

Regime's forces kill two, loot donations from mosque from during attack on small town in Mandalay Region

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A man who was injured by soldiers on Tuesday in Myitnge, Mandalay Region (Supplied)

The coup regime's forces shot dead two civilians and injured six others in the town of Myitnge, Mandalay Region, on Tuesday, according to residents.

The two men who died were from the town's Yankin ward and their bodies were cremated at the Myitnge Myoma Cemetery at 9am on Wednesday.

The shooting began when regime forces tried to detain a civil servant who had gone on strike and joined the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), a local said.

“They came to arrest a civil servant doing CDM,” she said. “The residents came out to protest and they started shooting at them.”

“They have been shooting all day today too. So we cannot go outside,” she told Myanmar Now on Wednesday.

At around 2pm on Wednesday, soldiers destroyed barricades set up by locals and shot at houses in Thazin ward, she added.

A donation box at a local mosque was also destroyed and the money inside was taken by the soldiers, a resident said.

“We still don’t know how much money they took. They’re still blocking the area so we cannot go outside,” they added.

The military’s spokesperson could not be reached for comment regarding the killing of the two men and the looting.

Soldiers also began shooting in the nearby village of Hpa Paung on Wednesday evening, according to locals, though they were unable to give further details at the time of reporting.



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A relief worker from Myitnge said volunteers to help treat injured people and collect dead bodies have become scarce because of the dangers of doing such work.

He added that a man was shot dead on Tuesday in the town of Sintgaing, about 16km from Myitnge. “We cremated his body immediately on the same day. I can’t tell you the details. The situation is not good at all here,” he said.

More than 100 people have been protesting daily in Myitnge, residents there said.

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a group that has been monitoring violence and arrests since the February 1 coup, the new regime has now killed at least 715 people, including more than 40 children.

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