



## Myanmar Situation Update 15- 21 November 2021

### Summary

The junta-appointed Union Election Commission (UEC) filed charges against 16 people, including Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint, former UEC Chair Hla Thein and UEC members Myint Naing and Than Htay over their alleged electoral fraud in the 2020 elections. This is the first time that the junta filed a case against the UEC Chair and members who were detained following the military coup. The junta-appointed UEC also announced the removal of the National Development and Peace Party from the list of registered political parties on 16 November, citing section 19 (a) of the Political Party Registration Law<sup>1</sup>.

Danny Fenster, the managing editor of magazine Frontier Myanmar, was freed three days after being sentenced to 11 years for incitement and violations of laws on immigration and unlawful assembly and he pledged to keep working for others still detained in the country<sup>2</sup>. The United States welcomed the release of Danny by the Secretary of State Antony Blinken in a statement<sup>3</sup>.

Western News, a media outlet in Myanmar reporting news in Rakhine state reported that the junta forces have searched Rakhine-based media outlets in the state capital of Sittwe. The Western News was searched by the junta on 19th and the Narinjara news agency on 20 November.

Three people known for their proximity to the Myanmar military and involved in the current junta's peace process, Hla Maung Shwe, Dr. Min Zaw Oo (MIPS) and Aung Naing Oo, have claimed that they are on a "hit list" put out by Myanmar's parallel National Unity Government (NUG) and its armed wing, the People's Defense Force (PDF), according to a complaint one of them sent to international embassies<sup>4</sup>. The news information team of Myanmar's junta also says a total of 198 people from the administrative sector were assassinated and 148 were injured by the attacks from 1 February to 16 November this year.

In a telephone conversation between and newly-appointed Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Hayashi Yoshimasa and Cambodian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Prak Sokhonn,

<sup>1</sup> <http://mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6991#2>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/journalist-fenster-reunited-with-family-new-york-pledges-work-detained-myanmar-2021-11-16/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/us-welcomes-release-american-journalist-myanmar-2021-11-15/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-military-linked-trio-claim-to-be-on-shadow-govts-hit-list.html>

Cambodia pledged to fully implement the five-point consensus reached by ASEAN on Myanmar. Earlier this month Malaysia also requested the Cambodian commitment to implement the five point consensus as the new Chair of the ASEAN.

The NUG has called on Interpol to review the invitation of the junta to the 89th Interpol General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey in the coming week. The Myanmar delegation is to be led by junta police chief Lt-Gen Than Hlaing who is accused of major rights violations in the country.

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.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 51 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 9 people were injured and 10 died<sup>5</sup>.

As of 20 November, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) recorded that 1,281 people have been killed by the junta. 7,436 people are currently under detention and 296 are sentenced. 65 have been sentenced to death and 1,954 are evading arrest warrants<sup>6</sup>.

#### Colour Code and its Categories

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

#### Timeline of events

<b>15 November</b>	
	The junta-appointed Union Election Commission (UEC) filed charges against 16 people including Myanmar's ousted leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint, former UEC Chair U Hla Thein and UEC members U Myint Naing and U Than Htay, over their alleged electoral fraud in the 2020 elections <sup>7</sup> .

<sup>5</sup> Annexure I

<sup>6</sup> <https://aappb.org/?p=18832>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-juntas-election-commission-charges-suu-kyi-and-win-myint>

Myanmar's junta has imposed new restrictions on riding motorbikes in some townships in Yangon, Tanintharyi, Sagaing and Mandalay regions to limit the movements of civilian resistance fighters, who sometimes use motorbikes to carry out attacks against junta's forces<sup>8</sup>.

The junta cut off electricity to local factories, workshops, hotels and businesses in Mandalay that have refused to pay their electricity bills<sup>9</sup>.

Junta forces are targeted volunteers helping civilians displaced by conflict in southern Shan State that eight people including Nyi Khin, a key volunteer helping the internally displaced person (IDP) camps were arrested in Pekon Township in Shan State<sup>10</sup>.

Junta's plainclothes soldiers raided the office of a Mandalay-based charity helping people displaced by violence and arrested its chairwoman on accusations that she had been supporting the People's Defence Force (PDF)<sup>11</sup>.

Junta's police took a 13-year-old boy hostage from Kantaw village in Mandalay's Amarapura Township as they were unable to find and arrest his father, who is a local member of the NLD and his mother was covered in blood from their beatings, locals said<sup>12</sup>.

The owner of a tea shop in Mandalay Region's Sintgaing Township has lost his hearing and some of his eyesight due to the tortures at junta's custody, according to a source close to his family<sup>13</sup>.

Junta's soldiers raped another 30-year-old woman from Aklui Khua village in Teetain township of Chin State, who is seven months pregnant with her fifth child. She had initially remained silent out of fear and shame<sup>14</sup>.

Junta forces have confiscated three more homes of Myanmar's ousted ruling NLD party houses of Zin Ni Ni Win, Thet Kyu and Pike Ko in Pakokku town of Magway Region, accusing them of being affiliated with civilian resistance forces fighting the regime<sup>15</sup>.

Ko Aung Min Khant, a fourth-year student at Technology University in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a junta court, according to the university's student union<sup>16</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-regime-introduces-new-motorbike-restrictions.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-cuts-off-electricity-to-local-businesses.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/burma-army-arrests-volunteers-southern-shan-state>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/plainclothes-soldiers-arrest-leader-of-mandalay-charity-on-suspicion>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/soldiers-take-13-year-old-boy-hostage-in-bid-to-force-his-father>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/tortured-teashop-owner-loses-hearing-after-more-than-four-months>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4714293951925741>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-continues-to-seize-homes-of-those-with-ties-to-nld>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5073802049330573>

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) has reportedly clashed three times in a week with the junta's soldiers on the 7th, 9th, and 11th of November 2021 in Rakhine State and claimed the killing of 10 soldiers and the death of one of their members<sup>17</sup>.

Four local resistance forces based in Myanmar's delta region, attacked a military convoy accompanying two junta ministers in Ayeyarwady Region. The hotels and tourism minister Htay Aung and Tin Maung Win and the Ayeyarwady Region chief minister, on the Chaungtha-Pathein highway in Patheingyi Township, killing at least 10 soldiers<sup>18</sup>.

The Arakan Army (AA) released a total of 15 policemen and soldiers, who were arrested during conflicts with Myanmar army, in coincidence with a visit to the State's capital of Sittwe by Yohei Sasakawa, the Japan's special envoy to Myanmar, who also previously attended a virtual meeting with the AA<sup>19</sup>.

In Dweloe Township under the Karen National Union - KNU Regiment (5), there were 7 clashes on 15th November alone. According to the KNLA, 9 members from a combined force of the junta army and Border Guard Force (BGF) died and 9 others were injured. Moreover, 4 military trucks were damaged<sup>20</sup>.

Junta's troops at the Kwe Swe Maung check gate in Tense township of Sagaing region, were attacked with landmines. Locals said that at least 6 junta's soldiers died and many were injured<sup>21</sup>.

Within a single day, there were 4 clashes with junta's army in Pale township of Sagaing region, said local PDF and the details of injury were unknown<sup>22</sup>.

Kachin Independence Army (KIA) intercepted the junta's convoy of 60 forces in Hpakant township of Kachin State. Around 30 junta's soldiers died in the attack<sup>23</sup>.

10 junta troops were reportedly killed when the Mingin PDF ambushed around 80 troops and Pyu-Saw-Htee militia members, who are trained and armed by the military, in Mingin Township, Sagaing Region<sup>24</sup>.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.thehindwin.com/arsa-claims-the-killing-of-10-myanmar-junta-soldiers-in-recent-clashes/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-ministers-convoy-hit-by-explosives-in-ayeyarwady-region>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/arakan-army-releases-15-captives-arrested-during-armed-conflict-with-myanmar-military>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1350746522029357>

<sup>21</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/500657?>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5072920079418770>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1349435948827081>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5070668629643915>

The PDF attacked junta's forces using mines at a police station in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region. The junta troops were returning after raiding two villages in the township. Seven junta troops were seriously injured, according to the NUGs defense ministry<sup>25</sup>.

Civilian resistance fighters attacked 3 outposts of junta's troops in Yangon. Junta troops at a police outpost in Htantabin Township, Yangon were attacked and three junta police officers, including a captain, were killed. PDF members attacked the junta camps at the foot of Thanlyin bridge in Yangon. Reportedly, 10 junta soldiers were hit with bullets and 3 of them died on the spot. At the traffic lights near an ethnic village of Thanlyin, traffic police members, who had been collecting money from the public, were also attacked. Reportedly, 3 police members were hit with bullets and 2 of them might die<sup>26</sup>.

The junta's convoy which came to the Yay Lel Kyune village of Yesagyo township, Magway region, was triggered with landmines after the house of junta-appointed administrator was set on fire. The details of the injury were unknown<sup>27</sup>.

In Hrpuso township of Kayah State, the spread of COVID-19 worsened among the IDPs and they are in desperate need of medicine and medical treatment<sup>28</sup>.

Norwegian telecom operator Telenor's plan to exit Myanmar by selling its telecom operations to Lebanese investment firm M1 is mired in uncertainty and local firms have indicated their interest in taking a stake in Telenor Myanmar. Amara Communications Co Ltd, which has links with the junta is one of them<sup>29</sup>.

Some villages in Taung Pyauk Taik Nel of Thayet Chaung township, Tanintharyi region, have been cut off from the internet, locals said<sup>30</sup>.

## 16 November

The junta appointed Union Election Commission released the announcement of removal of National Development and Peace Party from the list of registered political parties<sup>31</sup>.

The National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC), a coalition of elected MPs, ethnic revolution organizations (EROs), and other anti-junta groups, held its first online press conference and said it would continue its efforts to broaden its alliance against Myanmar's junta<sup>32</sup>.

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1526070257770667>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4976689875699211>

<sup>27</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/500407?>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/446742576845269>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/in-person/interview/junta-linked-company-in-bid-to-take-stake-in-telenor>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/thanlwintimes9/posts/3294966413961185>

<sup>31</sup> <http://mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6991#2>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/nucc-outlines-goals-as-it-seeks-to-widen-membership>

Junta's soldiers raided the base of the Kale PDF Battalion (3) where two male fighters and ten female members of the PDF's medical team were at the base at the time of the raid. The Kale PDF said that it found the bodies of two male members and a 23-year-old female medic at the site on Thursday and they are still trying to rescue the other nine female medic members captured by the junta<sup>33</sup>.

Japanese foreign minister Yoshimasa Hayashi claimed that the involvement of Yohei Sasakawa, the chairman of the Nippon Foundation who doubles as Japan's special envoy on Myanmar for national reconciliation in the journalist's release, was a personal capacity and it was not carried out as the government representative<sup>34</sup>.

An official from the Japanese beer company Kirin said that they are preparing to take "legal action" by the end of this year in order to dissolve its partnership with a conglomerate owned by Myanmar's military<sup>35</sup>.

According to the news information team of Myanmar's junta, a total of 198 people from the administrative sector were assassinated and 148 were injured from February 1st to November 16, 2021<sup>36</sup>.

Two military supply vehicles leaving from Monywa-Yinmarbin-Pale highway attacked with a landmine Yinmarbin-PDF in Yinmarbin Township, Sagaing region<sup>37</sup>.

In Chin State, there were battles between a combined force of Chin National Army - CNA + Chinland Defense Force - CDF and the junta armed forces invading a village near Hakha on 15th and 16th November. According to CDF Hakha, 3 junta soldiers died and 14 others were injured. Their ammunition and belongings were also confiscated<sup>38</sup>.

In Patheingyi of Ayeyarwady Region, there was gunfire in front of a marine police force. According to local residents, 3 police members died. After that, the junta police force opened fire and arrested people<sup>39</sup>.

In Salingyi township of Sagaing, a combined force of Monywa UG group and Triple Two, have triggered mines on the military convoy. Four military trucks were destroyed and details of injury were unknown<sup>40</sup>.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/pdfs-fight-to-rescue-female-medics-captured-by-myanmar-junta>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/myanmar-japan-special-envoy-us-journalist-danny-fenster-release>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/beer-giant-kirin-plans-legal-action-to-exit-partnership-with-myanmar-military-by-end-of-year>

<sup>36</sup> <http://mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6987#8>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/two-military-supply-vehicles-hit-landmine>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1350794932024516>

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/2039615316196459>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1526937104350649>

The Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) had a clash with the Border Guard Force (BGF), militia of the junta, in the villages of Hpa An township, Karen State, as they invaded the KNU area. 4 BGF members died and around 10 were injured in the clash<sup>41</sup>.

Over 300 displaced people from Pan Kay Tu village tract of Mai Kai township of Shan State are in need of food and warm clothes<sup>42</sup>.

### 17 November

According to the junta's press release, a total of 47 suspects including 40 male and 7 female were arrested along with weapons and ammunition, who killed security forces in Yangon<sup>43</sup>.

A member of the Pathein PDF, who opened fire on a maritime police station on Kann Nar Road, Pathein township, Ayeyarwady region, died at the military hospital in Pathein and his family was notified to retrieve his body on November 18<sup>44</sup>. Another 30 civilians were arrested also<sup>45</sup>.

Junta soldiers used 13 civilians including a teenaged boy as human shields during raids on at least 11 villages in the Magway Region Township of Yesagyo, according to residents<sup>46</sup>.

A teacher from Mandalay Region's Thabeikkyin Township who had been taking part in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) was arrested and killed at the junta's custody within hours of interrogation<sup>47</sup>.

One of two young men forced to work as porters for the junta's army in Chin State, managed to escape in a neighbouring township in Magway Region, according to the Saw PDF. The other man abducted from Kanpetlet is still believed to be in military custody<sup>48</sup>.

Junta's forces raided an outpost of the Moebye People's Defence Force (PDF) in southern Shan State's Pekhoh Township. Two resistance fighters were injured and one was expected to lose his limb due to the injury. The junta troops also sustained injuries in the battle. Nearly two-thirds of the locals in the area had been displaced by the clash<sup>49</sup>.

<sup>41</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Salweenpress/posts/4297931656984468>

<sup>42</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/shwepheemyaynews/posts/1076691649813632>

<sup>43</sup> <http://mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6997#6>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/pdf-member-arrested-shooting-pathein-maritime-police-station-dies>

<sup>45</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501329?>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/soldiers-use-civilians-as-human-shields-during-raids-on-villages>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/mandalay-region-teacher-participating-in-cdm-dies-hours-after-arrest>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/chin-man-abducted-tortured-by-myanmar-army-manages-to-escape>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/dozens-of-junta-troops-ambush-moebye-pdf-outpost>

Yaw Defense Force (YDF) has released a statement confirming that the joint forces of YDF, CDF-Mindat and YDF Htilin have killed at least 10 junta soldiers and wounded many in Htilin township of Magway Region. 14 comrades lost their lives from joint forces of PDF in the battle<sup>50</sup>.

Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) regiment No 1 had clashes with junta's army in some villages of Hpa-An township in Karen State. At least 10 junta's troops died and 5 were injured during the clashes within a day<sup>51</sup>.

In the Mandalay Region, a train carrying rations for the junta army near Pyawbwe township was attacked with mines. According to local residents, carriages fell into a stream and 2 railway staff members died, 4 were injured in the attack<sup>52</sup>.

In Hlaing Tharyar Township of Yangon Region, Kyaw Min Oo, member of the junta administration in Ward (10), was killed<sup>53</sup>.

The combined force of Kale PDF and Chin National Defense Force attacked junta's troops who raided a PDF camp and detained 9 female medic team members. In the fighting, 17 junta soldiers were killed and one civilian fighter injured from junta shelling<sup>54</sup>.

Two junta soldiers were killed and three wounded when a combined force of People's Defense Force-Kalay and Zomi PDF fighters attacked junta's troops performing sentry duty in Tahan Ward, Kale Township, Sagaing Region<sup>55</sup>.

In Katha Township of Sagaing, there was a battle between the junta army and a combined force of Kachin Independence Army - KIA+PDF near Chaung-Wa village group. Reportedly, 3 junta soldiers died and a PDF member was slightly injured<sup>56</sup>.

More than 400 Myanmar migrant workers have been detained by Chinese authorities for more than a year for entering the country illegally remained in the arrest and about 300 were held at a prison in the southern coastal city of Dongguan, while the rest are detained inside a seafood factory in the city of Weihai, Shandong province<sup>57</sup>.

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<sup>50</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/zalen.info/posts/3201494940071355>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Doothahtu/posts/412162427048736>

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/risenewsmyanmar/posts/5165949223419533>

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4983339068367625>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/208031998143192>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/447497323436461>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/447603360092524>

<sup>57</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/migrants-11172021183038.html>

Myanmar's junta has denied the request from Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, the chairman of the Japanese Nippon Foundation charity, to meet detained Myanmar ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi<sup>58</sup>.

National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG) has called on Interpol to review junta's invitation to the 89th Interpol General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey next week<sup>59</sup>.

The Yangon Division of Command of the National Unity Government (NUG) confirmed that around 20 PDF members were arrested in Yangon who operated the "Operation Pyan Hlwar Aung" which means "Swallow" in English. But the junta has announced they arrested 47 PDF members who operated the mission<sup>60</sup>.

The Myanmar parallel government - NUG called on international governments and organizations, including the UN, to cooperate and support their efforts to put an end to lack of legal action against those who committed sexual violence targeting women during conflict<sup>61</sup>.

The NUG government released the "Guidance on the Detention of Prisoners of War and Military Prisoners by the People's Defence Organizations"<sup>62</sup>.

Former NLD lawmaker and prominent hip-hop artist, U Phyo Zeya Thaw, who has been accused of masterminding deadly attacks on junta's targets in Yangon, was arrested by junta forces during a raid at the Yadana Hninsi Residence in Dagon Seikkan Township of Yangon<sup>63</sup>.

2 youths were shot dead and 12 villagers from Nat Nan Sanpya village of Windwin township, Manday were arrested as the junta's army with 100 forces raided the village in search of local PDF<sup>64</sup>.

During a telephone conversation between Cambodia Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Prak Sokhonn and newly-appointed Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Hayashi Yoshimasa, they had pledged to fully implement the five-point consensus reached by ASEAN<sup>65</sup>.

Mr. Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and the Japanese government's special envoy for peace in Myanmar said that the foundation has planned US\$ 17 million for rehabilitation work in Rakhine, Kachin and Kayin states including COVID-19 vaccine donation<sup>66</sup>.

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-blocks-japanese-envoy-from-meeting-suu-kyi.html>

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/national-unity-government-calls-on-interpol-to-review-juntas>

<sup>60</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/9351>

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/232130669007572>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/232077985679507>

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/ex-lawmaker-accused-of-planning-attacks-against-myanmar-junta>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/TachileikNewsAgency/posts/4718642358157567>

<sup>65</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/foreign-ministers-of-cambodia-and-japan-agree-on-aseans-five-point-consensus-for-myanmar>

<sup>66</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/nippon-foundation-chairman-announces-us-17-m-for-rehabilitation-work-in-rakhine-kachin-and>

Five locals from three villages in Khin U Township\_Shwe Minwin village, Saigaung village and Kalarluu village, were killed for being military informants and members of Pyu Saw Htee group<sup>67</sup>.

The chairman of Nippon Foundation and Japan's special envoy for national reconciliation in Myanmar, Yohei Sasakawa, met with leaders of Arakanese Army (AA) via an online meeting and he urged to maintain a situation of no armed conflict in Rakhine State<sup>68</sup>.

A police officer was killed and a police captain wounded when the Gangaw PDF attacked the police on a motorbike in Kanywar village, Gangaw Township in Magway Region. After the incident, the police raided the village and burned down seven houses, according to residents<sup>69</sup>.

Dawei Defense Force (DDF) claimed that they had killed a Pyu Saw Htee member in Thayet Chaung township of Tanintharyi region<sup>70</sup>.

Combined force Karenni Army (KA) + Karenni National Defense Force (KNDF) had a clash with junta's army between 5 and 6 miles of Demoso township, Kayah State. One junta's soldier died and some injured in the attack<sup>71</sup>.

Two civilian resistance groups based in Magway Region's Yesagyo Township raided a police outpost in the township. Two policemen died, two others were injured and others fled after one hour of fighting, said the township People's Defense Force (PDF)<sup>72</sup>.

In the south of Kalay in Sagaing Region, the junta army was attacked with mines near the railway between Chinsai village and Zingale village. Reportedly, no less than 15 junta soldiers died and the rest of them set fire to chicken farms and houses in the near-by village<sup>73</sup>.

Villagers from East and West San Thar villagers, which have around 150 households, fled to safer places as the junta's army approached the village and shelled the heavy artillery into the villages.

Aye Chan Naing, executive director and chief editor of the independent Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) has been recognized with an International Press Freedom Award presented by the New York-based Committee due to his efforts to keep Myanmar informed despite the risks to DVB's journalists<sup>74</sup>.

<sup>67</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/five-locals-from-three-villages-in-khin-u-township-killed-for-being-alleged>

<sup>68</sup> <https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/japanese-envoy-sasakawa-says-he-told-aa-hold-its-fire-wake-brief-clash>

<sup>69</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528297484214611>

<sup>70</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4990792120955653>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/KNDF19/posts/146785957679398>

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528287330882293>

<sup>73</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ayevarwaddytimes/posts/2040630586094932>

<sup>74</sup> <https://www.voanews.com/a/myanmar-s-media-struggling-to-report-press-freedom-awardee-says/6320598.html>

A freelance journalist, Daw Yin Yin Thein, was beaten and arrested by the junta's army at her house in Inntaw township of Sagaing Region and the place of her whereabouts was unknown<sup>75</sup>.

Ms. Wai Wai Nu, a Myanmar human rights activist, has won the International DVF (Diane von Furstenberg) Award at the Opera Garnier in Paris, France<sup>76</sup>.

Only 13 administrators left in their position among 63 of them in Depayin township of Sagaing region, said the local PDF<sup>77</sup>.

## 19 November

Myanmar's junta has announced to cut off electricity supply in 12 states and regions for one month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm [Myanmar Time], citing the decrease of producing electricity power and the renovation work required in the line between Lawhpitah and Taungngu<sup>78</sup>.

Junta's troops raided the Bawdi Yeik Thar monastery in Yesagyo township of Magway region, destroyed the belongings and looted 3 million Myanmar kyats<sup>79</sup>.

Junta's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement objecting the UN resolution over Myanmar as it only includes the intrusive wordings that invite the external mechanisms with no respect for sovereign integrity of the nation, saying it didn't reflect the efforts made by the its government to bring stability and rule of law to address the challenges with utmost restraints<sup>80</sup>.

Wai Wai Than, the long-time housekeeper of Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, will testify against her for the alleged massive bribes from Yangon Region's former chief minister. The testimony was scheduled on Friday, but postponed it until a later date after the session ran out of time, a court source said<sup>81</sup>.

Junta's militia, the Border Guard Force (BGF) had entered a local community clinic known as Pwa Gaw clinic in Pwa Gaw village tract, Hpa-an township of Karen State and looted the clinic healthcare supplies, tools, medicines, and destroyed the clinic building. The two girls were also hit by the bullets of BGF with one at her neck and the other at her thigh as they opened fire at the villager's car<sup>82</sup>.

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1353398788430797>

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.thehindwin.com/myanmars-rights-activist-a-recipient-of-international-award-alongside-global>

<sup>77</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501123?>

<sup>78</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=128150399622287&id=101557665614894](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=128150399622287&id=101557665614894)

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4998010660233799>

<sup>80</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/mofa-rejects-un-resolution-over-myanmar-as-it-carries-intrusive-wordings-with-no-respect-for?>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/suu-kyi-housekeeper-to-testify-in-corruption-case-against-ousted-leader>

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.thehindwin.com/border-guard-force-shot-two-girls-and-destroyed-local-based-clinic-in-karen>

More arrests and the interrogation were being carried out on women in Chin State with the assumption that they were involved in the transportation of supplies for the local defense forces<sup>83</sup>.

Some houses in Bu Kai village of Myaung township, Sagaing region were set on fire by junta's army after the junta's informer was killed by local PDF<sup>84</sup>.

Cherry Htet, who was the female former bodyguard of detained Myanmar leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as well as a police second lieutenant, was also charged with breaching police rules after she was charged with incitement<sup>85</sup>.

Junta's army brutally used 20 civilians as a human shield in making an invasion in the western part of Wetlet township, Sagaing region, said local PDF<sup>86</sup>.

More than 50 junta's troops stormed San Thar village in the Htaukkyant tract in Kale township, Sagaing region and more than 500 people fled from the village due to the intrusion of soldiers<sup>87</sup>.

Residents from two villages of Saw township in Magway region were forced to flee due to the recent fighting in the areas and the junta's army use of offensive attacks on air and ground<sup>88</sup>.

The bodies of two villagers were found with their hands tied in the back with 15 gunshot wounds after 200 forces of the junta's army raided the Oak Shit Kone village of Kyun Hla township of Sagaing Region<sup>89</sup>.

David Cohen, deputy director of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), had a closed-door meeting with Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and discussed on regional stability, the situation in Myanmar, and provision of aid to affected parties in the neighbouring country<sup>90</sup>.

The country's first women-only anti-junta militia, a collection of students, teachers, farmers and white-collar workers have been formed in Sagaing Region to fight against the military junta<sup>91</sup>.

Junta's army used two MI 35 helicopters to fight against the combined people defence forces from Saw, Kyaukhtu, Kanpetlet, and Mindat in Magway's Saw Township. In the firefight, there were at least 20 military casualties and some civilian fighters were killed or injured, said the Saw PDF<sup>92</sup>.

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/local-residents-claim-junta-troops-making-more-arrests-women-chin-state>

<sup>84</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501512?>

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-slaps-suu-kyis-bodyguard-with-more-charges.html?>

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528809730830053>

<sup>87</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-junta-troops-raid-san-thar-village-kale-township>

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofMyanmarNews/posts/957931828141824>

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/BBCnewsBurmese/posts/4719013221487859>

<sup>90</sup> <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2218463/prayut-meets-cias-cohen>

<sup>91</sup> <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/militia-11182021181600.html>

<sup>92</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/junta-uses-attack-helicopters-against-resistance-fighters-in-magway>

In Yay Phy town of Dawei District, Tanintharyi Region, a military convoy was triggered with 2 mines near Phar Chaung village. Four junta's troops died and four were injured, according to sources close to that administrative team of the village<sup>93</sup>.

In Hlegu Township of Yangon, MO 07 (Eagles) carried out remote mine attacks on the junta army on patrol between Sabudaung village and Hnakammway village. Reportedly, there were casualties among junta soldiers<sup>94</sup>.

In Wetlet township of Sagaing Region, junta's troops who were prepared to station at Taltaw village school, were triggered with landmines. Locals witnessed that at least 30 junta's troops died in the blast and one PDF member died in the attack<sup>95</sup>.

Two junta's soldiers patrolled at the Mytel telecom mast in San village of Toontay township, Yangon were killed by local PDF<sup>96</sup>.

In Kalaywa Township of Sagaing Region, a convoy of junta-appointed Regional Chief Ministers was attacked with mines by local PDF somewhere in Maha Myaing Forest. Details of injury were unknown<sup>97</sup>.

On Gangaw - Hitlin road, Yaw Defense Force (YDF) interrupted the junta's convoy of 5 vehicles carrying around 200 forces in Gangaw township of Magway region. Around 25 junta's troops died and more than 20 were injured<sup>98</sup>.

Junta's troops stationed in front of Mahar Aung Myay's electricity supply corporation office in Mandalay, were attacked with gunshots and details of injuries were unknown<sup>99</sup>.

In Tanse township of Sagaing, a military truck was ambushed with mine and junta's troops opened fire after the blast<sup>100</sup>.

Five junta police were killed in an ambush on a police convoy by civilian resistance fighters in Magway Region's Gangaw. Police fired randomly and looted houses in nearby villages following the ambush, the Gangaw PDF said<sup>101</sup>.

Another 20 illegal border crossers from Myanmar were arrested by the Pha Muang Task Force in Fang district along with four Thais assisting them<sup>102</sup>.

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4993769090657956>

<sup>94</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1352639371840072>

<sup>95</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501534?>

<sup>96</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528953050815721>

<sup>97</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528856927492000>

<sup>98</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1351889705248372>

<sup>99</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1528801790830847>

<sup>100</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/The74Media/posts/448615746657952>

<sup>101</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/risenewsmyanmar/posts/5169132416434547>

<sup>102</sup> <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2218359/more-border-crossers-arrested-and-thais-helping>

Residents from east Ayadaw and west Wetlet villages of Sagaing region had to flee as there was fierce fighting with local PDFs and junta's army<sup>103</sup>.

Western News said that the junta's army has searched for Rakhine based media outlets in the capital of Sittwe township<sup>104</sup>.

## 20 November

According to junta-control media, three men and a woman were arrested for the killing of the Chief Finance Officer of Mytel Telecommunications Company<sup>105</sup>.

The Chin National Defense Force have executed a convicted rapist who allegedly reoffended after being released from jail under a recent junta prison amnesty<sup>106</sup>.  
Junta-appointed administrator from Kan Thar Yar ward of Chan Mya Tharzi township, Mandalay was shot dead<sup>107</sup>.

There was fierce fighting between the junta's army and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDA) between Ban Mwe and Man Yen villages of Monekoe in Shan State. A woman died and some houses were destroyed<sup>108</sup>.

In Tantse Township of Sagaing region, there was a fighting between a combined force of the junta army + Pyu Saw Htee members and local PDFs near Kape village and Beyin village. According to Tantse PDF, a military truck on its way to support the junta army was attacked with mines and 4 junta soldiers died<sup>109</sup>.

One member of local PDF died and two others were arrested during a raid on their base in Aunglan township of Magway region<sup>110</sup>.

Weapons and ammunition were caught on an express which was heading from Mandalay to Kanpetlet townships of Chin State<sup>111</sup>.

Combined forces of PDF killed the junta's informant from Yay Phyu Kan village of Mawlamyaing Gyune township of Ayeyarwady region<sup>112</sup>.

<sup>103</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1351900298580646>

<sup>104</sup> <https://burma.irrawaddy.com/news/short-news/2021/11/20/247587.html?>

<sup>105</sup> <https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/three-men-and-a-woman-arrested-for-killing-of-myrels-senior-officer>

<sup>106</sup> <https://www.mizzima.com/article/chin-rebel-group-executes-rapist-myanmars-northwest>

<sup>107</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5087350494642395>

<sup>108</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/kachinwavesnews/posts/4909402432406163>

<sup>109</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/myithmautkhith/posts/373605581121135>

<sup>110</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501663?>

<sup>111</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/zalen.info/posts/3202999946587521>

<sup>112</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/deltanewsagency/posts/1530229117354781>

One million doses of the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine arrived at Yangon International Airport<sup>113</sup>.

The Karenni National Defense Force (KNDF) confiscated and destroyed MyTel SIM cards & Top-ups worth 25 million Myanmar kyats which were owned by the military junta and imported to Kayah (Karenni) State<sup>114</sup>.

## 21 November

The safety of nine female medics captured by junta's forces during the raid of PDF's camp last week has concerned a lot amid evidence that three others detained at the same time were tortured to death<sup>115</sup>.

Twelve villagers of Yay Nyan village including a grade (4) student were arrested by junta's army in KyaukPadaung township of Mandalay region and confiscated 2 vehicles & 1 million Myanmar Kyats<sup>116</sup>.

Chinland Defense Force and Kalay-Kabaw-Gangaw jointly attacked the junta's convoy and destroyed two military vehicles out of five between Khokhu village and Shaungpin village of Gangaw township, Magway region. The group safely retreated with no injury and the junta forces torched three houses at Shaungpin village<sup>117</sup>.

The Yadanar Bone Pi east ward's administrative office in Mahar Aung Myay township of Mandalay was attacked by gunmen and a junta's soldier who was on guard was severely injured<sup>118</sup>.

Six junta's troops died and 3 were severely injured in the shootout and landmine attack by local PDF in the southern part of Long Lone township of Tanintharyi region. During the fight, one PDF member lost his life<sup>119</sup>.

PDF Zoland and CDM - Siyin( CDF-KKG 3) jointly attacked the junta's weaponry battalion of 644 in Kalay township of Sagaing Region. PDF could retreat harmlessly and the details of injury were unknown<sup>120</sup>.

<sup>113</sup> <http://mdn.gov.mm/newspaper/public/ebooks/read/6997>

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5087629847947793>

<sup>115</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/discovery-of-bodies-heightens-concern-for-detained-women>

<sup>116</sup> <https://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501771?>

<sup>117</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=128250209612306&id=101557665614894](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=128250209612306&id=101557665614894)

<sup>118</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5090364864340958>

<sup>119</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddyburmese/posts/5090951937615584>

<sup>120</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1353728185064524>

The Kalay PDF attacked the junta's army and Pyu Saw Htee members who were stationed at Kayuk Pyauk village in southern part of Kalay. 5 junta's troops died and 2 PDF members lost their lives as the junta shelled heavy artillery<sup>121</sup>.

Around 5,000 villagers had to flee from 11 villages of Kyun Hla township, Sagaing region as the junta's army stormed and destroyed around 18 civilian houses since 16 November. One PDF member and two civilians died during the raid and IDPs are in difficulty of food supply for the living<sup>122</sup>.

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**Annexure I:**

**Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 15 - 21 November, 2021**

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
15 Nov	Yangon	According to residents, there were 4 bomb explosions in Kyimyindine, Mayangone and Thingangyun townships of Yangon.	Khit Thit
	Yangon	In Hlaing Thar Yar township, there was an explosion at the stadium on Kanaung Minthagyi road, where junta's forces had been stationed.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	In Myingyan township, a handmade bomb was exploded at the electricity supply corporation office.	Delta News Agency
	Mandalay	In Mogoke, there were 3 explosions and fire ammunition simultaneously near the police station and in Le-U ward where junta's forces had been stationed.	Mizzima
	Ayeyarwaddy	In Pantanaw township, there were two bomb explosions at the western ward administrative office.	Mizzima
	Yangon	The house of an actress who is a pro-military supporter was attacked with a bomb in Bahan township, Yangon.	Mizzima
	Bago	Local PDF threw a bomb into the ward (5) administrative office in Zeegone township as a warning.	Mawkun Magazine DVB
16 Nov	Shan	A bomb exploded in the compound of Electricity Supply Corporation in Kalaw township of Shan State. Two staff members have been hit, residents said.	Mizzima
	Yangon		Irrawaddy

<sup>121</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pdfkalay/posts/210855594527499>

<sup>122</sup> <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/501775?>

	Sagaing	There was an explosion at the electricity supply corporation office in Kayan township, injuring a civilian.	Zalen
	Yangon	According to local sources, there was a grenade attack at Kalay airport with no casualties.	Mizzima
	Yangon	In North Dagon township, there was an explosion in Daweichaung police station.	Popular Myanmar
	Ayeyarwaddy	Two blasts were reported on Pyay road of Mayangone's (5) ward and no injuries were reported.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Sagaing	Near the police residence in Danu Phyu township, local PDF carried out a bomb explosion as a warning.	DVB
	Yangon	In ShweBo township, two bombs exploded at the internal revenue office and at Myawaddy Bank. Two police guarding at Myawaddy bank died due to the blast.	Mizzima
		Dictator Revolt Front attacked the gate (2) of Mingaladon air base of Yangon with a handmade bomb, killing two soldiers.	
17 Nov	Magway	In Yesagy township, there was a parcel bomb attack at the house of a supporter and activist of the NLD party. A total of 4 people - 3 women and 1 man died in the incident.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	The office building of a junta-controlled electricity supply corporation was bombed by the 21 Guerrilla Force in Kyaukpadaung township.	Irrawaddy
18 Nov	Mandalay	Junta's checkpoint in Chan Mya Thar Zi township of Mandalay was attacked with bombs and the details of the injuries couldn't be identified. The attack was done by Dragon Rangers Mandalay.	Irrawaddy
	Magway	Three bombs exploded in front of the Municipal office and Myanmar agricultural development bank respectively in Yay Nan Chaung township.	Delta News Agency
	Ayeyarwaddy	A bomb was exploded at the ward (17) administrative office of Danu Phyu township. Injuries may happen but cannot be identified.	Delta News Agency
	Mandalay	The Kyaukpadaung Defence Force (KDF) threw a bomb at the township education office where junta's troops were stationed. A soldier was injured in the attack.	Mizzima
19 Nov	Bago	3 blasts were reported at Kyauk Kwin Junction and in front of B.E.H.S (7) in Bago township.	DVB
	Yangon	A trishaw driver was killed by two parcel bombs as he picked up the parcel which he believed was a traditional donation packing for Tazaungdaing, in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region.	Eleven
	Mandalay		Irrawaddy

	Mandalay  Yangon	Two blasts hit at the compound of U-Paysi Pagoda in Mahar Aung Myay township where the junta's army stationed, injuring one soldier and one was dead. A blast hit the Kume Bazaar Municipal Office and a woman was injured. There was a bomb explosion at the Myinthar vehicle registration office between South Okkalapa Township and Thingangyun Township in Yangon Region. 2 staff were injured.	DVB  Mizzima
20 Nov	Yangon  Yangon  Bago  Union Territory  Bago  Yangon  Sagaing	According to Hlaingtharyar Urban Guerrilla Force, there was an attack with a M79 grenade launcher at Thauggyi police station. Reportedly, there might be casualties among the junta police. A blast was reported at No (2) B.E.H.S in Kyar Kwat Thit ward of Tarmwe township where junta's plainclothes soldiers stationed. Two blasts hit near the Kyo Pin Kauk police station in Tharrawaddy District and local PDF apologized for injuring two monks nearby with sharpenals. Tatkone Urban Guerrilla threw a bomb at the checkgate of junta's troops in front of Myanmar Economic Bank in Tatkone township in Naypyitaw. Injuries cannot be identified. A blast was also reported at the Lelway's electricity supply corporation office. A sound bomb hit the Middle School of Thit Seint Kone village of Oka Pho township. Kayan PDF exploded 3 remote bombs at the police station and electricity supply corporation office of Kayan township, Yangon. Mawlaik PDF threw a bomb into the house of the chair of USDP in Mawlaik township of Sagaing region.	Mizzima  Mizzima  Delta News Agency  DVB  DVB  Delta News Agency  Nowadays News
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