

Soldier shoots 14-year-old girl in the hand during raids on Mandalay neighbourhoods

A monk was also injured in the attacks, a rescue worker said

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Resistance leader Tayzar San at an anti-coup rally in Mandalay on April 14 (EPA)

A 14-year-old girl and a 30-year-old man were injured when the coup regime's troops stormed residential areas in at least three townships in Mandalay on Wednesday night and shot at people who were outside their homes, rescue workers said.

The girl was shot in the right hand and the man was shot in the thighs and in the back, one of the workers told Myanmar Now.

The military came into neighborhoods in Mandalay's Chanmyathazi township at around 9pm and began shooting, a resident said.

The attack happened after residents heard an explosion near a ward administration office where the troops were stationed.

“They have been setting off sound bombs every night to scare people so no one thought they would come into the neighborhoods and start shooting at them. People were just staying in front of their homes,” the resident said.

The girl was shot while she was washing herself in front of her house. She had to undergo surgery for the bullet wound on Thursday after the arteries in her hand were damaged, according to a relative.

“She is unable to move two of her fingers,” the relative said. “The arteries were damaged. Last night even the family could not bear to look at it. The flesh is coming out.”

Myanmar Now was unable to gather further details about the man who was shot.

The troops continued to shoot their guns and intimidate people until midnight, the resident said.

Eyewitnesses said two teenagers were also arrested after the attacks.

“My child was crying, but I had to shut his mouth forcefully. We had to sleep in immense fear the whole night,” another Chanmyathazi township resident said.

Soldiers also raided a monastery in Maha Aungmyay township and shot a monk with rubber bullets.

“He was shot in the back. I was told that they stormed into the monastery and started firing. I can’t say the name of the monastery due to security reasons,” said a rescue worker who helped injured people at the monastery.



A monk was injured by rubber bullets during one attack (Supplied)

The armed forces also attacked residents in Pyigyitagon township on Wednesday night and reportedly arrested one person, locals said.

At least 10 residents were reportedly arrested across the three townships.

Myanmar Now was unable to verify the number independently. The military's spokesperson could not be reached for comment.

The troops also carried out raids inside the Mya Yi Nandar housing complex in Chanmyathazi township on Thursday morning, witnesses said.

Despite constant attacks against protesters and civilians, Mandalay's residents continue to stage daily anti-coup rallies.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners monitoring group said at least 739 civilians have now been killed by Min Aung Hlaing's regime.