



Myanmar Situation Update (23 - 29 August 2021)

Summary

The Myanmar Military is preparing to file another lawsuit against deposed President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has lodged a complaint with the police station in Naypyidaw's Zabu Thiri township alleging that the two leaders were involved in corruption over new land plots in Naypyidaw during the National League for Democracy (NLD)'s rule. The legal defense team of ousted State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and President U Win Myint will ask permission to meet with them, as they have not for six weeks now since their trials were suspended until early September due to the surge in COVID-19 cases.

The junta also charged former Kachin State Chief Minister Dr. Khet Aung and other ministers under the anti-corruption law. Former Yangon Region's Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Linn and wife Daw Khin Sandar Win, as well as 12 parliamentary representatives of the NLD, were charged for supporting civil service personnel in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and People's Defense Forces (PDF).

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he is considering changing the country's electoral system from the existing first-past-the-post model and toward a form of Proportional Representation (PR) in a meeting with the military council. Also in a junta's press conference, Zaw Min Tun, junta spokesman, said that they would not take on responsibilities of the State for long. He further mentioned that the junta would govern the country until August 2023 and that a "multi-party democratic general election" would be held after that. State responsibilities will be handed over to the party that wins the general election in accordance with democratic norms.

Media reported that China has voiced concern over the junta's plan to dissolve the National League for Democracy (NLD), which had a landslide victory in the annulled 2020 general elections. Chinese officials have conveyed to the junta Beijing's message that it wants to see the NLD continue to exist as a political party.

The National Unity Government of Myanmar said that almost 410,000 government staff have joined the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) so far¹.

¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/over-400000-myanmar-civil-servants-still-on-strike-against-military-regime.html>

The junta has added a the genocide law to the Penal Code a move being seen as an attempt to ease international pressure on the regime as it faces a genocide charge at International Criminal Court for its atrocities against the Rohingya².

Two journalists detained by the junta in early August have been hit with fresh charges for criticising the coup regime and supporting the underground National Unity Government (NUG). A former community journalist of Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) was also arrested in Salingyi township of Sagaing region.

Protests continued in different parts of Myanmar despite the crackdown by the junta over the week. The clashes between the junta forces and the civil resistance fighters or Ethnic Armed Organizations also emerged across Myanmar particularly in Shan, Kayin, Kachin, Chin, Kayah, Mon States and Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyarwady, Bago, Magway Regions.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 27 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 6 people were injured³.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 28 August, 1,026 people have been killed by the junta. 6,005 people are currently under detention and 258 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,984 are evading arrest warrants⁴.

Colour Code and its Categories

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

Timeline of events

August 23
The legal defense team of ousted State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and President U Win Myint said they would ask for permission to meet their two clients, after their trials were delayed again until early September. The lawyers have not met them for six weeks, since their trials were suspended due to the surge in COVID-19 cases ⁵ .

² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-enacts-genocide-law.html>

³ Annexure I

⁴ <https://aappb.org/?p=17358>

⁵ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-regime-delays-trial-of-daw-aung-san-suu-kyi-until-september>

The Military is preparing to file another lawsuit against President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has lodged a complaint with the police station in Naypyidaw's Zabu Thiri Township alleging that the president and State Counsellor were involved in corruption of new land plots in Naypyidaw during the National League for Democracy (NLD) government.⁶

The junta charged Kachin State former Chief Minister Dr. Khet Aung and ministers under anti-corruption law, announced in its newspaper⁷.

The NUG guaranteed that they will continue to take responsibility for the length of the service, positions and pensions of soldiers and the police leave the military and join the people. They also said that programs would be made for those who continue to play an important role in the newly formed Federal Union Army and the police force⁸.

Myanmar's coup leader, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he is considering changing the country's electoral system from the existing majoritarian model and toward a form of Proportional Representation (PR) during a meeting in Naypyitaw with members of the military council, according to state-run media⁹.

In Mayangone Township of Yangon Region, the junta armed forces raided a house in Ward (1) on Padauk Shwe Wah street. According to residents, there were exchanges of fire and 4 people were arrested¹⁰.

5 soldiers ran away from Regiment (401) and (402) near Thabyechaung village in Dawei, Tanintharyi Region. One of them was killed and 3 were arrested, according to some villagers¹¹.

Reportedly 5 guards of soldiers at Myo Oo Kin Bridge have run away from their base in Bago with their weapons. One was arrested, said the source close to the military¹².

A female member of Pyithu Hluttaw Parliament of Mingalardon township from National League of Democracy (NLD) was arrested from where she was hiding¹³.

⁶ <https://mizzima.com/article/military-file-another-case-against-president-win-myint-and-aung-san-suu-kyi>

⁷ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6695#4>

⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/modNUG/posts/133403048992099>

⁹ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/myanmar-coup-leader-considers-shift-to-electoral-system-favoured-by>

¹⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4717802828264537>

¹¹ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/army-deserter-in-dawei-shot-dead-and-three-others-arrested-local-say>

¹² <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4695297573838444>

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279407162496627>

Junta's forces have detained more than 30 youths in Yangon as junta's troops conducted a series of raids in response to the NUG warning of a "D-Day" operation to oust the junta nearly seven months after it seized power through a coup¹⁴.

Police used an ambulance to storm a Yesagyo Township village and opened fire on a house owned by a man believed to be involved in anti-coup protests. A 21-year-old man was killed and four others were arrested during the raid¹⁵.

Russia's Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said at a meeting with the Chief of the General Staff of Myanmar's Armed Forces Maung Maung Aye that Russia is prepared to develop military and military-technical cooperation with Myanmar¹⁶.

17 soldiers from the military and 1 member of the People's Defence Forces were killed in an exchange of fire at a technical university outside Tamu township in Sagaing Region¹⁷.

According to People's Defense Force sources, a missile was shot at the junta army (402) in Thaton Township of Mon State. Reportedly, two junta soldiers were hit and died in the incident¹⁸.

In Yinmabin Township of Sagaing region, a toll gate on Monywa-Yargyi-Kalaywa road was set on fire on Sunday night. The manager was killed in the incident¹⁹.

Guerrilla forces attacked the soldiers who encamped in the Garment factory with a remote bomb in Hlaing Thar Yar as revenge for Mayangone's raiding. At least 2 soldiers were severely wounded²⁰.

Around 30 junta soldiers were reportedly killed and 15 others wounded during an ambush by the civilian resistance Yaw Defense Force (YDF) in Gangaw Township, Magway Region²¹.

Moebye PDF announced that they would take full responsibility for the security of junta soldiers if they joined the public. They would also be rewarded financially if they brought weapons together with them²².

¹⁴ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/raids-08242021194825.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/one-civilian-killed-four-arrested-in-magwe-region-police-raid>

¹⁶ <https://mizzima.com/article/russia-develop-military-and-military-technical-cooperation-myanmar>

¹⁷ <https://mizzima.com/article/17-junta-soldiers-killed-tamu-clashes>

¹⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/3036361279821701>

¹⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/myithmautkhit/posts/317507480064279>

²⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4696376490397219>

²¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/around-30-myanmar-junta-troops-killed-in-magwe-ambush.html>

²² <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279712549132755>

Naung Moe village administrator of Homalin, Sagaing region, was shot dead by 2 unknown gunmen²³.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked the convoy of junta's army with 2 mines between Manton and Namatu of Northern Shan State. Causality cannot be identified²⁴.

A veteran from Kin Pan village of Htee Lin township, Magway Region was shot dead by unknown people²⁵.

The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) had fierce fighting with the junta's army in Nant Byu Nant village, Tani Township in Kachin State. According to local news, there were casualties from junta's sides²⁶.

Tens of thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes in Sagaing and Magwe regions as junta forces have been raiding villages in Tabayin, Minkin, Myaung, Yinmarbin and Kani townships in Sagaing Region and Yesagyo and other townships in Magway Region²⁷.

The Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) and the Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) engaged in a fierce firefight, displacing as many as 100 villagers in Hsipaw Township²⁸.

Displaced people from AG IDP camp, Pamatee ward of Myitkyina, Kachin State, are facing food shortage, said the camp's in charge²⁹.

Two journalists detained by the junta earlier this month have been hit with fresh charges for criticizing the coup regime and supporting the underground National Unity Government (NUG)³⁰.

Former community journalist of Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) was arrested in Salingyi township of Sagaing region, locals said³¹.

U Hla Thein, a spokesperson for the Arakan State military council said that they will investigate and take action against media outlets that use the term "military council" in Rakhine³².

²³ <https://deltanewsagency.com/7303/?>

²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4622678744411868>

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/904957830105891>

²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279341939169816>

²⁷ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/tens-of-thousands-flee-myanmar-regime-forces-raids-in-sagaing>

²⁸ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/24154>

²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/392127762306751>

³⁰ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/columnist-sithu-aung-myint-charged-with-sedition>

³¹ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/905005270101147>

³² <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/junta-bans-media-outlets-arakan-state-using-term-military-council>

The junta's Ministry of Health declared Tatkone in Nay Pyi Taw and Dawei and Myeik in Tanintharyi as stay-at-home townships³³.

August 24

The National Unity Government (NUG) released a statement on the 4th anniversary of the atrocity crimes committed against the Rohingya people in 2017³⁴.

Myanmar's junta is considering raising village militias to combat opposition to its rule, state media said³⁵.

According to the junta media, council members suggested in a meeting that those who support NUG, CRPH and their other organizations financially and other things, should have legal action taken under the terrorist act and the informers should be rewarded³⁶.

Junta's ward administrators in Rakhine State's Kyaukphyu Township have been warned that they must inform the Myanmar military about the activities of the Arakan Army (AA), which has recently strengthened its influence in the region³⁷.

Union ministers are expected to scrutinize expenditures as some state revenues may be reduced in the next six months, said Senior Lt-Gen Soe Win, junta's Deputy Prime Minister³⁸.

Myanmar's junta has added a genocide law to the country's colonial-era Penal Code, a move being seen by legal experts as an attempt to ease international pressure on the regime as it faces a genocide charge at a United Nations court for its soldiers' atrocities against the Rohingya³⁹.

The junta' army smashed the staff housing of Wammathu Hospital in Mindat, Chin State, and encamped there⁴⁰.

In Sagaing Region, a former headmaster of the affiliated high school in Santha village, who had joined the CDM, and another 3 CDM teachers were arrested for allegedly contacting the NUG⁴¹.

³³ <https://www.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/5072139699468451>

³⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/175973917956581>

³⁵ <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2170471/myanmar-junta-mulls-raising-village-militias>

³⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4698354553532746>

³⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/military-tells-ward-administrators-in-rakhine-towns-to-inform>

³⁸ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/sacs-vice-chairman-urges-union-ministers-to-scrutinize-expenditures?>

³⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-enacts-genocide-law.html>

⁴⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaMyanmarNews/posts/4549112088484896>

⁴¹ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6700#10>

5 youths were arrested in Sabe Phyu Condo, Thingangyune township of Yangon and one person was injured as he jumped from the apartment to escape⁴².

3 youths were arrested and one was injured as junta troops opened fire and raided the 8th ward of Tharkayta township, Yangon⁴³.

US Vice President Kamala Harris said the United States is committed to supporting the Myanmar people in their attempts to restore democracy in the country, while calling on other nations in the region to join the US in the effort, during her Southeast Asian tour⁴⁴.

Three men were arrested by the Manipur police in India for allegedly trying to smuggle Covid vaccines and other medicines to Myanmar⁴⁵.

In Loikaw Township of Karenni State, there were exchanges of fire between the junta army and a combined force of KA-KNDF (Karenni Army - Karenni National Development Force) for half an hour near Konesut village. 7 junta troops were killed and at least 10 injured⁴⁶.

In North Shan State, the Northern Shan State Defense Force (NSSDF) was established by a combination of 7 local PDFs⁴⁷.

Myanmar's military and the Karen National Union (KNU) have both mobilized their troops in villages south of Kawkareik Township in Karen State as tensions between the two sides run high, according to the KNU⁴⁸.

An alliance was established with local defense forces in Chin State to fight against the military junta⁴⁹.

In Kawlin Township of Sagaing, a military truck was hit with mine near Singone village. It was burnt down with the casualties. Reportedly, a large number of armed forces raided nearby villages and killed the livestock after the incident⁵⁰.

⁴² <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/905633733371634>

⁴³ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4698975983470603>

⁴⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/vice-president-harris-says-us-committed-to-supporting-people>

⁴⁵ <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/3-arrested-for-smuggling-covishield-vials-remdesivir-to-myanmar-manipur>

⁴⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=138327655141825&id=100670325574225

⁴⁷ <https://t.me/TachileikNewsAgency/11110?>

⁴⁸ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-military-mobilizes-troops-in-karen-state.html?>

⁴⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/chinworldmedia/posts/4448043131923695>

⁵⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279893389114671>

Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) released a statement containing 5 points with the hope to avoid wars and solve political problems in the right way⁵¹.

As the junta army and Border Guard Force (BGF) invaded the area under the influence of Karen National Union (KNU) Regiment (5), there were 15 clashes with Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) on 23rd and 24th August. 11 junta soldiers died and 9 others were injured⁵².

In Gangaw Township of Magway, a military truck was hit with a mine between Mwelwe village and Yehla village on Kalay-Gantgaw road. Reportedly, the military truck was damaged and the 21 junta soldiers died, some were wounded⁵³.

In the operation area of Karen National Union (KNU) Regiment (2), the junta army invading the area were attacked with mines by Karen National Defense Organization - KNDO Regiment (4) near Yetogyi village. Reportedly, more than 10 junta soldiers died⁵⁴.

Tamu security group released an announcement that their combined forces attacked the uncamped police base of Tamu, Sagaing region. 7 junta troops died and at least 8 were injured⁵⁵.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) clashed with junta's army in Tanai of Kachin State as they invaded the operation area of KIA regiment (14). One KIA fighter died and many died from junta's sides⁵⁶.

The Karenni People's Defense Force offered 1,000,000 - 1,500,000 MMK (600-900 USD) to soldiers involved in the civil disobedience movement with their weapons to defy the junta⁵⁷.

About 1000 residents from 4 villages of Pinlong and Pekhone townships of Southern Shan State, are in need of food and medicines, said by a volunteer who helps IDPs⁵⁸.

A landslide occurred in Aung Thit Lwin Ward, western Mogok Township, Pyin Oo Lwin District, Mandalay Region, killing 11 people, according to the township's Red Cross Society⁵⁹.

Junta's Ministry of Health imposed a "Stay at Home" order in Mohnyin and Waingmaw townships in Kachin State, Chaungzon Township of Mon State, Loikaw township of Kayah State and Kyunhla township of Sagaing State⁶⁰.

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⁵¹ <https://www.facebook.com/risenewsmyanmar/posts/4886364731377985>

⁵² <https://www.facebook.com/KNUDOIHQ/posts/1507905532925098>

⁵³ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1280462875724389>

⁵⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279839915786685>

⁵⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/tamusgz/posts/196692622520237>

⁵⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4625554204124322>

⁵⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7920>

⁵⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1279775152459828>

⁵⁹ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/11-killed-3-rescued-in-mogok-landslide>

⁶⁰ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6700#4>

Daw Khin Ma Ma Myo, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Defense of National Unity Government of Myanmar, has been appointed as Union Minister of Commerce⁶¹.

The Karenni State Police (KSP) was formed of 320 police who defected from the military's home affairs ministry after the February 1 coup, the Karenni State Consultative Council announced in a statement⁶².

The National Unity Government (NUG) said it has sold about 250,000 lottery tickets during the five-day trial period. It is also preparing to support more than 410,000 CDM staff based on a list it has compiled⁶³.

43 civil society organizations in Myanmar pledged to achieve justice for the Rohingya people at the fourth anniversary of a Myanmar military crackdown on Rohingya⁶⁴.

The junta arrested Dr M. Kawn La, chair of the Kachin National Congress and charged him with incitement under Article 505 (a)⁶⁵.

Junta's military increased its troops and BGF strength in KNU territory, planning to crush the People's Defence Force and National Union Government(NUG)⁶⁶.

Junta's troops intentionally murdered and asked 1,000,000 MMK (600 USD) for the body of a 19-year old guy who has been arrested as a suspect for the explosion of South Okkalapa's township administrative office⁶⁷.

Russia will deliver Pantsir missile defence systems to Myanmar on schedule as outlined in the relevant sales contract, the RIA news agency cited the head of Russia's Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation⁶⁸.

Two Chin Defense Force-Mindat troops were reportedly killed in a clash with junta troops in Palate Hti village, Mindat township in Chin State⁶⁹.

⁶¹ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/176558021231504>

⁶² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/anti-junta-police-force-formed-in-karenni-state>

⁶³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rv0nrw4bVmM>

⁶⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/risenewsmyanmar/posts/4888637341150724>

⁶⁵ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/08/26/military-regime-arrests-kachin-national-congress-chairperson/>

⁶⁶ <https://karennews.org/2021/08/burma-military-increases-its-troops-and-bgf-strength-in-knu-territory-plans-to-crush-peoples-defence-force-and-national-union-government/>

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1281361045634572>

⁶⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/world/russia-deliver-missile-systems-myanmar-schedule-ifax-2021-08-25/>

⁶⁹ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/two-cdf-troops-killed-mindat?>

Civilian Defense Force-Hakha and CDF-Zophei had a clash with junta's army between Htantalan and Hakha townships, Chin State, at least 3 junta's troops died⁷⁰.

In Gangaw Township of Magway Region, administrator of Legyi East village was shot dead at his house⁷¹.

Arakan State's largest monastic school, Palay Yadanar monastic education school in Thandwe Township, is in need of food, shelter and classrooms, according to school officials⁷².

Hundreds of children defied a ban on protests at Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh to mark the fourth anniversary of a Myanmar military crackdown which sparked an exodus across the border, community leaders said⁷³.

Altogether 442 Myanmar citizens working in Kyegaung and Ruili towns in China returned to Myanmar via Nandaw check point in Myanmar-China border⁷⁴.

In Ayadaw Township of Sagaing Region, 200 junta soldiers raided Kywebagan village and destroyed houses. Reportedly, about 4000 villagers were hiding in the forest⁷⁵.

August 26

Myanmar's junta is attempting to resume operations at a steel mill in Mandalay Region after production was suspended by the National League for Democracy (NLD) government due to heavy debt owed to China concerning the project and mounting losses⁷⁶.

Military divisions 66 and 55 detained 30 civilians between August 13 and 18 from Demoso, Hpruso and Bawlakhe in Kayah State and Pekon townships in southern Shan State. They have released 15 detainees but 15 others are still being held by the junta's troops to use as human shields in fighting with resistance fighters⁷⁷.

The former Social Affairs Minister of Yangon Region Government, Naing Ngan Lin's wife and child were arrested while taking a package of food and medicine to prison⁷⁸.

⁷⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/chinlanddefenseforce/posts/184946290408024>

⁷¹ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/905664090035265>

⁷² <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/arakan-states-largest-monastic-school-need-food-supplies>

⁷³ <https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/rohingya-children-stage-genocide-anniversary-protest>

⁷⁴ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/442-myanmar-citizens-enter-from-nandaw-check-point/>

⁷⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1281531745617502>

⁷⁶ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-attempts-to-reopen-steel-mill-once-dismissed-as-debt-trap>

⁷⁷ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/civilians-used-as-human-shield-by-myanmar-junta-still>

⁷⁸ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/wife-social-affairs-minister-yangon-region-government-arrested?>

A bread seller was found dead at 122 Street in Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, after junta's troops chased and shot a drunken man⁷⁹.

Myanmar junta soldiers killed one civilian and allegedly burned down houses during a raid on a village in Sagaing Region's Taze Township, according to locals who were among those displaced in the assault⁸⁰.

The South Korean government said it will continue efforts for democracy and recovery of peace and stability in Myanmar in close cooperation with the international community, and engage Myanmar's parallel National Unity Government (NUG)⁸¹.

According to a junta newspaper, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission attended the 2nd meeting of the working group on the Forum of Human Rights Organizations in ASEAN, together with delegations from Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and East Timor⁸².

Three members of security forces were shot dead at close range after pretending to be customers at the bank in Tedim township of Chin state⁸³.

A police detective pretending to be a participant in the civil disobedience movement was caught as he penetrated the people defence force of Yinmarbin Township, Sagaing Region⁸⁴.

Anti-junta resistance forces in Chin State denied a claim by the military that they killed three police officers and stole over 38 million kyat from a bank in the northern town of Tedim⁸⁵.

A convoy of the junta's army was triggered by mines in Kawlin of Sagaing Region and at least 20 junta's troops died, according to locals⁸⁶.

There was fighting between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and junta's troops near Tan Jar village of Putao, Kachin State. At least 15 junta's members were injured and died⁸⁷.

3 ships loading junta's troops and Pyu Saw Htee members were attacked by PDF in Min Kin township of Sagaing region. 2 died and 6 were injured, according to locals⁸⁸.

⁷⁹ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/bread-vendor-shot-dead-in-yangon-neighbourhood>

⁸⁰ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/one-man-killed-residents-flee-as-junta-troops-storm>

⁸¹ <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210826004000315>

⁸² <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6705#4>

⁸³ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/three-security-force-members-shot-dead-chin-state?>

⁸⁴ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/militia-capture-police-officer-pretending-be-cdm-participant>

⁸⁵ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/chin-resistance-fighters-deny-militarys-claim-that-they-robbed>

⁸⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwinwinkhetnews/posts/1291985977900631>

⁸⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/theKachinNews/posts/3766142160152166>

⁸⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwinwinkhetnews/posts/1292014237897805>

A USDP member as well as junta's informant was shot dead by Yangon Revolution Group (YRG) in Yuzana Garden City, Yangon⁸⁹.

2 Civilians were injured due to the fighting between the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCCC) and the combined force of Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and the Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) in Kyaukme of Shan State⁹⁰.

Over 400 civilians have fled their homes fearing the military will burn down their village in Putao Township, Kachin State, after fighting broke out with the Kachin Independence Army (KIA)⁹¹.

Villagers from Asheysi, Doe Nwe, Kyauk Pue, Tin Thar villages of Kalay townships fled to safer places as there was fierce fighting between junta's army and people's defense force⁹².

Media reported that, around 1400 residents were still hiding in the China-Myanmar border and were in need of food, medicines and shelter, as fighting intensified between Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army(MNDAA) and junta's troops⁹³.

The US Embassy in Yangon issued a statement concerning on reports of journalists charged for doing their job and called to free them to report without fear⁹⁴.

The United League of Arakan (ULA)/Arakanese Army (AA) abolished the "Stay at Home" order in Rakhine state⁹⁵.

August 27

The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment of the NUG said that it has received credible information that the illegitimate military council has made approaches to foreign banknote and security planning firms in order to seek assistance in printing new Myanmar kyat banknotes. It shall consider any assistance provided to the junta as an act of aiding and abetting an unlawful association responsible for numerous and ongoing atrocities⁹⁶.

In the junta's press conference, Zaw Min Tun, leader of the military propaganda, said that they would not take on responsibilities of the State for long. He mentioned that the junta would govern

⁸⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1281846415586035>

⁹⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4709001055801429>

⁹¹ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/08/27/hundreds-of-villagers-flee-fighting-in-putao-township/>

⁹² <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4706150579419810>

⁹³ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/906736726594668>

⁹⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4248775921870861>

⁹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/narinjara.info/posts/4622784937733547>

⁹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/177939711093335>

until August, 2023 and a multi-party democratic general election would be held after that. "State responsibilities will be handed over to the party that wins in the multi-party democratic general election in accordance with democratic norms"⁹⁷.

The NUG's Health Minister, Dr Zaw Wai Soe said Myanmar will receive more than six million vaccine doses, four million doses of Pfizer and 2.2 million doses of Sinovac, under the UN's COVAX program⁹⁸.

The junta charged the former Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr. Win Myat Aye, under anti-corruption law, according to the state's own newspaper⁹⁹.

The junta announced in its own newspaper that its informants will be awarded a disclosed amount of money if they are informed about CRPH, NUG, PDF and social media users who spread fake news¹⁰⁰.

The Justice Department of the United League of Arakan (ULA), the political wing of the Arakan Army (AA), has received many complaints regarding legal disputes and is working to bring justice to the people, according to ULA/AA spokesperson U Khaing Thukha¹⁰¹.

Deputy Minister for Information Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun warned some ethnic armed organizations not to encourage and support the People Defense Force (PDF) at a press conference held at the in Nay Pyi Taw¹⁰².

Myanmar will vaccinate minority Muslim Rohingya people against the coronavirus and no one will be left behind in its inoculation campaign, said a spokesman for its ruling military¹⁰³.

At least 12 civilians, including a 72-year-old man and 10-year-old boy, have been killed by junta forces in Myanmar this week¹⁰⁴.

Dr. Zaw Myint Maung who had served as the chief minister of Mandalay Region, is being given treatment by medical specialists in the prison hospital for the previous illnesses he was suffering from. His health is not too good and Australian citizen Sean Turner is in good health, said Maj Gen

⁹⁷ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-says-military-council-merely-caretaker-until-elections-can-be-held?>

⁹⁸ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmars-shadow-government-plans-covid-19-vaccine-rollout.html?>

⁹⁹ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6711#2>

¹⁰⁰ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6711#2>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/ulaaa-justice-department-receives-many-complaints-after-declaring>

¹⁰² <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/sac-spokesperson-warns-eaos-not-to-support-pdf?>

¹⁰³ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-vaccinate-rohingya-minority-wont-leave-any-behind>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/at-least-12-civilians-killed-by-myanmar-junta-in-week.html?>

Zaw Min Tun, in the press conference¹⁰⁵.

Soldiers occupying a village in Sagaing Region's Taze Township shot and killed a civilian, according to a local resident close to the victim's family¹⁰⁶.

Media reported that China has voiced concern over the junta's plan to dissolve the National League for Democracy (NLD), according to several informed sources. Chinese officials have conveyed to the junta Beijing's message that it wants to see the NLD continue to exist as a political party¹⁰⁷.

The People's Defence Force (YSO) and the MG6 guerrilla force killed a Military Council informant in Zee Taw Sanpya Village in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region¹⁰⁸.

2 Pyu Saw Htee members were arrested by the unknown people on August 26 and one of them was found dead in Nyaung Pin Thar village, Min Kin township of Sagaing Region¹⁰⁹.

Unknown armed men with a vehicle attacked the checkpoint in front of junta's Ka.La.Ya (256) and (257) in Yesagyo township, Magway Region. 2 junta's troops were severely injured¹¹⁰.

A convoy of junta's troops was attacked by Kachin Independence Army (KIA) with 4 planted mines near Makawnam village of Muse township, Northern Shan State. At least 10 junta's troops were injured and died¹¹¹.

There was an exchange of fire in Maminbu ward of Minbu township, Magway region. District police office was also attacked by 2 bombs¹¹².

In Pha-Pun (Mutra) District, the junta armed forces and its border guard force conducted operations in KNU brigade (5) area. Consequently, there were 6 clashes with KNLA. Reportedly, 15 junta soldiers died and 11 others were injured¹¹³.

Junta troops deployed in Myaung Township, Sagaing Region, were sick with COVID-19 and at least two soldiers have died after showing symptoms, said the township People's Defense Force (PDF)¹¹⁴.

¹⁰⁵<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/australian-citizen-sean-turner-in-good-health-dr-zaw-myint-maung>

¹⁰⁶<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/civilian-shot-dead-by-soldiers-occupying-sagaing-village>

¹⁰⁷<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/china-doesnt-want-myanmars-nld-dissolved-informed-sources.html?>

¹⁰⁸<https://www.mizzima.com/article/magway-pdf-group-assassinate-military-council-informant?>

¹⁰⁹<http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484009?>

¹¹⁰<https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/4808335495877231>

¹¹¹<https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4637942596218816>

¹¹²<http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484121?>

¹¹³<https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1283140768789933>

¹¹⁴<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-troops-sick-with-covid-19-after-sagaing-raids-resistanc>

August 28

The NUG released a statement saying that police and soldiers must not obey the junta's orders, directives and instructions. Moreover, the statement said that the NUG would provide necessary assistance to the police and soldiers who will cooperate with the people of Myanmar in the pro-democracy movement¹¹⁵.

The junta has charged the former Yangon Region's Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Linn and wife Daw Khin Sandar Win, as well as 12 parliamentary representatives of NLD party, for supporting civil service personnel in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and people's defence forces with food and financial supplies, according to a report in the junta media¹¹⁶.

Mandalay's protest was cracked down by junta's troops riding home vehicles. A girl was shot and some were arrested, but the number couldn't be identified¹¹⁷.

Junta's troops threatened they would kill displaced people from Kyaezutaw village of Yay township, which is the operational area of Karen National Union Brigade (4) if they didn't come back to the village¹¹⁸.

Junta's troops and Pyu Saw Htee members arsoned the Tinthar village of Kalay township, Sagaing Region which has over 2000 households. They came to the village to arrest CDM staff¹¹⁹.

2 heavy artillery from junta's army Ka.La.Ya (58), shelled into the Madain and Ka Kwant villages of Waingmaw township of Kachin State¹²⁰.

4 civilians including a child were killed as junta's troops randomly shelled heavy artillery into the Nant Har village of Monekoe township, Northern Shan State¹²¹.

12 resistance forces from Yangon, Mandalay, Kyaukse, Myingyan, Pakokku, Kawlin and Shwe Gu have been organized as an allied revolutionary group to fight against the junta¹²².

2 headless bodies of Pyu Saw Htee members, a pro military group were found in Tantsi township of Sagaing Region¹²³.

¹¹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/178713777682595>

¹¹⁶ <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-charges-former-nld-minister-mps-supporting-dissidents>

¹¹⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4711996438835224>

¹¹⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1283051542132189>

¹¹⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1283265268777483>

¹²⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/395529045299956>

¹²¹ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=226428132826560&id=105480538254654

¹²² <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1283351585435518>

¹²³ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484257?>

There were 4 clashes within a day between the junta's army and the combined force of the KA/KNDF on Loilinlay of the Shan-Kayah border. There were several casualties from junta's side which couldn't be identified and some weapons were confiscated¹²⁴.

A soldier who patrolled near Ton village of Minkin township, Sagaing region was shot dead by the sniper¹²⁵.

Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) had a fierce clash with junta's army in Monekoe of Northern Shan State. According to locals, almost the whole regiment of junta including 2 colonels died in the clash¹²⁶.

Fighting broke out in Loikaw of Kayah State between the junta's army and the Karenni National Development Force (KNDF). There were a lot of casualties from the junta's side and weapons were confiscated¹²⁷.

Villagers from Taal Village of Falam township, Chin State were sheltered in nearby villages as junta's troops raided and destroyed the whole village¹²⁸.

Residents from 7 villages of eastern Loilinlay of Shan-Kayah border fled as the junta's troops shelled heavy artillery into the villages¹²⁹.

Displaced people from Monekoe-Paungsai in Muse district, China-Myanmar border, are in need of food, medicine and tarpaulin as the junta's troops limited the transport of these materials¹³⁰.

August 29

A lieutenant was shot dead by a soldier in junta's army Ka.La.Ya (140) in Matupi of Chin State, while he was reading a propaganda telegram that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will be released and Elections will be conducted soon. Later the soldier shot himself and died, according to the source in that army base¹³¹.

¹²⁴ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=141049801536277&id=100670325574225

¹²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/907980343136973>

¹²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4638875376125538>

¹²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/396126211906906>

¹²⁸ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/8068>

¹²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1283323142105029>

¹³⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/907615073173500>

¹³¹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484505?>

Junta's troops killed 6 civilians from Kapaun Kya village, Tantsi of Sagaing Region and abandoned their bodies in the village cemetery, according to locals. They arrested 13 villagers from the village on August 26¹³².

An alleged informant with his wife who were driving was shot by unknown gunmen in Hlaing township. The informant died and his wife was treated at the hospital¹³³.

An alleged informant from Shwebo of Sagaing Region was shot dead while he was riding the motorcycle¹³⁴.

Yay People's Defense Force attacked the junta's Ka.La.Ya 106 in Mawkanin village of Yay, Mon State. PDF members could retreat safely and the number of casualties from the junta's side was unknown.

There was fighting between KNU/KNLA brigade (1) and junta's army in Tagaungbo village tract of Hpa-An township, Karen state. 3 died from the junta's side¹³⁵.

Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) released the photos of confiscated weapons of yesterday's fighting with junta's army¹³⁶.

There was an exchange of fire in Phapun of Karen State as the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) attacked the junta's base near Yun Salin Bridge¹³⁷.

Some soldiers from junta's Border Guard Force (1021) from Htee Hu Than village of Kyar Inn Seik Gyi township of Karen State, defected from the camp, sources close to the BGF said¹³⁸.

Weapons were confiscated in the fighting between the junta's army and combined force of Karenni National Defense Force (KNDF) and People's Defense Force (PDF) in Eastern Loilinlay of Loikaw, Kayah State¹³⁹.

Around 600 villagers from Kaung Long and Nan Phar villages of Monekoe villages fled as there was fierce fighting between junta's army & Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) and shelling of heavy artillery into the village¹⁴⁰.

¹³² <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4715668505134684>

¹³³ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4714565681911633>

¹³⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1284101268693883>

¹³⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1284134988690511>

¹³⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4715161138518754>

¹³⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1284455345325142>

¹³⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/KloFM/posts/112474661150861>

¹³⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/396262111893316>

¹⁴⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/theKachinNews/posts/3775053862594329>

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Annexure I:

Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 23 - 29 August, 2021

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
23 Aug	Kayah	MyTel's cell Tower built near Dawnganyauk village, Demawsoe Township, Kayah State was bombed, according to the sources.	Eleven
	Yangon	Soldiers who encamped in the Garment factory of Hlaing Thar Yar were attacked with a remote bomb. At least 2 soldiers were severely wounded.	Mizzima
24 Aug	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported at Myanmar Economic Bank in ward 4 of Patheingyi township where junta's troops were guarding. 4 soldiers were injured.	Voice of Myanmar
26 Aug	Sagaing	Locals said a blast occurred at the compound of the district administrator's home of Kawlin township.	Voice of Myanmar
	Kachin	A blast was reported at the compound of an alleged pro-military activist home in Myitkyina, Ram Pu ward.	74 Media
	Kayah	A blast occurred at the front of Mytel office in Chi Kel village of Loikaw, later the building was burned, according to locals.	Mizzima
	Magway	The People's Defense Force released a statement that they threw 2 bombs into the shop of a military informant in Taungdwingyi.	Than Lwin Khet
	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported at Kyaik Pi police station of Mawlamyine Kyune.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Sagaing	2 blasts occurred between Kawlin's District Office and staff residents.	DVB
27 Aug	Karen	A stun grenade explosion occurred at a roadside bush in Shwe War Yaung Street and Thukha-2 Street, ward-5 in Myawaddy.	Eleven
	Shan	A blast was reported in front of Tachileik municipal office.	Tachileik News Agency
	Mon	A blast occurred at the Kyaik Hto local health department of Mon State, the building was damaged due to the blast.	Voice of Myanmar
	Magway	Minbu district police office was attacked with a bomb.	DVB
	Sagaing	A blast occurred near Tansi township court. Injuries couldn't be identified.	DVB

28 Aug	Karen	A blast was reported at the USDP office compound in Myawaddy township.	Karen Information Center
	Yangon	2 blasts were reported in front of the Military's Yarn and Garment Factory in Hlaing township. A blast also occurred near Promart in Ywarmakyuanglein.	Khit Thit
	Yangon	Locals reported that an explosion occurred in Tarmwe township.	Mizzima
29 Aug	Yangon	A blast was reported at G/A ward of Thingangyun township of Yangon.	Irrawaddy
	Mandalay	An explosion occurred near the junta's vehicles in front of the Forestry Office in Mandalay.	Irrawaddy
	Mandalay	A blast was reported at the township USDP office in Maha Aung Myae township of Mandalay.	Mizzima
	Mon Mandalay	2 blasts reported near the entrance sign board of Yay township. A blast occurred at the NLD office between 35 and 36 street, Maha Aung Myae township.	DVB Khit Thit

