



## Myanmar Situation Update

30 Aug - 5 Sep 2021

### Summary

ASEAN's special envoy to Myanmar is in talks with the junta for his trip to Myanmar and seeking access to ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi. He has proposed a 4-month ceasefire by all sides to enable the smooth delivery of the first batch of humanitarian assistance to the country.

The National Unity Government (NUG) is preparing its first budget, about \$700 million, to use for humanitarian relief, COVID-19 vaccinations and striking workers inside Myanmar, as well as the NUG's operations at home and abroad. The NUG also released an announcement condemning the hostile actions of the State Administrative Council and its offensive attacks with the use of excessive force in ethnic areas, and urged the international community to work effectively to stop the junta's actions.

The junta-appointed Union Election Commission has scrutinized the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and the Union Betterment Party (UBP) at the Union Territory election sub-commission office in Ottarathiri township regarding party funds and property, savings, maintenance and usage.

The Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) said that a total of 253 USDP members, their family members and party supporters had been killed over the past seven months, and the collected signatures, photo and video evidence of killings and other crimes committed by the NLD, NUG and CRPH would be sent to local and foreign relevant departments.

Yangon ranked as the least safe city in the world according to the latest Safe Cities Index compiled by the Economist's Intelligence Unit as it ranked last in digital security, 58th in health, infrastructure security and personal security, as well as 54th in environmental security<sup>1</sup>. The German wholesale food distribution company Metro will terminate its operations in Myanmar by October due to the volatile business environment becoming the latest foreign investment to back off from the country since the coup.

The Karen National Union's Mutraw (Hpapun) district information department said that 118 junta soldiers were killed and 68 were injured in more than 130 clashes between the junta and Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) troops in August<sup>2</sup>. The KNU Concerned Group also announced that the Nationwide Ceasefire

<sup>1</sup> <https://thehill.com/changing-america/resilience/smart-cities/570069-the-most-dangerous-city-in-the-world>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/over-100-myanmar-regime-troops-killed-in-august-knla.html>

Agreement (NCA), is no longer valid due to the military coup and they will support the civilian National Unity Government (NUG) in administrative, military and diplomatic matters.

China's special envoy for Asian affairs Sun Guoxianghas, made a week-long visit to Myanmar in talks with the junta for trade affairs and also discussed Myanmar's political situation while Junta's Vice Chairman Senior General Soe Win, accompanied by senior military officials, left Myanmar for Russia to attend the closing ceremony of the International Army Games 2021 at the invitation of Russian Defense Minister General Kuzhugetovich Shoigu.

Detained U.S. journalist Danny Fenster, managing editor of Frontier Myanmar, has been awarded the John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award, given by the U.S. National Press Club. His family members called for his release by Myanmar authorities as they marked the 100th day of his imprisonment. A journalist from Eleven Media was detained at his house in Myeik township of Tanintharyi Region, before being released on 3 September.

The CNA Myanmar bureau has won the Hinzpeter Awards for their news coverage of police violence during nation-wide demonstrations against a military coup in the country and a Myanmar photographer, who remained unnamed for security reasons, won the top award at photojournalism's biggest annual festival for his coverage of the troubled nation's pro-democracy protests and bloody military crackdown.

As of releasing this weekly update, the junta continues to cut off internet connection used by civilians in Hpakant of Kachin State despite junta's spokesperson saying that there was no separate instruction to cut off the internet in Hpakant.

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 in all states and regions except Bago Region.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 38 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 8 people were injured and 3 died<sup>3</sup>.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported that, as of 4 September, 1,046 people have been killed by the junta. 6,230 people are currently under detention and 264 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,984 are evading arrest warrants<sup>4</sup>. Among those detained by the junta since the coup, about 5,000 or 82% are in unknown locations, posing a serious threat to public security and violating international law<sup>5</sup>.

### **Colour Code and its Categories**

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<sup>3</sup> Annexure I

<sup>4</sup> <https://aappb.org/?p=17482>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/about-5000-of-those-held-by-myanmar-junta-are-in-unknown-locations>

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## Timeline of events

30 August	
	<p>The junta reformed the Union Attorney-General Office as the Ministry of Legal Affairs, according to an announcement on junta-run MRTV<sup>6</sup>.</p> <p>The National Unity Government (NUG) released a statement calling out eight companies to abandon investments of more than 3.1 billion dollars (5 trillion kyats) under the junta and it will not recognize any investment permits and endorsements made by the junta<sup>7</sup>.</p> <p>Myanmar citizens in Japan staged a protest in support of Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun as the Myanmar ambassador to the United Nations<sup>8</sup>.</p>
	<p>The Dawei People's Defense Force (DPDF) said that their base was raided by junta troops in Dawei, Tanintharyi Region. Resistance fighters escaped the raid, but food and boats worth around 100 million kyats were destroyed<sup>9</sup>.</p> <p>Junta's troops raided the NLD village chairman's house in Thanhlyatmaw West Ward, Maha Aungmye township in Mandalay, tortured family members and seized possessions worth over 15 million kyat, said the wife of the village chair<sup>10</sup>.</p> <p>A group of around 20 junta's soldiers raided the home of former NLD regional chief minister Mahn Johnny and detained his relatives after a Facebook page released a photo of him holding a large rifle and wearing military fatigues. They also confiscated three mobile phones and a car, a woman close to the family said<sup>11</sup>.</p>

<sup>6</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/union-attorney-general-office-reformed-as-legal-affairs-ministry>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/180423504178289>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/protest-held-japan>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/junta-raids-resistance-base-in-southern-myanmar.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/military-seizes-over-15-million-kyat-nld-village-chairmans-house>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/soldiers-detain-relatives-of-79-year-old-former-nld-chief-minister-who>

The junta's troops arrested the three sons of a trishaw driver, aged 17, 13 and 11, in Ayeyarwady Region's Ingapu Township after being unable to locate their father, according to local sources<sup>12</sup>.

In Myingyan Township of Mandalay, U Kyaw Myo Zin, former administrator of Thebyuwa village, was tied with his hands at his back and shot dead by the junta armed forces<sup>13</sup>.

The junta's forces raided and destroyed two Baptist Christian churches in a village in Mindat, Chin State, said residents<sup>14</sup>.

At least 15 junta soldiers were killed as clashes with the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) continued between Pansai and Nan Hu, northern Shan State, according to local media<sup>15</sup>.

Two alleged members of the Pyu Saw Htee, were shot dead in Dawei District, Tanintharyi Region by unidentified gunmen, villagers said<sup>16</sup>.

Myint Nwe, Phayarhla village administrator of Taung Thar, Mandalay, was shot dead by an unknown gunman while he was at home. Another alleged informant, who is the father of a lieutenant, was also shot dead in Natogyi township of Mandalay<sup>17</sup>.

In Hpapun township, there was a battle between a combined force of the junta army & Border Guard Force (BGF) and Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) near ThanLwin river bank in the lower part of Thumweta. According to a frontline of KNLA, the military junta lost two soldiers<sup>18</sup>.

A convoy of the junta's army consisting of 5 vehicles was attacked with planted mines by a People's Defense Force between Kyun Taw and Padonmar villages of Kawlin township, Sagaing Region. Junta troops shot back randomly and a resident who wants to remain unnamed said that around 40 junta troops were likely to have died in the attack<sup>19</sup>.

Fighting broke out between junta troops and the alliance of Pale, Yinmarbin, Kani People's Defense Forces in Pywar Swae Hill near Sit Yin village of Pale township, Sagaing Region. At least 8 junta soldiers died<sup>20</sup>.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/unable-to-locate-father-military-arrests-his-three-children>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1285519175218759>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4724404714261063>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/15-myanmar-junta-soldiers-reported-killed-in-shan-state.html>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/two-alleged-members-of-pyu-saw-htee-group-shot-dead-in-dawei>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1285183228585687>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1285039558600054>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/396720871847440>

<sup>20</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484683?>

In Monekoe of Shan North, there were battles between the junta army and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA). 15 junta soldiers died and their weapons were confiscated<sup>21</sup>.

In Kanatthiri village of Thayetchaung Township of Tanintharyi Region, a combined team of junta-appointed administrators and Pyu Saw Htee was shot during their patrol. Reportedly, two people died and two were injured in the incident. Around 30 locals were arrested<sup>22</sup>.

Locals have been fleeing their homes in Hpayar Hla in Mandalay Region's Taungtha Township after junta's soldiers started firing their weapons into the air, detonated flash grenades and occupied the village following the assassination of a junta-appointed local administrator<sup>23</sup>.

More than 5,000 villagers who fled junta raids in Sagaing Region's Taze Township are in shortage of food and in difficulty<sup>24</sup>.

Nearly 50,000 people from dozens of villages in Pauk township of Magway region fled as junta's troops set up camp and began raiding villages in search of anti-junta militia members, residents said<sup>25</sup>.

A former journalist of Delta News Agency was arrested by junta's troops in Pyapon of Ayeyarwaddy Region and family does not know about his location<sup>26</sup>.

The junta's Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment for COVID-19 announced to extend the period for preventive measures against COVID-19 to 30 September<sup>27</sup>.

The junta's Ministry of Transport and Communications announced the extension of the suspension period of international commercial flights until the end of September<sup>28</sup>.

Public holidays have been extended from 1 to 10 September to curb the COVID-19 pandemic, announced by the junta<sup>29</sup>.

### 31 August

<sup>21</sup> <https://burma.irrawaddy.com/news/2021/08/31/245637.html?>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1285596178544392>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/recent-junta-appointed-village-administrator-assassinated-in-mandalay>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4739905606054259>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/pillage-09012021224423.html>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1977155209109137>

<sup>27</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/covid-19-preventive-measures-extended-sept-30>

<sup>28</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/international-commercial-flights-suspended-until-end-september>

<sup>29</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/holidays-extended-from-september-1-to-10-to-curb-covid-19-pandemic>

According to a junta-run newspaper, the junta-appointed Union Election Commission audited Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and Union Betterment Party (UBP) at the Union Territory Election sub-Commission office in Ottarathiri township starting from August 31<sup>30</sup>.

Hundreds of police officers and soldiers arrested 31 young men from Mon Pin, Kan Gyi and Ywar Bo village in Sintgaing Township in Mandalay Region<sup>31</sup>.

Eight junta's gunmen in plainclothes on motorcycles opened fire at the house of a former administrator of No. 20 Chaung Daung Ward, Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region and his son died and brother was injured in the shooting according to locals<sup>32</sup>.

Daw Khin San Hlaing, an elected lawmaker of Lower House from Sagaing Region's Pale township, representing the National League for Democracy, was arrested by junta's troops, according to sources close to her<sup>33</sup>.

20 junta's soldiers carrying their weapons defected from their base in Kale of Sagaing Region and the junta desperately searched for them with the military helicopter in the southern Kale<sup>34</sup>.

In Tantsi Township, 12 villagers from 2 villages \_ Karbaungkya and Late Chan villages, were arrested by junta's troops<sup>35</sup>.

7 people including the administrator and secretary of Nar Kwan Lon village tract were arrested for accusing People's Defense Force members in Lashio township of Shan State. Junta's troops confiscated the belongings of them<sup>36</sup>.

Hong Kong's VPower Group said in its half year results last week that it will not be renewing the contracts for two of the nine power stations in Myanmar<sup>37</sup>.

China's special envoy for Asian affairs Sun Guoxianghas, made an unannounced, week-long visit to Myanmar for talks with the coup leader as a new route spanning the Myanmar opened up connecting Chinese trade flows to the Indian Ocean and also discussed the country's political future<sup>38</sup>.

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6722#2>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-troops-arrest-more-than-30-young-men-in-rural-mandalay-region>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/unidentified-gunmen-kill-man-outside-myingyan-home-in-alleged>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4748744085170411>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1286551575115519>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/909990242935983>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/1024875944995203>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/hong-kongs-vpower-ends-involvement-in-two-myanmar-power>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-envoy-visits-myanmar-new-route-indian-ocean-opened>

Three military's vehicles leaving Yae Oo, Sagaing Region hit mines three times in Depayin Township of Sagaing State. Junta's troops shot back randomly and villagers nearby had to flee<sup>39</sup>.

There were 2 battles between the junta's army and Pale People's Defense Force in 2 days in Pale township of Sagaing Region. 8 junta's soldiers died and 4 were injured<sup>40</sup>.

More than 800 civilians had fled in four-day continuous fighting between Myanmar's military and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) in northern Shan state's Lashio city, local media and residents said<sup>41</sup>.

Danny Fenster, managing editor of Frontier Myanmar, who has been jailed in Myanmar by junta, has been awarded the John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award, given by the U.S. National Press Club<sup>42</sup>. His family called for his release by Myanmar authorities as they marked his 100th day of imprisonment by the junta<sup>43</sup>.

There have been 11 days since the junta cut off internet connection used by civilians, except for their army camps in HpaKant of Kachin State, said residents. Junta's spokesperson said that there was no separate instruction to cut off the internet in HpaKant<sup>44</sup>.

Junta's ministry of foreign affairs has extended the temporary entry restrictions visitors from all countries until September 30 to contain the spread of Covid-19<sup>45</sup>.

## 1 September

Myanmar junta's Vice Chairman Senior General Soe Win, accompanied by senior military officials, left Myanmar for Russia to attend the closing ceremony of the International Army Games-2021 at the invitation of Russian Defense Minister General Kuzhugetovich Shoigu<sup>46</sup>.

The arms dealer who was connected for plotting an alleged assassination attempt on U Kyaw Moe Tun, Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations, was identified as U Aye Ko, a businessman from Myanmar who runs a construction company and operates hotels in Yangon and Mandalay, according to media reports<sup>47</sup>.

<sup>39</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/484931?>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1286467965123880>

<sup>41</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/fighting-09012021011513.html>

<sup>42</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/frontier-myanmar-journalist-awarded-john-aubuchon-press-freedom-award>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/a-tough-100-days-family-of-frontier-journalist-calls-for-his-release/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://burma.irrawaddy.com/news/2021/08/31/245625.html?>

<sup>45</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-extends-temporary-entry-visa-restrictions-till-sept-30-to-contain>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-juntas-vice-chairman-heads-to-russia.html?>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/un-ambassador-assassination-plot-shines-spotlight-on-shady>

The wife of Social Affairs Minister Naing Ngan Lin, who was arrested by the junta on August 25 while delivering food and medicine to Insein prison where her husband was detained, has been released six days after her arrest<sup>48</sup>.

Before leaving the village monastery, junta troops burned the monastery's possessions, 34 rice bags, other food and tarpaulins for more than 2,000 internally displaced people from Kin Ma village in Magway Region, and planted landmines in the area, according to the locals<sup>49</sup>.

A pregnant woman was killed and her husband was wounded in a shooting by junta's troops in The Ein village of Paung township when they returned from fishing<sup>50</sup>.

The bodies of two junta soldiers were dumped in a pit toilet in Chyat village, Mindat Township. Villagers cremated the bodies after junta forces had retreated<sup>51</sup>.

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) has retaken control of a strategic hill near Phaung Sai village of Northern Shan State after losing it to junta troops in a battle on Monday night<sup>52</sup>.

Seventeen bodies in junta's army uniforms lying next to a vehicle where the bodies of two women with gunshot wounds were loaded, were discovered by a civilian at a junction near an abandoned village in Muse District of Shan State where no one has lived for a long time<sup>53</sup>.

In Kyain Seikgyi Township of Kayin State, there was a fighting between Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the junta armed forces entering Kyait village, a restricted area of the KNU. Reportedly, two junta soldiers were seriously injured<sup>54</sup>.

In the battle of Monekoe in Shan North, 8 junta troops died, 3 of Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) members were injured and some of junta's weapons were confiscated<sup>55</sup>.

Yinmarbin People's Defense Force attacked the convoy of junta's army with planted mines when they returned from Bantbwe village of Sagaing Region. At least 12 junta soldiers died<sup>56</sup>.

<sup>48</sup> <https://mizzima.com/article/social-affairs-minister-naing-ngan-lins-wife-released-prison>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-troops-burn-donated-food-for-idps.html?>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/pregnant-woman-was-shot-dead-members-military-council>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/bodies-two-tatmadaw-troops-dumped-pit-latrine>

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/ethnic-armed-group-captures-strategic-hill-from-myanmar-junta>

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/bodies-military-uniforms-recovered-muse-district>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/KICNewsPage/posts/1764689140382566>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1286842855086391>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1286968621740481>

A junta-appointed administrator of Myo Thit township, Magway region, was shot dead by a group of armed men on motorcycles<sup>57</sup>.

People's Defense Force (PDF), in cooperation with members of another unnamed Special Region armed group, had a clash with junta forces in Pynmana Township of Naypyitaw and 11 junta troops were reportedly killed in the clashes. But a junta spokesperson denied that any clashes occurred in the capital<sup>58</sup>.

The People's Defense Force attacked the junta troops who uncamped in Loikaw's town hall of Kayah State and both sides had casualties<sup>59</sup>.

More than 30,000 residents from about 30 villages in Pauk Township, Magway Region, have fled their homes due to junta's raids, using artillery on villages and burning down villages, according to villagers<sup>60</sup>.

Residents from 20 villages fled after the fighting between Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the junta armed forces in Kyait village, Kyain Seikgyi Township of Kayin State<sup>61</sup>.

There have been around 1,000 IDPs who fled from their place in the intensified battle between the junta's army and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) in Monekoe region of Shan State<sup>62</sup>.

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<sup>57</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1287282021709141>

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/local-resistance-forces-strike-military-column-in-naypyitaw>

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1287603631676980>

<sup>60</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/more-than-30000-villagers-flee-myanmar-junta-raids.html?>

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/KloFM/posts/113305217734472>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/klnburmese/posts/2059621494212411>

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/myanmar-cna-bureau-wins-hinzpeter-award-police-violence>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/3061621580629004>

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/german-food-giant-metro-ends-operations-in-myanmar.html>

Maung Moe Thu, a prominent writer, director and former political prisoner who worked closely with detained leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in founding the NLD, passed away at the age of 85 at his Yangon home<sup>66</sup>.

## 2 September

The National Unity Government (NUG) is preparing its first budget, about \$700 million, to use for humanitarian relief, COVID-19 vaccinations and striking workers inside Myanmar, as well as the NUG's operations at home and abroad<sup>67</sup>.

The junta is facing pressure to pardon and release ultra-nationalist monk U Wirathu, who is facing a sedition charge for inciting disaffection with the ousted NLD government in May 2019. It could not be summarily dismissed as the charge was filed by the ousted government, rather than an individual, said a source close to the junta<sup>68</sup>.

The junta is going to give arm training in Bago Region and due to the large number of enrollees in the wards in Bago to attend, those wanting to apply have to register by drawing lots. The most registered wards are Oue Thar Myo Thit Ward (4,5) and Phaung Daw Oo Ward where the largest number of junta's informants and Phu Saw Htee members are in these areas, said a resident<sup>69</sup>.

According to local residents, the junta armed forces set fire to Wunchone village in the south of Pauk Township<sup>70</sup>.

In Hpa-An Township of Kayin State, related equipment under MyTel telecom-tower in Pawhtaw village was destroyed by burning on Thursday morning. Reportedly, 4 people in the neighborhood were arrested<sup>71</sup>.

Foreign Secretary of the UK, Dominic Raab, has announced new sanctions against Myanmar businessman U Tay Za and his business empire Htoo Group as it associates with the military junta, and provides financial support and arms to the military<sup>72</sup>.

Mizoram extended aid for Myanmar refugees, Myanmar children of migrants and refugees currently taking shelter in Mizoram after fleeing the military coup. Childrens now can admitted to schools in the state, authorities said<sup>73</sup>.

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/obituary-myanmar-democracy-activist-writer-maung-moe-thu-dies>

<sup>67</sup> <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Myanmar-Crisis/Myanmar-parallel-government-to-challenge-regime>

<sup>68</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-under-pressure-to-pardon-ultra-nationalist-monk>

<sup>69</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/attendees-draw-lots-peoples-military-training?>

<sup>70</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1287471368356873>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1287551721682171>

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-dominic-raab-announces-new-myanmar-sanctions?>

<sup>73</sup> <https://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/myanmar-refugees-children-schools-mizoram-govt>

An administrative member of Hlaing Tharyar Township was shot dead and two more bombs exploded while investigating the incident, an officer and two policemen were injured<sup>74</sup>.

According to a group of Bad Guys with Good Hearts, Phyo Zarti Maw, informer to the junta, was killed in Sulaygone village of Myaung township Sagaing Region<sup>75</sup>.

In Hlaing Township, July Moe, junta-appointed 100-household administrator and junta informer, was shot dead at Ingyin Myein tea-shop in Ward (1)<sup>76</sup>.

A group of seven people armed with guns and knives reportedly attacked the three villagers\_a village official was shot dead and two others were wounded in the Pantawpyin Muslim village of Arakan State's Maungdaw Township<sup>77</sup>.

A security man was shot by an unknown man in a vehicle in Mayangone township of Yangon while they blocked the road and scrutinized the vehicles and people<sup>78</sup>.

### 3 September

The Karen Women's Organization (KWO) and the Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG) released a statement strongly condemning the use of women as human shields by the junta's army in Karen State and other ethnic areas<sup>79</sup>.

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A total of 253 Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) members, their family members and party supporters have been killed over the past seven months, the party said in a statement. The collected signatures, photo and video evidence on killings and other evidence committed by NLD, NUG and CRPH will be sent to local and foreign relevant departments, the party said<sup>81</sup>.

According to lawyers helping the political detainees, around 30 political prisoners who were

<sup>74</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/administrative-member-of-hlaingthaya-township-shot-dead>

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4731300800238121>

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeayawaddytimes/posts/1979293365561988>

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/village-official-killed-two-others-wounded-gunmen-attack-maungdaw-twsp>

<sup>78</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/5107953962553691>

<sup>79</sup> <https://karenwomen.wordpress.com/2021/09/03/the-karen-womens-organization-and-the-karen-human-rights-group-condemn-the-burmese-juntas-use-of-women-as-human-shields/>

<sup>80</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-ceasefire-agreement-is-void-knu-concerned-group.html>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pyikhinemyanmar/posts/1560919087416546>

detained in Yangon and convicted by court-martial for incitement for alleged anti-junta activities were moved from Insein Prison in Yangon to other jails around Myanmar<sup>82</sup>.

More than 100 armed men from junta's army stormed villages around Kinma village in Pauk Township of Magway, killing two villagers and taking people's belongings with them, according to locals<sup>83</sup>.

2 soldiers from Ka.La.Ya 274 of the junta's army in Mindat of Chin State defected from the base<sup>84</sup>.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), aid agencies and community organizations are in discussions with Thai authorities to allow refugees on the Thai-Burma border to legally work outside camps<sup>85</sup>.

In Tantsi of Sagaing Region, 4 military trucks were hit with 6 mines. According to local residents, a military truck was destroyed and it was still unknown about casualties<sup>86</sup>.

In Hpa-An township of Kayin State, there was a fighting near Ledawgyi village, between Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) Regiment (1) and the junta army. According to the KNU, 3 junta soldiers died and 5 others were injured<sup>87</sup>.

The Karen National Union (KNU) released its principles on the current situation \_ will adhere to promote Federalism & Democracy, will assist anyone who seeks shelters and protection from junta, and encourage the public to show support in fighting freedom and justice<sup>88</sup>.

A member of the Mindat People's Defense Force died and two others were injured in an accidental explosion while planting mines in Chin State<sup>89</sup>.

6 policemen who returned to their police office were attacked with a mine and guns in Pinlalbu township of Sagaing Region. 1 police officer died and 1 was injured<sup>90</sup>.

The Pale People's Defense Force attacked the junta's forces with planted mines between Laekan and Watkya villages in Sagaing Region. At least 7 junta's soldiers died and several wounded<sup>91</sup>.

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-regime-transfers-political-prisoners-out-of-yangon.html>

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarNowEnglishVersion/posts/2741581786133048>

<sup>84</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=148486544113871&id=101590225470170](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=148486544113871&id=101590225470170)

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/unhcr-discuss-thai-authorities-allow-refugees-thai-burma-border-legally>

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/399380234914837>

<sup>87</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Doothahtu/posts/364244578507188>

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/dawkalu/posts/2955782764693604>

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4752413931470093>

<sup>90</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/911779456090395>

<sup>91</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=148124724150053&id=101590225470170](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=148124724150053&id=101590225470170)

In Kyain Seikgyi Township of Kayin State, there was fighting between the junta army and KNLA near Noetagaw village and Lawthawmaw village. According to the announcement of Dupalaya District, 3 junta soldiers were injured<sup>92</sup>.

Karen National Union (KNU) attacked the junta's Border Guard Forces with planted mines near Payitkho village of Thaton township, Mon State. A truck was damaged and some BGF members were injured<sup>93</sup>.

In Sukali township of Kayin State, a combined force of Karen National Defense Organization (KNDO) and Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) attacked the Ukayita camp of the junta army<sup>94</sup>.

The Karenni Nationalities Defense Force released an announcement that there were fighting with junta's forces in Pekon of Shan-Kayah border from September 1-3. At least 10 junta's soldiers were injured in the fighting<sup>95</sup>.

Yae People Defense Force claimed that they shot a police officer near Yae Myoma police office of Mon State<sup>96</sup>.

Kalay People's Defense Force had a clash with junta's army in Yae Shin village of Kalay, Sagaing Region. 2 Kalay PDF members were injured<sup>97</sup>.

19 undocumented Myanmar migrant workers (12 males and 7 females), were arrested in the forest of Thai-Myanmar border<sup>98</sup>.

Sky News' three-month investigation has uncovered evidence pointing to the widespread harassment, torture, and killing of prisoners in Myanmar under the junta<sup>99</sup>.

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The family members of detained two young nurses are concerned for their well-being as it was more than one month in junta custody after they were accused of being members of the People's Defence Force (PDF). They were arrested while picking up medical supplies to treat displaced villagers in the town of Kamma, Magway Region<sup>100</sup>.

<sup>92</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/info.dooplaya.district/posts/391673545655478>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/3069181959872966>

<sup>94</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/KICNewsPage/posts/1766712860180194>

<sup>95</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1980035022154489>

<sup>96</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/3067591346698694>

<sup>97</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/157732463173146>

<sup>98</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/485621?>

<sup>99</sup> <https://news.sky.com/story/the-student-a-politician-and-a-uk-trained-dancer-claims-of-torture-and-death-in-custody-under-myanmars-military-rule-12397750?>

<sup>100</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/families-fear-for-nurses-detained-over-accusations-of-pdf-ties>

28 soldiers carrying their weapons from Ka.La.Ya (104) based in Dawei of Tanintharyi Region, defected from their base and united with the civilians to defy junta<sup>101</sup>.

Junta-run newspaper announced that 5 people were arrested who were involved in the attack on the Yangon-Insein circular train on August 14, killing 5 policemen and injuring one<sup>102</sup>.

ASEAN's special envoy to Myanmar, Erywan Pehin Yusof said that he is in talk with Myanmar junta over his trip and has sought access to ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi<sup>103</sup>. He has proposed a 4-month cease- fire by all sides in a videoconference with junta-appointed foreign minister, Wunna Maung Lwin to enable the smooth delivery of the first batch of humanitarian assistance to the country<sup>104</sup>.

There was a clash between Kalay People's Defense Army and junta's forces near Lal Char village in Sagaing Region. At least 8 junta's forces died and 3 PDF members were injured by mortar shrapnel<sup>105</sup>.

A series of attacks occurred in the Government office of the State, Combined Office and Myanmar Economic Bank in Hakha of Chin State. A soldier guarding the State Government office was shot dead<sup>106</sup>.

2 police officers who went outside to buy groceries with a motorcycle, were shot dead in Tansi of Sagaing Region. And a blast happened while junta's troops were investigating the death of policemen<sup>107</sup>.

There was heavy fighting between Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDA) and the junta armed forces in Monekoe region. Several junta's troops died and MNDA confiscated their weapons. 2 MNDA soldiers died in the fighting<sup>108</sup>.

In Insein Township of Yangon Region, a 100-household administrator and junta informer, was shot dead with 4 gunshots to his head<sup>109</sup>.

<sup>101</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=148318990797293&id=101590225470170](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=148318990797293&id=101590225470170)

<sup>102</sup> <http://www.mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6735#6>

<sup>103</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/asean-envoy-myanmar-talks-with-junta-over-terms-visit-seeks>

<sup>104</sup> <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2176771/asean-envoy-to-myanmar-calls-for-4-month-cess-fire>

<sup>105</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/158211419791917>

<sup>106</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4737947949573406>

<sup>107</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4735470836487784>

<sup>108</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/klnburmese/posts/2061966957311198>

<sup>109</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/8179>

	<p>Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) attacked the convoy of junta's forces consisting 4 vehicles with planted mines in Beelin as they invaded the operational area of KNU. 2 military trucks were damaged and a soldier was severely injured<sup>110</sup>.</p>
	<p>Residents of Samee town in Chin State's Paletwa Township are facing a serious food shortage as the town has been isolated by the junta for nearly a month since a cargo truck heading to Samee from Matupi was set on fire in early August<sup>111</sup>.</p> <p>More than 3,000 people in Kyaukme Township, northern Shan State were displaced in three months of fighting between RCSS/SSA, SSPP/SSA and the TNLA<sup>112</sup>.</p>
	<p>A Myanmar photographer, who remained unnamed for security reasons, won the top award at photojournalism's biggest annual festival for his coverage of the troubled nation's pro-democracy protests and bloody military crackdown<sup>113</sup>.</p>
<p><b>5 September</b></p>	
	<p>The National Unity Government (NUG) released an announcement on military offensive of State Administrative Council in ethnic areas and urged the international community to work effectively to stop the military offensive operations of junta as soon as possible, to end suppression and torture of innocent civilians and to bring an end to the coup d'état and hold it accountable for the crimes they have committed<sup>114</sup>.</p>
	<p>China made a new overland trade route with Myanmar last month, in a show of support Myanmar that has been hit with sanctions after the military coup and around 60 containers were sent in the first trial<sup>115</sup>.</p>
	<p>The Pa-O People's Defense Force (Kham Dom) was established by Pa-O nationals in Karen State to uproot the junta<sup>116</sup>.</p> <p>A police who is patrolling in Seik Gyi Kanaungto township of Yangon, was attacked with knife<sup>117</sup>.</p>

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<sup>110</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Doothahtu/posts/365094418422204>

<sup>111</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4755556404489179>

<sup>112</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarNowEnglishVersion/posts/2741588156132411>

<sup>113</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/anonymous-myanmar-photographer-wins-major-photojournalism-award?>

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/183929380494368>

<sup>115</sup> <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2176735/china-tests-new-myanmar-trade-route-in-boost-to-ties>

<sup>116</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/485886?>

<sup>117</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/912452066023134>

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**Annexure I:**

**Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 30 August - 5 September, 2021**

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
30 Aug	Yangon	A series of explosions rocked in Yangon, 4 blasts in Insein, each blast reported in Kamayut, Sanchaung, South & North Okkalapa, North and East Dagon.	Mizzima
	Yangon	There was an explosion near Hmawbi electricity office. Reportedly, a child lost an arm in the incident.	Mizzima
	Yangon	A blast was reported on the vehicle selling the Aung Bar Lay Lottery at Gwa Market, Sanchaung.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Yangon	An explosion occurred near Hlaingtharyar (east) police station in Hlaing Tharyar Township.	Khit Thit
31 Aug	Yangon	A truck carrying Myanmar junta soldiers was bombed by unidentified attackers in Hlegu Township. One was injured.	Irrawaddy
	Kachin	An explosion occurred at the entrance of Hpa-Kant Municipal Office.	74 Media
1 Sep	Mandalay	2 blast occurred in Mandalay _ one in Thirihaymar East Ward administrator office and one at the house of informat in Aung Thar Yar ward.	Myanmar Now
2 Sep	Yangon	Two bombs were exploded while investigating the death of Hlaing Tharyar administrator, an officer and two policemen were injured.	Eleven
	Mandalay	A blast was reported at the house of C-ward administrator, Pyi Gyi Tagon township of Mandalay region.	Khit Thit
	Ayeyarwaddy	An explosion occurred in front of the district agriculture office in Pathein.	Delta News Agency
3 Sep	Yangon	2 blasts were reported near the military-owned fish sauce production industry in Mingalardon township. A military truck was damaged, said a resident.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	2 explosions occurred at the electricity office and municipal office of Mogoke.	Myanmar Now
	Yangon	A bomb was thrown in an attack at North Dagon Myothit Township police station. According to local residents, a policeman died in the incident.	Mizzima
4	Tanintharyi	An explosion occurred at the D ward administrative office of	Than Lwin

Sep	Mon	Lunlon township of Dawei. Ye police station was attacked with a bomb and injuries were not able to be identified.	Times Than Lwin Times
	Yangon	A blast was reported at the military-owned Pyin Ma Pin sweetened milk factory in Mingalardon. A person was injured.	Mizzima
	Sagaing	A blast occurred at the Mytel tower in Sin Swel village of Yinmarbin township.	Tachileik News Agency
	Yangon	Generation Freedom Army (GFA) attacked the Sibin police hostel with a bomb in Kamaryut township and damages were not identified.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Sagaing	A blast occurred while junta's troops were investigating the death of 2 police officers in Tansi township, Sagaing Region.	Mizzima
	Yangon	Two explosions occurred near the telecommunication office at Thu Nanda junction in North Okkalapa Township.	Eleven
	Magway	The Municipal office of Myothit township, Magway was attacked with a bomb and the building was damaged.	Myaelatt Athar
5 Sep	Mandalay	A convoy which carried the junta forces was bombed near the Taungthaman Lake, Kanpat Lan in Amayapuya township, Mandalay. Two soldiers were injured according to eyewitnesses.	Mizzima
	Magway	People's Defense Force throw a bomb into the police hostel in Myothit township of Magway Region.	Mizzima
	Yangon	A blast was reported at the Bawgatheikhti Condo in Mayangone township of Yangon. 2 Condo's securities died in the accident.	Voice of Myanmar

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