



Myanmar Situation Update (26 July - 1 August 2021)

Summary

The junta-appointed election commission of Myanmar has officially nullified the results of the November 2020 general elections, claiming there was widespread fraud. The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) issued a statement that people's power is elected by the people, who are the original owners of sovereignty, and it cannot be annulled by an illegal order of any group. Two distinct political parties slammed the junta's announcement: the Arakan National Party (ANP) said that the cancellation of the 2020 election results could exacerbate the political crisis and the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) said the junta's cancellation of election results saying the results represented the people's will.

Junta chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that elections would be held and the state of emergency would be lifted by August 2023, extending the military's initial timeline given six months ago. Also and said that Myanmar had favoured Thailand's former deputy foreign minister Virasakdi Futrakul as the ASEAN envoy to Myanmar. He took the new title of "Prime Minister" in a newly formed "Caretaker Government" and junta's State Administration Council's Deputy Chair Soe Win appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister.

According to Reporting ASEAN, 6 months after the coup, the situation in Myanmar is as follows; 90% of government activity has ceased, 57% of firms were confident of staying in business over the next month (in June 2021), 52 % of firms encountered cash flow shortages, 3.4 million more people may go hungry in the next 6 months, FDI commitments fell by 63%, cooking oil prices rose by 33%, there are 22,000 refugees in neighbourhood countries and 220,000 IDPs since the coup, 35,000 migrant workers back from Thailand, a 21% reduction in trade, a reduction of 18% in GDP growth in 2021 and 11 major investors have left Myanmar¹.

Flooding in Myanmar has displaced hundreds of people, adding to the misery of a nation struggling against a fast-spreading coronavirus outbreak while living through the chaos created by a military coup in

¹ <https://www.reportingasean.net/myanmar-six-months-after-the-coup-we-only-have-ourselves/>

February. Heavy downpours since the weekend caused flooding in several areas of Sagaing² & Tanintharyi³ Regions, Mon⁴, Rakhine⁵ and Kayin⁶ States, forcing healthcare workers to move COVID-19 patients through drenched streets and alleys in search of someplace drier⁷. The number of COVID-19 fatalities in the third wave of coronavirus in Myanmar has exceeded the combined total of COVID-19 deaths in the first two waves of the pandemic, according to the junta-controlled Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS).

Myanmar junta's forces have killed more than 100 teenagers following the Feb. 1 military coup that overthrew the country's democratically elected civilian government, according to figures tallied by a human rights monitor group, Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP)⁸. A Chin watchdog group also said that troops allied with Myanmar's junta have killed more than 80 ethnic Chins in the country since the military took power in a Feb. 1 coup, including two infants and a 15-year-old rape victim.

The World Bank said in its latest report that Myanmar's economy is set to shrink by 18 percent this fiscal year 2021 (October 2020-September 2021) amid the ongoing political upheaval caused by the military coup and a rapid surge in the third wave of COVID-19 in the country⁹.

Human Rights Watch urged Myanmar's junta to stop prosecuting journalists and end its assault on independent media, releasing a video about the media crackdown. Norway's Telenor will transfer the call data records of its 18 million Myanmar subscribers to the military-linked Lebanese company when it exits the country, raising fear among activists of transferring personal data and will place them at risk of arrest by the junta. More than 400 Myanmar Civil Society Groups said the Telenor sale broke OECD rules. A Dutch non-profit organization filed a complaint on behalf of them alleging that Telenor violates the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s "responsible disengagement" rules.

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

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 31 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 10 people were injured¹⁰.

²<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/flash-flood-occurs-in-daungmyu-creek-in-wuntho-gold-mining-accessories-drift>

³<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/taninthayi-region-opens-flood-relief-camps-as-the-taninthayi-river-overflows>

⁴<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/landslides-caused-by-heavy-rain-leave-two-missing-in-two-townships-of-mon>

⁵<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/thandwe-facing-severe-flooding-power-stations-flooded-causing-electrical>

⁶<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/heavy-rain-swelling-moei-river-flood-many-parts-of-myawady-border-town>

⁷<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-floods-coup-complicate-growing-COVID-19-outbreak-2021>

⁸<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/teenagers-07262021194335.html>

⁹<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmars-economy-to-contract-by-18-this-year-world-bank.html>

¹⁰ Annexure I

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 31 July, 940 people have been killed by the junta. 5,444 people are currently under detention and 255 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,964 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

July 26
<p>Myanmar's shadow government submitted a donation request to Australian Government for locally made AstraZeneca vaccine while the country is likely to become an exporter of COVID-19 under the military junta¹¹.</p> <p>Myanmar junta's state media reported that the junta-appointed election commission in Myanmar has officially nullified the results of a November general election that the junta alleged was marred by widespread fraud¹².</p> <p>The upcoming trials of three leaders, including ousted Leader Aung San Su Kyi, would be on 2nd and 3rd August as junta extended public holidays till August 1¹³.</p> <p>Myanmar's shadow government NUG announced that U Maw Tun Aung, a candidate for Muse District National Parliament in 2020 General Election representing Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD), was appointed to be Deputy Minister of Electricity and Energy¹⁴.</p> <p>Junta lowered the education level to 4th Grade for the new intake of soldiers as there were lesser soldiers who want to serve in the Myanmar army¹⁵.</p> <p>Myanmar Nationals in Japan made a protest to defy the junta in front of the venue of the Tokyo Olympic Games¹⁶.</p>

¹¹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1256377984799545>

¹² <https://gnlm.com.mm/27-july-2021/#article-title>

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/4986213994727689>

¹⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/156432949910678>

¹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1946436428847682>

¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/burmanewsnetwork/posts/313980840293851>

	Four people, including a protest leader, were beaten and arrested by the junta's armed forces in Meiktila, Mandalay Region ¹⁷ .
	asianews.it reported that Russia has delivered a consignment of Sukhoi Su-30SME multi-role fighter jets and military training aircraft to Myanmar in recent days ¹⁸ .
	<p>The Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) clashed with Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) near Wam Seim village in Hsipaw Township, northern Shan State. Some villagers fled the fighting, but they have nowhere to go because there are no internally displaced persons camps nearby¹⁹.</p> <p>Seven naval vessels carrying troops and weapons up the Ayeyarwady River were intercepted by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) near the town of Shwegu on Monday afternoon, according to a KIA spokesperson²⁰. According to a local news outlet, one of the vessels was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) but was not disabled by the attack²¹.</p> <p>Six members of the junta's forces surrendered to fighters from the Chinland Defence Force (CDF) on Saturday and joined the anti-coup resistance during a raid on a police station in the remote town of M'kuiimnuin in Mindat Township, Chin State²².</p> <p>Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) called on Shan ethnic armed organizations, SSPP and RCSS, to have a meeting for discussion so that the conflicts and battles between them could be put to an end as soon as possible²³.</p> <p>In Khin-U Township of Sagaing Region, 35-year old Daw San Win Kyi, a member of USDP, was killed in Yaukthwa-I village²⁴.</p> <p>The body of village administrator of Mattayar township, Mandalay was found dead with gunshot wounds²⁵.</p>
	Around 800 civilians from four villages of northern Chin State's Falam Township were forced to flee their homes as junta's troops raided the villages after fighting broke out between junta's forces and the Chin National Defence Force (CNDF) ²⁶ .

¹⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/juntas-troops-break-into-meiktila-home-arrest-four-people-including>

¹⁸ <http://asianews.it/news-en/Moscow-sells-warplanes-to-Burmese-generals-53724.html>

¹⁹ <https://english.shannews.org/archives/24080>

²⁰ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/kia-intercepts-naval-vessels-near-shwegu>

²¹ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4537276082952135>

²² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/six-police-and-soldiers-join-resistance-fighters-in-chin-after-surrenderin>

²³ <https://www.facebook.com/SNLDparty/posts/4076816102387227>

²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4605234969511372>

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/887422181859456>

²⁶ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/around-800-falam-villagers-flee-as-junta-troops-go-on-rampage>

	<p>Over 100 people fled a village in Mandalay Region’s Kyaukpadaung Township last week after the junta’s forces arrived and threatened to burn down every house locals said²⁷.</p> <p>Migrant workers from Myanmar were legally allowed to leave China from China- Myanmar Border town of Kyal Gaung to Muse as the industries in Shwe Le and Kyal Gaung had to be closed for 6 month, according to Ta’ang Non-profit organization in Shwe Le²⁸.</p> <p>According to REC, a Rakhine organization for IDPs, there were insufficient food problems at almost all IDP camps in Rakhine State during the COVID-19 pandemic²⁹.</p>
	<p>Norway’s Telenor will transfer the call data records of its 18 million Myanmar subscribers to a military-linked Lebanese company when it exits the country, raising fear among activists of transferring personal data and will place them at risk of arrest by the junta³⁰.</p>
	<p>According to volunteers and pharmacists, medicine prices are exorbitantly high at the moment as Myanmar suffers a deadly third wave of COVID-19. On average, the price of medicines has increased by 50 percent while some essential medicines are facing shortages³¹.</p> <p>Multiple COVID-19 patients died at the North Okkalapa General Hospital in Yangon after a system supplying them with oxygen via wall-mounted pipes shut down, according to several witnesses. The witnesses from the isolation ward said the hospital was guarded by two military trucks, soldiers and police, and that they doubted outsiders could have come in and damaged the pipe³².</p>
<p>July 27</p>	
	<p>Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) issued a statement saying that people power is elected by the people, who are the original owners of sovereignty, and it cannot be annulled by an illegal order of any group³³.</p> <p>The junta’s decision to reject the results of the 2020 election ignored both votes and laws, a representative of the National League of Democracy (NLD) said³⁴. Myanmar’s junta has chosen a</p>

²⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/soldiers-threaten-to-burn-down-mandalay-region-village-after->

²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/1000253740790757>

²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1256247818145895>

³⁰ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/telenor-will-transfer-call-data-records-for-18m-subscribers-to-junta-link>

³¹ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/medicine-prices-exorbitantly-high-some-essential-medicines-facing-shortages>

³² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/it-was-like-hell-multiple-COVID-19-patients-reported-dead-at-yangon>

³³ <https://www.facebook.com/crph.official.mm/posts/234396692019643>

³⁴ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/overturning-of-election-results-an-insult-to-the-people-nld-says>

path of “total self-destruction” by disregarding the will of the people in a bid to legitimize its power grab, he added³⁵.

The State Administrative Council (SAC), the governing body of the military junta, has imposed a news blackout on COVID-19 deaths in the military, despite widespread infections³⁶.

Junta’s owned state media reported that a total of 4,297 detainees have been released since the junta announced plans to free certain categories of prisoners as a measure to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the country’s detention centres. According to the report, a total of 566 prisoners have contracted the disease since the start of the third wave of infections earlier this month and nine have died³⁷.

The Arakan National Party (ANP) said that the cancellation of the 2020 general election results could exacerbate the political crisis³⁸.

Myanmar Nationals from New York made a silent strike in front of UN headquarters for the people who suffered from the coup as well as COVID-19 third wave in Myanmar³⁹.

A Chin watchdog group said that troops allied with Myanmar’s junta have killed more than 80 ethnic Chins in the country since the military took power in a Feb. 1 coup, including two infants and a 15-year-old rape victim⁴⁰.

Two pro-democracy protesters including a young woman were killed and one was wounded in a violent crackdown by junta’s forces on the daily Mya Taung protest column in Mandalay⁴¹. Junta refused to return the body of the murdered woman and they have already cremated her, according to the family members⁴².

Locals found the disfigured bodies of eight men in two locations in the forest surrounding Zee Pin Twin village in Sagaing Region’s Kani Township as the locals searched for the missing people following the clash between the junta’s armed forces and the local People’s Defence Force (PDF)⁴³.

³⁵ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/destruction-07272021181806.html>

³⁶ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/COVID-19-rips-through-myanmar-military-soldiers.html>

³⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/more-than-4000-released-as-COVID-19-cases-surge-in-myanmars-priso>

³⁸ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/anp-says-cancellation-election-results-could-exacerbate-political-crisis?>

³⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1257469734690370>

⁴⁰ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/chin-07272021183114.html>

⁴¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/two-killed-as-myanmar-junta-forces-open-fire-on-mandalay-protest>

⁴² <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/military-refuses-to-return-body-of-murdered-mandalay-protester-to>

⁴³ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/eight-men-found-dead-in-kani-township-with-clear-signs-of-torture>

	<p>There was a shortage of oxygen as junta's troops raided and controlled the only one oxygen plant in HpaKant township of Kachin State, according to the volunteers⁴⁴.</p>
	<p>U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin decried the actions of Myanmar's military junta and urged a regional bloc to keep demanding an end to the violence⁴⁵.</p>
	<p>A ward administrator of Minte Eikin, Aung Myay Tharzan township of Mandalay was shot dead at his house⁴⁶.</p> <p>A husband and wife who owned a restaurant in Myingyan, Mandalay Region were shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. Locals speculated that the attack was done by the military proxy Pyu Saw Htee⁴⁷.</p> <p>In Thatone Township, unknown arm forces destroyed the gas pipeline by an explosion between Winsein village and Sakangyi village. Locals speculated that the act was carried out by the junta's forces to frame the People Defense Force (PDF)⁴⁸.</p> <p>In Hpa-An Township, there were exchanges of fire for about 15 minutes near Mibone village, between KNLA Regiment (1) and the junta army Ka-Ma-Ya (208)⁴⁹.</p> <p>A woman informer of junta was killed by People's Defense Force on Tuesday in Pauk township, Magway Region⁵⁰.</p>
	<p>Residents of the largest internally displaced persons (IDPs) camp in Kachin State, KBC Mai Ne camp, needed food support after authorities locked it down following a COVID-19 outbreak⁵¹.</p> <p>More than 3,000 households were affected by floodwaters, especially those houses located near or on the banks of Thaug Yin (Moei) River which marks the international border between Burma and Thailand. Those 3,000 households were evacuated and 10 temporary shelters were set up at schools and temples⁵².</p>

⁴⁴ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/477716?>

⁴⁵ <https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Speeches/Speech/Article/2708192/secretary-of-defense-remarks-at-the>

⁴⁶ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-appointed-ward-administrator-killed-by-unidentified-gunman>

⁴⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/couple-who-owned-myingyan-restaurant-shot-and-killed-by-unidentifie>

⁴⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwinnews/posts/1273083033124259>

⁴⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/KNUDOIHQ/posts/1487985698250415>

⁵⁰ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/477928>

⁵¹ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/07/27/residents-of-locked-down-camp-in-kachin-state-facing-food-insecurity/>

⁵² <http://karennews.org/2021/07/myawaddy-residents-fear-flooding-closure-of-treatment-centres-and-rising-COVID>

	<p>Two IDP camps in Laiza where headquarters of Kachin Independence Organization (KIA) is stationed, were in lockdown after 3 COVID-19 confirmed cases were found⁵³.</p> <p>Another 500 households from 10 villages of Kanpetlet township, Chin State fled as there was battle between junta's troops and Chin Defense Forces (Mindat/Kanpetlet)⁵⁴.</p>
	<p>More than 400 Myanmar Civil Society Groups said the Telenor sale broke OECD rules. A Dutch non-profit organization on Tuesday filed a complaint on behalf of them alleging that Norwegian state-owned telecoms giant Telenor Group's planned sale of its Myanmar unit to a junta-linked company violates the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s "responsible disengagement" rules⁵⁵.</p> <p>Human Rights Watch urged on Tuesday that Myanmar's junta to stop prosecuting journalists and end its assault on independent media, releasing a video about the media crackdown⁵⁶.</p>
	<p>The Karen National Union (KNU) health officials said that they will continue to work on preventing the spread of COVID-19 disease, despite objections by the military junta⁵⁷.</p> <p>Myanmar Radio and Television, the junta-controlled broadcaster, announced that ten crematoriums are being built simultaneously at cemeteries in Yangon, as the death toll from the third wave of COVID-19 continues to soar⁵⁸.</p>
<p>July 28</p>	
	<p>Junta is seeking help from the international community to tackle the coronavirus, state-owned media said, as the South-east Asian country struggles with a surging wave of infections⁵⁹.</p> <p>The Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) said the junta's cancellation of the 2020 general election results saying the results represented the people's will, adding that it recognized its 42 candidates who won seats as the people's representatives⁶⁰.</p>

⁵³ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/375061207346740>

⁵⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/KhonumthungBurmese/posts/2934311523503537>

⁵⁵ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/more-than-400-myanmar-civil-groups-say-telenor-sale-breaks-oecd>

⁵⁶ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/military-junta-should-stop-prosecuting-journalists-and-end-its-assault-independent>

⁵⁷ <http://karennews.org/2021/07/karen-health-officials-vow-to-continue-its-COVID-19-responses-despite-military>

⁵⁸ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-to-build-new-crematoriums-as-COVID-19-death-toll>

⁵⁹ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6604>

⁶⁰ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/ethnic-shan-party-slams-myanmar-junta-for-scraping-2020-election>

	<p>178 Students Unions across Myanmar and in the diaspora called for immediate and strong action by the international community to defy against the military junta and to fight against COVID-19 pandemic⁶¹.</p>
	<p>Junta gave 1,000,000 MMK (around 660 USD) as compensation fee to the victim's family who was murdered by them without apparent reason in Pyay township of Bago Region and didn't return the body, according to those who are close to the family members⁶².</p> <p>Almost 60 civilian resistance People Defense Force (PDF) fighters in Mingin were detained in Mingin township of Sagaing Region as the Pyu-Saw-Htee set up a trap saying that they would surrender⁶³.</p>
	<p>The UN independent expert on the human rights situation in Myanmar, Special Rapporteur Tom Andrews called for a "COVID ceasefire" for the country, as infections and deaths soar⁶⁴.</p> <p>Amid a deadly surge in coronavirus cases in Myanmar, Singapore will send 200 10-litre oxygen concentrators to support the country's battle against COVID-19. The Singapore Red Cross (SRC) will work with the Myanmar Red Cross Society to distribute the oxygen concentrators to affected communities, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)⁶⁵.</p> <p>Human Rights Watch called Indian authorities to immediately free all detained Myanmar asylum seekers and urged the authorities to investigate the deaths of two women who had fled Myanmar and died in custody in Manipur state from COVID-19 in June 2021⁶⁶.</p>
	<p>In Homalin Township, Manhone village administrator was shot dead at his house in Narmaw village group⁶⁷.</p> <p>In Khin-U Township, a 48-year-old man named U Min Maw, allegedly leader of the Pyusawti group in Konegyi village, was shot dead by unknown men⁶⁸.</p> <p>Yaw PDF announced that 4 military trucks invading the area on Gantgaw-Htilin road were attacked by simultaneous explosions of many mines. In the incident, two military trucks were damaged, over 20 junta soldiers died on the spot and many others were injured⁶⁹.</p>

⁶¹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1257509511353059>

⁶² <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/477970?>

⁶³ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/dozens-of-myanmar-resistance-fighters-seized-in-sagaing->

⁶⁴ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1096492>

⁶⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/Vivian.Balakrishnan.Sg/posts/10157762996276207>

⁶⁶ <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/07/28/india-release-detained-myanmar-asylum-seekers?>

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/889678201633854>

⁶⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4614768561891346>

⁶⁹ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=124472813223554&id=100931942244308

	<p>At least 8 villages of Kyaikmayaw township of Mon State are severely suffering from the flood and around 400 households fled to safer places and in dire need of medicine and drinking water⁷⁰.</p> <p>Two countries met and agreed to transfer 250 migrant Myanmar workers from Laos to Myanmar⁷¹.</p>
	<p>The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) said that it will carry out extensive COVID-19 tests in Laiza after coronavirus cases were reported in two displacement camps near its headquarters⁷².</p> <p>According to leaked corporate records seen by Myanmar Now, two pipelines to Thailand and one to China earned investors a total of \$1.11 billion in dividends between 2017-19 and made the huge profit to Myanmar gas pipeline investors⁷³.</p> <p>The Global New Light of Myanmar, the State-run English newspaper, featured some inmates getting vaccinated in Insein prison, among whom was Sean Turnell, detained Australian economic policy advisor to the National League for Democracy government. In the first round on July 28, vaccines were administered to 610 prisoners and detainees from Insein Central Prison in Yangon Region and 360 prisoners from Nay Pyi Taw prison, according to the news⁷⁴.</p>
July 29	
	<p>Regarding the charge with Section 124-a for defaming the State, U Win Tain, detained senior NLD official told his lawyer not to make an appeal to the higher court⁷⁵.</p> <p>Junta announced that notice of order and directives for the public to control and protect the COVID-19 had extended until at the end of August, through the MRTV, state owned TV channel⁷⁶.</p> <p>The shadow government NUG of the Ministry of Defense called soldiers and police to join them to defy the junta and soon they will acknowledge those good civil servants with CDM code numbers⁷⁷.</p>
	<p>2 civilians were killed as they stepped on the mine set up by the junta's troops in Kyi Ngo mountain of Pauk township, Magway Region⁷⁸.</p>

⁷⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/2964793550311808>

⁷¹ <https://www.facebook.com/standardtimedaily/posts/3892073274237931>

⁷² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/kia-to-carry-out-extensive-COVID-19-tests-in-northern->

⁷³ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/revealed-the-huge-profits-made-by-myanmar-gas-pipeline-investors>

⁷⁴ <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6608#4>

⁷⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4615215991846603>

⁷⁶ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/notice-of-order-and-directives-for-the-public-to-control-COVID-19-extend->

⁷⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/377875470398647>

⁷⁸ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478350?>

	<p>2 youths were arrested by the junta's forces on Thursday's night after the reported blast in Pathein Thinbawgyin police station⁷⁹.</p>
	<p>Britain warned the United Nations Security Council that half of Myanmar's population of 54 million could become infected with COVID-19 within the next two weeks⁸⁰.</p> <p>Deputy U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis urged the U.N. Security Council to press Myanmar's junta to stop violence and restore democracy, warning that with COVID-19 surging and hunger increasing⁸¹.</p>
	<p>The Pa-O National Defense Force (PNDF) has issued a warning letter to the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) saying that they had received complaints from locals that PNO has been involved in arbitrary arrests of locals and land confiscation following the orders of the junta⁸².</p> <p>The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked two Myanmar military bases in northern Shan State on Thursday afternoon, KIA information officer Col Naw Bu said. He added that the number of casualties was not yet confirmed.⁸³ KIA attacked three military bases in the Kachin State towns of Mogaung and Waingmaw overnight⁸⁴.</p> <p>The headless body of a village organizer of USDP was found in Khin-U township of Sagaing Region⁸⁵.</p> <p>With an announcement on Thursday, Pale Township PDF gave a warning to the administrators in their township to resign by 1st August at the latest⁸⁶.</p>
	<p>Around 10,000 locals have been forced to flee their homes in Yinmarbin Township, Sagaing Region, due to attacks by junta forces. At least five villages have emptied and inhabitants are hiding in forests, said a Yinmarbin resident who is helping the displaced villagers⁸⁷.</p> <p>Civilians displaced by fighting in Kachin State have returned home as they don't have enough food in the internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps after the junta locked down the country because of the latest COVID-19 outbreak⁸⁸.</p>

⁷⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478614>

⁸⁰ <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/un-warned-of-dire-COVID-19-situation-in-myanmar-15331688>

⁸¹ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/us-urges-un-council-to-press-myanmar-to-return-to-democracy>

⁸² <https://www.mizzima.com/article/pa-o-national-defense-force-pndf-issues-warning-letter-pno?>

⁸³ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/kia-attacks-two-junta-military-bases-in-northern-shan-state>

⁸⁴ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/kia-launches-attacks-against-junta-in-mogaung-and-waingmaw>

⁸⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/889284481673226>

⁸⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?>

⁸⁷ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/some-10000-villagers-flee-fighting-in-myanmars-sagaing-region.html>

⁸⁸ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/07/29/idps-return-to-homes-in-kachin-state/>

	<p>Around 3000 inhabitants from 680 households from Kyar Inn Seik Gyi township of Karen State were affected from flood and shelter in temporary camps and relative's houses⁸⁹.</p> <p>Around 100 IDPs from Naung Shin and Hi Kwee villages of Kyaukme townships are in need of support as they couldn't return home due to the battles between SSPP/SSA and RCSS/SSA⁹⁰.</p>
	<p>The severe COVID-19 patients in Myanmar are now being denied admittance to military junta-run public hospitals, family members and relief workers reported⁹¹.</p> <p>Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN) released its newest report, "Before our Very Eyes: Myanmar's Military Junta Commits Crimes Against Humanity while the International Community Fails to Act"⁹². An earthquake which has a 6.3 Richter scale occurred in some Regions and States across Myanmar⁹³.</p>
<p>July 30</p>	
	<p>Ms. Susanna Hla Hla Soe from National Unity Government (NUG), Mr. Gum San Nsaing from Kachin Political Interim Coordination Team (KPICT) and Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the UN, joined a meeting with the United Nations Security Council Meeting and discussed the situation in Myanmar⁹⁴.</p> <p>With coronavirus deaths rising in Myanmar, allegations are growing from residents and human rights activists that the military junta is weaponizing COVID-19 to consolidate power and crush opposition⁹⁵.</p> <p>The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), which is controlled by the military junta, has sold nearly US\$90 million (148 billion kyats) since the February coup as the kyat's value tumbles⁹⁶.</p>
	<p>Pro-junta forces allegedly used children to lure and capture more than 50 members of the People's Defence Force (PDF) in Sagaing Region's Mingin Township, according to a member of the local resistance who escaped⁹⁷.</p> <p>Oxygen from oxygen plants in Yangon Region will no longer be sold to individuals due to the junta's orders and instructions. Now, oxygen can only be obtained from the relevant township oxygen supply committees with recommendation letters from the relevant ward administrator, the patient's</p>

⁸⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478182?>

⁹⁰ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478210?>

⁹¹ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/hospitals-07292021170330.html>

⁹² <https://www.bhrn.org.uk/en/report/1176-bhrn-releases-newest-report-documenting-crimes-against-humanity>

⁹³ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/4717322434978538>

⁹⁴ https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=526990608356257&ref=watch_permalink

⁹⁵ <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/activists-allege-myanmar-leaders-are-weaponising-COVID-19->

⁹⁶ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-sells-off-90m-since-coup.html>

⁹⁷ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/pdf-accuses-pro-junta-forces-of-using-children-to-capture-more-than>

	<p>NRC or household list, medical certificate, a photo which contains measuring oxygen using an oximeter, which makes it more difficult for the people⁹⁸.</p>
	<p>Myanmar nationals in South Korea, collected signatures on the South Korean Blue House online website to recognize the National Unity Government (NUG)⁹⁹.</p> <p>Ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis called for unhindered access for aid organizations to deliver humanitarian assistance in an impartial and neutral manner, consistent with humanitarian principles, at the UN Security Council Arria-Formula Meeting on Burma¹⁰⁰.</p> <p>Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi told in a news conference in Tokyo, they slammed Myanmar's coup leaders for cancelling the results of last year's elections which was conducted in a fair manner under the eyes of domestic and foreign election monitoring teams¹⁰¹.</p> <p>Ambassador Gunter Sautter, the deputy permanent representative of Germany to the UN, said that they stand with the people of Myanmar and condemned the brutal repression and illegal overthrow of the elected government¹⁰².</p>
	<p>Junta soldiers massacred at least 28 people in a resistance stronghold of Kani township of Sagaing this month and locals feared there are more bodies yet to be uncovered¹⁰³.</p> <p>In Moenyin Township, a convoy of military trucks was attacked with mines at Hlweku mountain near Nansiaung check-point on Friday. Reportedly, a truck was thrown to the roadside, 8 junta soldiers died and 11 others were injured¹⁰⁴.</p> <p>The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Regiment (2) made an attack at Marankataung check-point where the junta armed forces had been stationed between Moegaung and Kamai¹⁰⁵.</p>
	<p>According to Kawthulay newsletter, about 77,000 Kayin ethnic people living in Karen National Union (KNU) area had to run away due to shelling and the military operations of the junta armed forces¹⁰⁶.</p>

⁹⁸ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/townships-oxygen-supply-committees-to-provide-oxygen>

⁹⁹ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/200000-people-call-south-korea-recognize-nug?>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4172050876210033>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/japan-slams-annulment-of-myanmar-elections-by-junta/2318879>

¹⁰² <https://twitter.com/GermanyUN/status/1421163032873418758...>

¹⁰³ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-soldiers-massacred-at-least-28-people-in-resistance-stronghold>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1259271221176888>

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4549052401774503>

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/KNUDOIHQ/posts/1488865841495734>

	<p>38 households from the IDP camp of Buthidaung of Rakhine State are in need of help as their houses are affected by the flood, according to the camp incharge¹⁰⁷. Some IDPs camps in MarukU township of Rakhine State also affected by the flood and in need of support, according to volunteers¹⁰⁸.</p> <p>Myanmar's ousted government, NUG, provided humanitarian support which cost over 700 million to the conflict affected area across the country within 100 days¹⁰⁹.</p>
July 31	
	<p>In South Okkalapa Township of Yangon, a queue of over 1000 people was waiting to buy medicines at Shwe-O pharmacy near Nandawun market. With the excuse of not complying with the rules of COVID-19, junta police dispersed people, did not allow them to buy medicines and ordered the pharmacy not to continue their sales¹¹⁰.</p> <p>At least eight students from Mandalay were arrested by junta's forces during a raid on the hostel where they were staying in Patheingyi Township on Saturday. At least one student was wounded¹¹¹.</p> <p>Locals found another 12 civilian bodies which were being tortured, in the forest of Taung Pauk East village of Kani township on Saturday¹¹².</p> <p>Junta's troops raided the houses of youth who were involved in the Mya Taung rally of Mandalay on Saturday's morning. 5 were arrested and 2 managed to escape during the arrest, said the witness¹¹³.</p>
	<p>The appointment of a special envoy to Myanmar is expected to be concluded during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting next week. Director-general of Department of ASEAN Affairs at Thailand's Foreign Ministry Usana Berananda said three nominees for the role have been identified and has conveyed all three names to Myanmar¹¹⁴.</p>
	<p>A wife and the administrator of Twindaw village of Butalim, Sagaing region were shot dead by an unknown arm group at their house¹¹⁵.</p>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/narinjara.info/posts/4540874862591222>

¹⁰⁸ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478439?>

¹⁰⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478523>

¹¹⁰ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7648>

¹¹¹ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4644973615547459>

¹¹² <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478788>

¹¹³ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478597>

¹¹⁴ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/asean-hopes-to-finalise-appointment-of-special-envoy-to-myanmar-next->

¹¹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/890799821521692>

The junta armed forces and Pyusawti groups set fire to Wunchone village in the south of Pauk Township, Magway Region, after 3 members of them died and 1 was arrested in the battle with the People's Defense Force. Reportedly, thousands of local residents had to run away¹¹⁶.

According to locals, the administrator of Motarlay village tract of Katha township, Sagaing Region was killed by unknown men¹¹⁷.

Kin Pan Kyay Ya's village administrator who took the position in NLD government as well as in junta, was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Pinlalbu township of Sagaing Region on Saturday¹¹⁸.

Pauk People's Defense Force (PPDF) triggered a remote mine on junta's troops who returned after setting fire to Wunchone village; 10 junta's troops died in the attack¹¹⁹.

1 August

Addressing the state media, Myanmar's junta chief Senior General Minn Aung Hlaing said that elections would be held and a state of emergency lifted by August 2023, extending the military's initial timeline given six months ago¹²⁰. The junta Myanmar is in favour of Virasakdi Futrakul, a former Thailand Deputy Foreign Minister, as the Asean envoy to the country but the plan could not proceed due to "various reasons".¹²¹ He added in his speech, the incitement not to jab COVID-19 is the act of Bioterrorism¹²² and announced that the public holidays will extend for another week (August 2-8) to curb the COVID-19 spike in Myanmar¹²³.

Junta released an announcement of the establishment of a caretaker government. Coup Leader Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will be Prime Minister in this newly-established caretaker government and the junta's State Administration Council's Deputy Chair Soe Win as Deputy Prime Minister¹²⁴.

The Minister of Justice of the National Union Government said that establishing a "Caretaker Government" is just to control the chaos within the military, not to conduct the Elections¹²⁵. The Minister of Human Rights also responded that transforming the government won't be free to take the responsibility for their acts of violation against human rights and international crimes¹²⁶.

¹¹⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=206093954859978&id=105480538254654

¹¹⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/890368208231520>

¹¹⁸ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478832>

¹¹⁹ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478713>

¹²⁰ <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-chief-breaks-promise-and-says-new-election-two-years>

¹²¹ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-ruling-military-leader-thai-diplomat-picked-as-asean-envoy>

¹²² <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478780?>

¹²³ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1950883825069609>

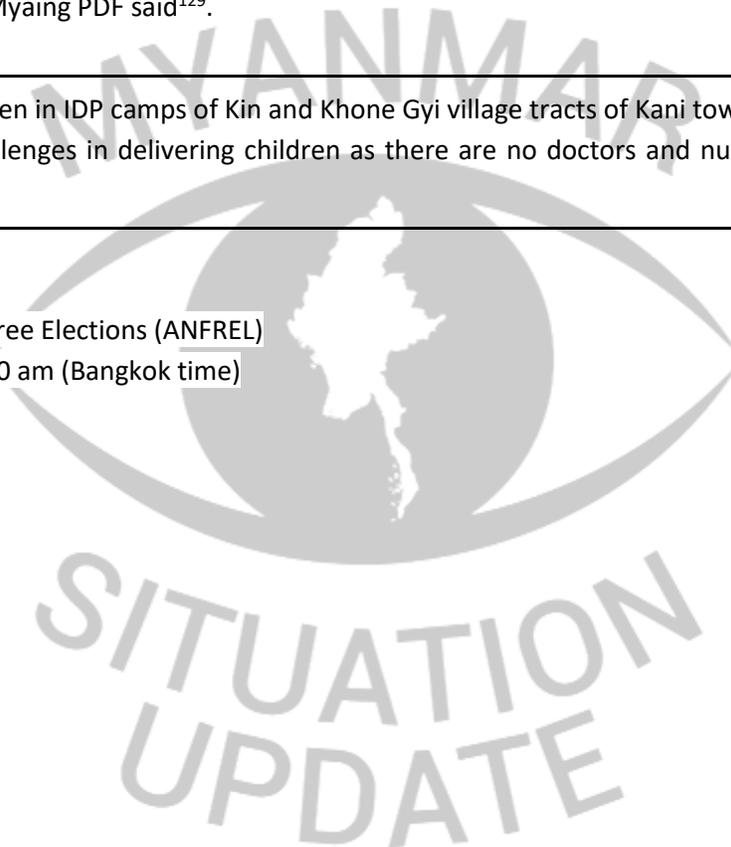
¹²⁴ <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/breaking-sac-announces-establishment-of-caretaker-government>

¹²⁵ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7659>

¹²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4624599690908233>

	2 villagers were arrested by the junta's troops following the shot death of the junta's appointed administrator in Hnipadaw village of Mudon, Mon State ¹²⁷ .
	A joint statement from UNFPA and UN Women in Myanmar was released expressing the impacts of the compounded political and health crisis on women and girls in Myanmar ¹²⁸ .
	Myaing People's Defense Force attacked the police station in Bahin village of Myaing township, Magway Region. There were injuries from junta's side and the leader of Myaing PDF died in the battle, a member of Myaing PDF said ¹²⁹ .
	Pregnant women in IDP camps of Kin and Khone Gyi village tracts of Kani township, Sagaing Region, are facing challenges in delivering children as there are no doctors and nurses , according to the IDPs ¹³⁰ .

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¹²⁷ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=6475851525762189&id=112070732140332

¹²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/UNinMyanmar/posts/1908881459287140>

¹²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1261555030948507>

¹³⁰ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/478877>

Annexure I:

Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 26 July - 1 August, 2021

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
26 July	Magway	In Taungdwingyi, there was a bomb explosion at the house of the township administrator at about 4:00 am Monday.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	A non-CDM teacher's house was attacked with a home-made bomb in Chan Mya Tharzi township.	DVB
	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast occurred near the Municipal office of Mawlamyaing Gyun township.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Magway	2 blasts occurred at the house of (15) ward junta's administrator in Pakokku.	DVB
27 July	Kachin	Three bombs exploded near Nantsiaung checkpoint. Reportedly, a car of Jainphaw Shwemye Express was damaged. There were no injuries in the incident.	The 74 Media
	Bago	In Bago, there were two explosions at the administration office in Kyaukgyisu Ward at about 9:00 am Tuesday. Reportedly, three junta soldiers were injured in the incident.	Mizzima
	Rakhine	A blast was reported at the entrance of BXT harbour of Sittwe.	Narinjara
28 July	Rakhine	In Sittwe, a total of 5 sound bombs exploded near the express service on Wednesday. AA said that it was their act to warn those who didn't follow the "Stay at Home" order.	Development Media Group
	Tanintharyi	2 blasts occurred near the house of Taku village tract's administrator of Dawei township.	Dawei Watch
29 July	Ayeyarwaddy	2 Blasts were reported at Thinbawgyin police station at the foot of Pathein Bridge No. (2) and at the entrance of the city development office in Pathein Township.	Mizzima
	Mon	A blast was reported at the house of Asin village USPD chair in Yay Township and his daughter was injured.	Than Lwin Times
	Mandalay	A blast was reported in ward (2) administrative office of Mattaya in Mandalay, 2 were severely injured.	DVB
30 July	Yangon	A blast was reported at the entrance/exit of State Pariyatti Sasana University in Mayangone township.	Voice of Myanmar
	Shan	A blast was reported at the No (1) B.E.H.S of Kyaukme township.	VOM
	Mandalay	3 blasts were reported at the unfinished building of NLD in Mattaya town of Mandalay.	DVB

31 July	Mandalay	In Pyigy Dagun Township, there was a bomb explosion in the office of Ward (G) on Saturday. Reportedly, there might be casualties due to the incident.	Khith Thit
1 Aug	Yangon Yangon	A blast occurred at the Mayangone (1) ward's administrative office and 3 people were injured. 2 Blasts were reported at 2 Mytel towers in ward (10) and Shwe Lin Ban ward (23) of Hlaing Thar Yar township, reportedly one was injured.	Khith Thit DVB

