At least 7 junta's forces died and 12 were injured⁶⁸.

In Ye-Oo Township, U Thaug Htay, administrator of Nyaung Nikan village group, was killed by a group of unknown people as he was on his way back home after getting the COVID-19 vaccine⁶⁹.

In the west of Tantsi Township, the dead bodies of two men, who had been killed by cutting off their heads, were found on Wayange Mubaung mountain on Wednesday morning⁷⁰.

Around 150 Myanmar migrant workers who were quarantined in Shwe Li, Myanmar-China border were facing difficulty as meals are not provided to those who already paid the meal charges and also those who cannot pay the meal charges since August 1⁷¹.

Neso Mya, leader of the Karen National Liberation Army Peace Council (KNLA PC), has died of COVID-19, according to a source on the Thai-Myanmar border⁷².

The United League of Arakan (ULA), armed wing of Arakanese Army (AA), imposed a 2-week "Stay at Home" order from August 5 to 18 in Rakhine State⁷³.

August 5

⁶⁵ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/24101>

⁶⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=128804622760795&id=100670325574225

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4564867980192945>

⁶⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1263363574100986>

⁶⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479432>

⁷⁰ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479403>

⁷¹ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/892755077992833>

⁷² <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2160131/karen-army-peace-council-leader-dies>

⁷³ <https://www.facebook.com/dmgnewsagency/posts/2077466149072452>

Myanmar's junta has begun a nationwide vaccination campaign as the country struggles under a third COVID-19 wave, but many people are rejecting the jab as they mistrust the junta⁷⁴.

Daw Zin Mar Aung, Foreign Minister of the National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar, sent a formal message to the Deputy Foreign Minister of Brunei Darussalam, urging to co-operate with NUG in humanitarian work and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic⁷⁵.

Former Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Bank and Former Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Vice-Chairman Ye Min Oo has been charged under the Anti-Corruption Law, according to a statement issued by the Tatmadaw True News Information Team⁷⁶.

5 locals including a pregnant woman from Ton village of Minkin townships were arrested by Pyu Saw Htee members, accusing that they were involved in fighting with People's Defense Forces, said locals. People were afraid and fled as they worried about being arrested⁷⁷.

Two men wearing PPE pretending to buy cold drinks in Hlaing Township shot the owners of the cold drink shop. The couple were undergoing medical treatment at the military hospital, and the man died while taking treatment⁷⁸.

A village administrator under the military council in Yangon's Kayan Township, who had also run for election in 2020 representing the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), was killed by a gunshot to the head⁷⁹.

The People's Revolution Army (PRA) announced that they had an encounter with junta's troops in Nagama mountain, Pale township of Sagaing State on Friday. Five junta' troops died and 3 PRA members were injured⁸⁰.

A junta-appointed 78 ward administrative official was reportedly shot dead by unknown gunmen at his house in Yangon's Dagon Seikkan Township⁸¹.

3 unidentified gunmen opened fire at the administrative office of No. 53 Ward in Yangon's South Dagon Township and some 100 household officials were injured according to the residents⁸².

⁷⁴ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/vaccine-08052021185411.html>

⁷⁵ <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmar-national-unity-government-calls-asean-envoy-help-covid-19-fight>

⁷⁶ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6634#4>

⁷⁷ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479601>

⁷⁸ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/two-men-wearing-ppe-shot-the-owners-of-cold-drinks-shop-in-hlaing->

⁷⁹ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-allied-administrator-shot-dead-in-yangon>

⁸⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/1008272376655560>

⁸¹ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/893621817906159>

⁸² <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1954279531396705>

The Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) released a statement that condemned the one-sided declaration of Elections to be held by the junta, and welcomed the appointment of the ASEAN special envoy to Myanmar⁸³.

Shanni National Army (SNA) had a clash with the junta armed forces who entered their areas with plainclothes while they were doing activities for COVID-19 prevention activities in Homalin of Sagaing Region. 2 junta's forces died in the battle⁸⁴.

Officials said the Rohingya refugees are increasingly fleeing from their camps in southeastern Bangladesh in search of work, domestically or abroad⁸⁵.

According to local relief officials, the junta has blocked the route of food and medicine to Mindat township in Chin State. Around 15,000 people in the area will soon be a shortage of food as only 200 bags of rice are left⁸⁶.

The IDP camps in Kachin, where conflicts are accelerating, are in need of help as COVID-19 infection cases are rising⁸⁷.

Elder persons in Mainar KBC camps in Wine Maw Township, Kachin State are in desperate need of food supplies and medicine as COVID-19 rose in the area, the camp's official said⁸⁸.

Junta's newspapers announced that members of Myanmar Press Council (MPC), including council's chairman and vice-chairman, received COVID-19 jab at the Mingaladon township, Public Health Department, Yangon⁸⁹.

August 6

413 Myanmar civil society groups rejected the appointment of a special envoy by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), saying the regional organisation should have consulted opponents of the ruling junta and other parties⁹⁰.

Junta is pushing ahead China-backed the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (KPSEZ) and deep-sea port project in western Rakhine State, a key strategic component of China's Belt and Road Initiative

⁸³ <https://www.facebook.com/ncasignatoryeaofficial/posts/1132754700582731>

⁸⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/1007401266742671>

⁸⁵ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/camps-08052021171201.html>

⁸⁶ <https://mizzima.com/article/food-shortages-imminent-mindat-township>

⁸⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7703>

⁸⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/380788600107334>

⁸⁹ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6635#2>

⁹⁰ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-civil-society-groups-reject-regional-envoy-2021-08-06/>

(BRI), calling both local and foreign law firms to submit their expression of interest to provide legal services to the management committee of the KPSEZ by August 10⁹¹.

At least 15 village administrators have resigned since the beginning of the month in Sagaing Region's Palal Township, according to local sources. The resignations began after the Palal People's Defence Force (PDF) released a statement on July 29 warning administrators not to support the junta's efforts to rule⁹².

Wa National Party announced their strong denunciation against the signature of U Sai Paung Nut, chair of their party, which was included in an announcement of 28 political parties, led by USDP, welcoming the promise of the military junta for elections⁹³.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacted "the first amendment law on gambling" submitted by the Planning, Finance and Investment Ministry of the National Unity Government (NUG) to implement the "Spring Lottery"⁹⁴.

Dr Zaw Myint Maung, the detained vice chairman of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and former chief minister of Mandalay region, was admitted to Mandalay General hospital reportedly for worsening blood cancer⁹⁵.

The World Food Programme (WFP) appealed for funds to fight hunger in Myanmar, saying it may not have enough funding for the next six months to help millions of people in Myanmar facing food insecurity amid a wave of COVID-19 infections and political unrest⁹⁶.

The Indian Embassy in Yangon in cooperation with the Indian women association in Yangon donated medicine and medical supplies to cope with the COVID-19 crisis, stated in the junta's owned newspaper⁹⁷.

Japan urged Myanmar's junta to free people detained since the Feb. 1 coup and restore democracy, during a meeting with the foreign ministers of five Southeast Asian countries along the Mekong River attended by Myanmar's military-appointed representative⁹⁸.

⁹¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-pushing-ahead-with-china-backed-kyaukphyu>

⁹² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/15-village-administrators-resign-in-sagaings-palal-township>

⁹³ <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4383494238339049>

⁹⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/164074349146538>

⁹⁵ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/imprisoned-nld-vice-chairman-suffering-worsening-blood-cancer>

⁹⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/un-appeals-funds-fight-hunger-myanmar-2021-08-06/>

⁹⁷ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6635#2>

⁹⁸ <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/08/8bcb988215ec-japan-calls-for-myanmar-detainees-release-in>

The Southern Shan State Generations (SSG) said it shot a junta drone operator who they claimed was spying on their People's Defence Force (PDF) base in southern Shan State. Later he was bled to death from a wound in his arm⁹⁹.

In Muse Township of Shan North, there was a battle between the junta forces and a combined force of KIA-MNDAA at the Chinese cemetery hill in Jukoke-Pansai¹⁰⁰.

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps in Kachin State have been experiencing a surge of Covid-19 cases, are in food shortages and a lack of healthcare, according to camp representatives¹⁰¹.

Around 10 villages from Taungoo township of Rakhine State were suffered from flood and there were difficulty to transfer the elderly and children as there were no volunteer group and lack of motorboats¹⁰².

Mae Sot market in Myanmar-Thai border situated in downtown Mae Sot, where more than 100,000 Myanmar migrant workers are working, was temporarily closed from August 4 to August 10 by Thai authorities as the numbers of cases increased in COVID-19 Third wave¹⁰³.

In Yunnan, China, over 300 Chinese citizens returning from Myanmar and 50 Myanmar citizens tested COVID-19 positive, according to the Yunnan health department¹⁰⁴.

August 7

The junta extended another one week's public holidays from 9 August to 15 August to curb the COVID-19 situation in Myanmar¹⁰⁵ and also announced Basic Education Schools including monastic and private ones will be closed for another week¹⁰⁶.

Conspirators accused of plotting an attack on Myanmar's UN Ambassador have military ties, sources say. The three Myanmar nationals; an arms dealer, an intermediary and a former volunteer in Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun's office are allegedly part of a larger army community¹⁰⁷.

⁹⁹ <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-drone-operator-spying-shan-pdf-base-shot-dead>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/381691693350358>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/kachin-idp-camps-in-need-of-assistance-after-covid-19-surge>

¹⁰² <https://www.facebook.com/dmgnewsagency/posts/2078702438948823>

¹⁰³ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/mae-sot-market-in-myanmar-thai-border-temporarily-closed-as-the->

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/894059147862426>

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4643899812311554>

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1958445080980150>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/conspirators-accused-of-plotting-attack-on-myanmars-un->

NLD central committee member, U Kyaw Thiha, urged the junta that Dr Zaw Myint Maung, the detained vice chairman of NLD, should get the treatment in house arrest if possible, due to his worsening blood cancer¹⁰⁸.

Myanmar nationals in Landon gathered in front of the Myanmar embassy to mark the 8888 pro-democracy uprising and support the civilian government, NUG¹⁰⁹.

Junta's troops arrested 7 locals in Kalay township, Sagaing on Saturday while they were going out to get the food supplies where the people provided for those who are in need of supplies¹¹⁰.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced that 2 Myanmar citizens were arrested for conspiracy to assault and make a violent attack upon Myanmar's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, U Kyaw Moe Tun¹¹¹.

The Brunei diplomat appointed by a Southeast Asian regional bloc as its special envoy to Myanmar said that he should be given full access to all parties when he visits Myanmar¹¹².

According to the locals, the junta is providing arm training to 400 members of Pyu Saw Htee, which is the backed-up organization of the military, at the artillery training camp in Taikkyi township, Yangon Region¹¹³.

Pylone Naing ward administrator, In Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region was shot dead¹¹⁴.

A junta-appointed administrator of Monhla village in Khin-U Township of Sagaing Region died with gunshots and knife wounds at his house¹¹⁵.

A lieutenant from junta's forcers was shot dead near Ohn Pin village of Kayan, Yangon¹¹⁶.

A shooting broke out while the unknown gunmen with a vehicle attacked the MRTV compound between Kamayut and Sanchaung of Yangon, where junta's troops based their camp. Exchange of fire happened and there were injuries of junta's forces and 1 by-passer civilian was injured, according to witnesses¹¹⁷.

¹⁰⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4387318517956621>

¹⁰⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/myithmautkhit/posts/307851481029879>

¹¹⁰ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/479845>

¹¹¹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/two-myanmar-citizens-arrested-plot-injure-or-kill-myanmar-s->

¹¹² <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/new-asean-envoy-myanmar-says-wants-full-access-when-he-visits>

¹¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1957845287706796>

¹¹⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4642909212410614>

¹¹⁵ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=210896871046353&id=105480538254654

¹¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1265863393851004>

¹¹⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1266047097165967>

	<p>A convoy of the junta's army which consisted of 5 vehicles was ambushed with mines by the People's Defense Forces on YeO-Monywar Road, near Pyan Kya and Kyi villages in Depayin of Sagaing Region. There were several casualties and injuries¹¹⁸.</p>
	<p>Three villages fled shelling by the junta's army in Waingmaw Township as the military continued its indiscriminate attacks on civilians in the township in northern Burma. Burma Army Infantry Battalion 58 shells destroyed at least six homes and killed livestock in the three villages¹¹⁹.</p>
	<p>Kachin State's COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment committee imposed another two-week Lockdown in six townships of Kachin from August 10-24¹²⁰. Magway Region Chief Minister and Chair of Magway Parliament were infected with COVID-19 inside the prison and their oxygen level is falling¹²¹.</p>
<p>August 8</p>	
	<p>Myanmar protesters marked the 33rd anniversary of a 1988 pro-democracy uprising, a historic protest movement in which the Myanmar people's cry for democracy was heard around the world¹²².</p> <p>The chanting of the inmates took place on Sunday's night at Oo Bo prison, Mandalay. The chant "We want democracy and dictatorship must fail", appeared for ten minutes. After that, officials played Buddhist chant paritta suttas through speakers with, according to the residents near the prison¹²³.</p> <p>Myanmar nationals in Norway gathered in front of the Oslo Parliament to mark the 8888 pro-democracy uprising and to defy the dictatorship¹²⁴. Myanmar citizens in US also gathered in front of the White House to support the civilian government, NUG, on Sunday¹²⁵. In Tokyo, there was a protest of Myanmar to support the NUG and marked the 8888 uprising¹²⁶.</p>
	<p>Dr. Maung Maung Nyein Tun, a surgeon arrested by the junta, died of COVID-19 at Mandalay General Hospital this morning¹²⁷.</p>

¹¹⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4646710138697188>

¹¹⁹ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/08/07/villagers-in-waingmaw-township-flee-burma-army-shelling/>

¹²⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4643058249062377>

¹²¹ <https://www.facebook.com/ddaychannelmyanmar/posts/131476952507774>

¹²² <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-protesters-mark-pivotal-1988-uprising-anniversary?>

¹²³ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=211952327607474&id=105480538254654

¹²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/myithmautkhit/posts/308168664331494>

¹²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4645908558777346>

¹²⁶ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/480143>

¹²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaMyanmarNews/posts/4500745196654919>

	<p>Junta's forces and plainclothes armed men raided the Nyaung Hla village of Depaeyin township, Sagaing Region, beaten the locals and burned down the belongings of the villagers. Junta also shelled five heavy artillery guns to the villages and arrested at least 7 villagers of Nyaung Hla¹²⁸.</p>
	<p>The United States released a statement that they stand in solidarity with Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, who continues to demonstrate remarkable courage and bravery in speaking on behalf of the people of Burma and condemn this threat to him, which fits a disturbing pattern of authoritarian leaders and their supporters reaching across the globe including into the United States to persecute and repress journalists, activists, and others who dare speak or stand against them¹²⁹.</p> <p>The second batch of one million Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines out of 2 million purchased from China, arrived at the Yangon International Airport on Sunday, according to a junta-run newspaper¹³⁰.</p>
	<p>The Ta'ang National Liberation Army(TNLA) had a clash with junta's forces in Nant Kan township of northern Shan state. 1 junta's troops died and 1 civilian was injured¹³¹.</p> <p>A combined force of the Karenni Army (KA) and the Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF) made a defense attack on junta troops in Phekon and Pruso townships in the Shan-Kayah border. During the attacks at least soldiers were killed¹³².</p> <p>Karen National Liberation Army clashed with junta's troops near Me Pone village of Hpa-an township, Karen State on Sunday. At least 4 junta's forces died and 5 were injured¹³³.</p> <p>Locals said that there was a rocket explosion near the traffic police office in the compound of Pwint Phyu police office of Magway Region on Sunday¹³⁴.</p> <p>According to the locals, junta's forces shot each other in Dala township of Yangon, one soldier died, the one who committed it was detained at the Dala township police office and the reason of shooting is unknown¹³⁵.</p>
	<p>Lawyer team of Myanmar ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, which consisted of 5 lawyers, were forced to sign a bond by respective township administrative officers, not to release news to locals and international media organizations, said lawyer community¹³⁶.</p>

¹²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/4747908638586584>

¹²⁹ <https://usun.usmission.gov/statement-by-ambassador-linda-thomas-greenfield-on-arrests-in-the-alleged-plot>

¹³⁰ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6643#2>

¹³¹ <https://www.facebook.com/shannewsburmese/posts/4252367584855652>

¹³² https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=129789605995630&id=100670325574225

¹³³ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1958494100975248>

¹³⁴ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/480159>

¹³⁵ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/480156>

¹³⁶ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7718>

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Annexure I:
Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 2 - 8 August, 2021

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
3 Aug	Shan	A homemade bomb exploded near the gate of Phegon Township, Shan State while Covid-19 vaccinations were being carried out there. 2 police killed, 3 including Covid jab receivers wounded in the blast.	Eleven
	Mandalay	A blast occurred at the Ye Mon Taung's ward administrative office of Maharaungmyaye of Mandalay Region and one soldier was injured.	Myanmar Now
4 Aug	Yangon	There was a blast in Mont Taung's ward administrative office of Sanchaung, Yangon and the office was burned down followed by the blast. Locals said there will be injuries, but cannot identify them.	DVB
5 Aug	Yangon	A blast was reported at Mahar Tea shop owned by alleged junta's informer in North Dagon township, Yangon. 3 people including the owner were injured in the accident.	VOM
	Magway	A blast occurred at the house of Maung Taing ward 2 administrator of Taungdwingyi township in Magway Region. Injuries were not known.	Khithit
6 Aug	Yangon	A blast was reported near Maha Bandula park of Kyauktada township, Yangon. 2 by-passers were injured.	VOM
	Yangon	2 blasts occurred near the Kyimyindine administrative office and 1 person was injured.	VOM
	Yangon	Two blasts occurred at the traffic police office of Phoneyilan, Lanmadaw township.	Mizzima
	Yangon	2 blasts were reported near the Grand Hantha Hospital.	Mizzima
	Yangon	In Hlaing Township, there was an explosion at the garbage pile near Pro Mart on Ywamagyaung road in Ward (1).	Mizzima
	Yangon	At about 7:00 pm Friday, there were two explosions near Kamayut police station.	Mizzima

7 Aug	Bago Mandalay	Bago PDF attacked with a bomb to junta' troops who camped in Thiri Hanthar town hall of Bago. 1 died due to the explosion. 2 blasts were reported at the Mogoke's prison and 2 policemen were injured.	Mizzima DVB
8 Aug	Yangon Yangon Magway	A blast was reported from a motorcycle between 54 bus-stop and Phoneygi Kyaung Gwe bus-stop in South Dagon, while 2 junta's soldiers approached to remove a vinyl saying "Defy Facist Army ". Locals said 1 dead and 1 was injured. A blast occurred in front of Sar Linn Monastery, near Pazundaung market. 2 policemen were severely wounded. Magway air base was attacked by 2 bombs early Sunday's morning. PDF said it was their acts and there will be injuries which cannot be identified at the moment.	Khit Thit Mizzima Myaelatt Athan

