



Myanmar Situation Update 18 - 24 July 2022

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) rejected the preliminary objections of the Myanmar military junta to the case on Myanmar's alleged genocide against the ethnic Rohingya population in Rakhine State in October 2016 and August 2017. This case filed by Gambia is one of the attempts to use the international justice system to bring accountability to the estimated 740,000 Rohingyas community who fled Myanmar after a brutal military crackdown in Rakhine state in 2017.

The military junta executed democracy activists Kyaw Min Yu, Phyo Zeya Thaw and two others (Hla Myo Aung and Aung Thura Zaw) on 23 July 2022. They were sentenced to death in January 2022 by a military tribunal for charges under the counter-terrorism law for being alleged masterminds and their involvement in anti-regime armed struggle and activities. Numerous national and international bodies, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), condemned the junta's move. In a statement, the ASEAN chairman said "ASEAN denounces and is strongly disappointed by the execution of four opposition activists"¹.

ASEAN special envoy for Myanmar and Cambodia's deputy prime minister and foreign minister Prak Sokhonn is expected to have his third visit to Myanmar in mid-September. Speaking to Channel News Asia, he said that if he meets ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, he wants to use her influence to end the violence in the country. In his two previous visits the military junta denied his requests to meet Aung San Suu Kyi².

About 15 teachers identified as members of the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) were arrested by the military between 13 and 18 July 2022. They were reportedly teaching online modules for a school linked to the National Unity Government (NUG) set up to provide online education to around 20,000 students who are boycotting classes or have been unable to attend class due to the current situation in Myanmar.³

¹ <https://mfaic.gov.kh/posts/2022-07-26-Press-Release-ASEAN-Chairman-s-Statement-on-the-Execution-of-Four-Opposition-Activists-in-Myanmar--25-July-2022--09-30-58>

² <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/asean-envoy-sokhonn-myanmar-aung-san-suu-kyi->

³ [As many as 15 anti-regime teachers arrested in Myanmar — Radio Free Asia \(rfa.org\)](#)

