



Myanmar Situation Update (14-20 June 2021)

Summary

Nearly five months after the coup, the junta has begun the trial of the leaders of NLD. Ousted State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi appeared in a special court in Naypyitaw on 14 June to hear three cases for possession of illegally imported walkie-talkies, violations of the Telecommunications Law and Natural Disaster Management Law.

Furthermore, the junta has charged Ye Min Oo, a former Naypyitaw Mayor with article 409 of Penal Code (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) and violation of the Anti-Corruption law as he allegedly misused his power to allow the “La Yaung Taw” project of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Daw Khin Kyi’s foundation. A detained Mandalay region MP from the National League for Democracy (NLD) also has been sentenced to three years in prison by the junta without a trial according to his family members that media reported this week.

UNHCR reported that more than 680,000 people are currently internally displaced in Myanmar, including more than 200,000 in the last four months. Most of the recent IDPs are from the states of Kayah and Kayin, where ethnic groups and the Myanmar military engaged in fighting. The reports also revealed more than 100,000 people have been displaced by the fighting in Kayah State, with Demoso Township having the highest number of IDPs. It also mentioned that food and medicines run out faster. Dry food, medicine, and water are the major needs. IDPs in southern Shan State also reported due to the heavy fighting between The Shan Nationalities Progressive Party (SSPP/SSA) and the Shan State Reconstruction Council (RCSS/SSA). People are in dire need of emergency medical treatment, according to a relief team.

Strong winds destroyed around 600 houses in refugee camps in Rakhine state making it more difficult for refugees to live, according to the Rakhine Nationalities Association. People face food shortages and international organizations are no longer able to provide assistance due to political instability. More than 100,000 refugees are still reluctant to return to their homes although no fighting in Rakhine for about eight months.

The junta-controlled Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) announced that three “highly transmissible and more severe” coronavirus variants have been detected in Myanmar. With more than 600 COVID-19 cases reported in Yangon in the last two weeks, the second highest coronavirus hotspot after Sagaing

Region. The junta has been struggling to maintain COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment as thousands of government medical staff and numerous volunteers have refused to work for the junta.

Two elderly civilians were burned to death alive after junta troops set the whole Kin Ma village on fire and burnt it to ashes in Pauk Township of Magway Region. On June 20, the junta condemned the actions of local/foreign media outlets and organizations spreading false information on the Kinma Village fire case that further the state media accused People Defense Forces (PDF) for setting fire to the house of U Kyaw Htay, who did not support the PDF which spread to other houses due to the wind.

The junta's propaganda newspapers published an article on neighboring Thailand's proportional representation (PR) system of elections and parliaments crafted by the Thai military after the 2014 coup, an indicator that the Myanmar junta is considering enacting a similar system in future elections.

Frontier Myanmar's managing editor arrested by the junta at the Yangon International Airport is facing a charge under section 505-A of Penal Code, which carries a potential three-year prison term while a DVB reporter, was sentenced to 3-year imprisonment with 505-A of Penal Code in Minhla, Bago Region. There are four reporters arrested by the junta in the Bago region, and among them two have been sentenced to 3-year imprisonment. Ye Chan Naing, editor-in-chief of the DVB in Burma is selected for the International Press Freedom Award for 2021.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution with the support of 119 countries to call for a stop to the flow of arms to Myanmar and urge the junta to respect November election results & release political detainees, including leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Belarus requested the text be put to a vote and was the only country to oppose it, while 36 abstained, including China and Russia with Thailand, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos from the ASEAN regional block.

The junta chief arrived in Moscow on 20 June by a special international Myanmar Airlines flight to attend a security conference, marking his second known trip abroad since he seized power in a coup. Junta appointed Deputy Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade U Than Aung Kyaw, Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing, Directors-General from various government departments and senior military officers joined the trip.

The protests continued in different parts of Myanmar despite the crackdown by the junta. The clashes between the junta forces and the civil resistance fighters or Ethnic Armed Organizations also emerged in several places in Myanmar, such as in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Shan, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon States/Regions.

According to the information compiled by ANFREL, at least 56 bomb blasts happened across Myanmar in the past week. It was reported that at least 19 people were injured and at least 4 died¹.

¹ Annexure 1

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), as of 20 June, 872 people were killed by the junta. 5,033 people are currently under detention and 196 are sentenced. 1,950 warrants have been issued. 31 were sentenced to death, 14 people to three years, 39 people to 20 years, 18 people to 7 years imprisonment².

Timeline of events

Date	Developments
14 June	<p>The first prosecution evidence in three cases regarding possession of illegally imported walkie-talkies, violations of the Telecommunications Law and Natural Disaster Management Law on ousted State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi began in a special Naypyitaw court³.</p> <p>Kamayut Media editor-in-chief Ko Nathan Maung, who has US citizenship, was released. He was charged under Article 505(a) Penal Code for inciting dissent against the junta and released after the junta withdrew charges against him. He was detained since March this year and reportedly deported to the US⁴.</p> <p>Junta troops opened fire on villages in Depayin Township, Sagaing Region after both a former local administrator and the daughters of a current junta-allied administrator were killed by unknown assailants one day earlier⁵.</p> <p>The Rohingya Solidarity Organization (RSO) declared that they will fight against the junta who are taking the people's power. They will also fight for the rights of Rohingya⁶.</p> <p>Yangon saw a spike in its COVID-19 count on Sunday after a large cluster of cases which counts for 226 alone were reported at a Buddhist monk-run private high school in Hlegu Township⁷.</p> <p>According to local aid workers, two local Lisu women were allegedly raped by a Myanmar military soldier in Mantong township, Northern Shan State⁸.</p> <p>Three striking teachers in Myeik Township of Tanintharyi Region, were each sentenced to three years in prison for incitement for participating in the civil disobedience movement (CDM)⁹.</p>

² <https://aappb.org/?p=15957>

³ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-court-testifies-in-three-cases-against-suu-kyi.html>

⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/junta-frees-myanmar-journalist-with-us-citizenship.html>

⁵ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/military-shoots-kills-civilian-in-depayin-following-murder-of-administrators-daughters>

⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1221843608252983>

⁷ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/hundreds-of-students-staff-at-myanmar-private-school-test-covid-19-positive.html>

⁸ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/military-council-soldier-allegedly-raped-two-women-searching-mushrooms?>

⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/three-striking-teachers-jailed-by-myanmar-junta.html>

The KIO's armed wing, Kachin Independence Army (KIA) torched several of Yuzana's buildings in Bangkok village, Tanai Township, in April and May. The Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) threatened action against anyone exploiting land of Yuzana Co Ltd as locals complained the EAO as businessmen attempted to retake the land after the attacks¹⁰.

The Sub Election Commission Chairman's vehicle in Dawei Township of Tanintharyi region was attacked by 14 gun shots while he was driving his vehicle on a business trip from Kyaukmetaung to Dawei. He is the chairman from in 2015 that continued to work under the incumbent in junta appointed election commission¹¹.

The junta issued a letter to political parties and lawmakers warning them against involvement with the National Unity Government and its related organizations¹².

Men in civilian clothes attacked several buildings in Mandalay linked to the National League for Democracy (NLD) including the house of the chief minister of Mandalay using guns and grenades¹³.

During the meeting in Naypyitaw, the junta and the Russian counterparts discussed the resumption of the No. 2 Steel factory (Pinpet) project in Taunggyi of Shan State, which was closed more than four years ago¹⁴.

At least six people were arrested in Mandalay after a group of protesters were knocked down by a group of plainclothes men in civilian vehicles¹⁵.

Justice for Myanmar (JFM), an activist group revealed that an Indian arms company that majority of shares owned by the Indian government supplied at least seven shipments of military technology equipment to junta since the coup for coastal surveillance¹⁶.

Myanmar's ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, has called for "effective collective measures" against the junta, ahead of expected Security Council talks on the situation¹⁷.

Myanmar National Post reported that the junta gave basic arm training to youths in Mandalay who were close to them¹⁸.

¹⁰ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/06/14/kio-warns-cronies-against-re-seizing-land-in-tanai-township/>

¹¹ <https://news-eleven.com/article/209938>

¹² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-orders-mps-to-shun-ousted-civilian-govt.html>

¹³ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/men-in-civilian-clothes-attack-nld-buildings-in-mandalay-with-guns-and-grenades>

¹⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-to-reopen-russian-backed-steel-plant.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/junta-tactics-06152021090409.html?>

¹⁶ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/indian-arms-company-selling-military-technology-to-myanmar-junta>

¹⁷ <https://mizzima.com/article/myanmars-un-envoy-wants-effective-anti-junta-measures-council-meet>

¹⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/ayeyarwaddytimes/posts/1913277585496900>

	<p>Media reported that more than twenty thousands IDPs from the eastern Demoso Township, Kayah State, only have one week left on food. Foods and medicines run out faster. Dry food, medicine and water are major needs for IDPs. More than 100,000 people have been displaced by the fighting in Kayah State, with Demoso Township having the highest number of IDPs.¹⁹</p> <p>The investor group has published an Investor Statement on Human Rights and Business Activities in Myanmar, which calls for companies across all sectors with links to Myanmar, to immediately map their business activities, relationships, and investments in order to assess any human rights risks in their value chain²⁰.</p> <p>The G7 leaders strongly condemned the military coup in Myanmar and the subsequent violence committed by the security forces on civilians. The group called for the immediate release of those detained arbitrarily including civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The group welcomes the ASEAN's Five Point Consensus and urges swift implementation²¹.</p>
15 June	<p>The Karen National Defence Organisation (KNDO) denied the junta's allegation that it slaughtered 25 civilians in Myawaddy of Karen State, claiming that the men it killed were undercover soldiers sent to spy by the junta²². The junta accused the ethnic armed group of killing 25 construction workers in the east of the country after abducting a group of 47 people in The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper and army-controlled Myawaddy Television.</p> <p>A detained Mandalay regional parliamentarian with the National League for Democracy (NLD) has been sentenced to three years in prison by the junta without a trial, his family members reported²³.</p> <p>Family members of seven detainees - five student activists and two freelance journalists at the Insein Prison in Yangon said that they are being mistreated by prison authorities for not complying with orders²⁴.</p> <p>A man was killed in junta's custody in Mandalay Region after he was detained on Sunday on suspicion of shooting a woman who locals believe acted as an informant for the military. The Taungtha Township Youth Guerrilla Group has claimed its responsibility for shooting the informant²⁵.</p>

¹⁹www.kantarawaddytimes.org/?p=13334

²⁰<https://www.mizzima.com/article/group-asset-managers-call-companies-links-myanmar-take-action?>

²¹<https://www.aninews.in/news/world/europe/g7-leaders-condemn-myanmars-military-coup-call-for-immediate-release-of-detained-civilians20210613205404/>

²²<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/only-myanmar-regime-undercover-soldiers-murdered-not-civilians-kndo.html>

²³<https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/meiktila-nld-lawmaker-handed-three-year-prison-sentence-without-trial>

²⁴<https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/student-activists-journalists-being-mistreated-in-insein-prison-say-family-members>

²⁵<https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/man-arrested-on-suspicion-of-shooting-alleged-informant-dies-in-regime-custody>

	<p>IDPs in Mandat of Chin State severely suffered from dysentery, diarrhoea, malaria and influenza and their lives are in danger. There is a desperate needs of drinking water, food, medicines as well as doctors & nurses²⁶.</p> <p>Church leaders of Kayah State said the attacks on churches continued by the junta troops, despite repeated appeals to respect their sanctity, is no accident²⁷.</p> <p>The Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF) and junta agreed to a ceasefire starting from 15th of June as there are over 100,000 IDPs in Karenni State, and religious leaders & some ethnic armed groups called to make a ceasefire²⁸.</p> <p>Two elderly civilians were burned to death alive after junta troops set the whole Kin Ma village on fire and burnt it to ashes in Pauk Township of Magway Region. Military burned down the village after taking a large number of casualties during a firefight with civilian resistance fighters near the village²⁹.</p> <p>The junta-controlled Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) announced that three “highly transmissible and more severe” coronavirus variants have been detected in Myanmar³⁰.</p> <p>Aung San Suu Kyi’s legal team sent her 5 million kyats (about US\$3,000) via the police and the junta has denied that cash assistance sent by her lawyers. During the court hearing on June 7, detained State Counselor requested that her legal team help provide food for her and eight others detained with her³¹.</p> <p>Myanmar ousted leader, Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial for sedition in court, Lawyers have objected to evidence presented at court hearings in her trials for allegedly violating COVID-19 restrictions and the sedition law, on grounds of authenticity and relevance³².</p> <p>A member of a local refugee relief team reported that tens of thousands of refugees in Kayah State are currently facing food shortages which are out of reach for relief teams³³.</p>
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²⁶ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=4243340262393984&id=167011980026853

²⁷ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/karenni-religious-leaders-cry-foul-as-churches-come-under-fire>

²⁸ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news/7125>

²⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/senior-citizens-die-after-myanmar-junta-soldiers-set-village-on-fire.html>

³⁰ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/new-and-more-deadly-covid-19-variants-found-in-myanmar-update.html?>

³¹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-says-lawyers-cant-send-cash-to-detained-daw-aung-san-su-kyi.html>

³² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/daw-aung-san-su-kyis-lawyers-object-to-myanmar-regimes-evidence-against-her.html>

³³ <https://mizzima.com/article/refugees-kayah-state-suffering-food-shortages>

	<p>Junta's soldiers and police looted shops and stole food in Nyaung Hla village, Tabayin Township in Sagaing Region³⁴.</p> <p>Karen armed forces held a two-day meeting at the KNU headquarters to discuss the resumption of hostilities. The meeting was joined by Karen National Union(KNU), Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA), Border Guard Force(BGF), Democratic Karen Burmese army (DKBA) and KNU/KNLA-PC (Peace Council)³⁵.</p> <p>Human Rights Watch called for Myanmar security forces to stop arbitrarily arresting and detaining family and friends of activists, protesters, and opposition members and urged authorities to immediately and unconditionally release all those wrongfully held and end all collective punishment³⁶.</p> <p>Amnesty International called on ASEAN to stop shielding the Myanmar military from international pressure and accountability, as the country's human rights crisis continues to worsen dramatically³⁷.</p>
16 June	<p>The deputy head of Yangon's Kyauktan Township Education Office, was shot dead in a street³⁸. While the junta-appointed ward administrator in Yangon's Hlaing Tharyar Township was shot dead, according to a witness³⁹.</p> <p>A man accused of being a junta's informant was assassinated in the Kayin State of Payathonzu township on the Myanmar-Thai border⁴⁰.</p> <p>The Karen National Union, the political wing of the KNDO militia, has pledged to investigate allegations by the junta that its forces killed 25 construction workers after abducting a group of 47 people last month⁴¹.</p> <p>The Arakan Army (AA) has released six junta's troops it captured in clashes, signaling closer ties between the ethnic armed group and the junta⁴².</p>

³⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4513611245350364>

³⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/myanmarownnews/posts/2134999359981124>

³⁶ <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/06/14/myanmar-stop-holding-family-friends-hostage>

³⁷ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/06/myanmar-aung-san-su-ki-goes-on-trial-asean-indecision-enabling-military-rampage/>

³⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4515796565131832>

³⁹ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/ward-administrator-in-hlaing-tharyar-shot-dead>

⁴⁰ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/alleged-military-informant-shot-dead-in-karen-state-border-town>

⁴¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmar-ethnic-group-pledges-investigate-alleged-killing-25-labourers-2021-06-17/>

⁴² <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/arakan-army-frees-myanmar-junta-soldiers.html>

	<p>A DVB reporter, was sentenced to 3-year imprisonment with 505-A of Penal Code in Minhla, Bago Region. There are four reporters arrested by the junta in the Bago region, and among them two have been sentenced to 3-year imprisonment⁴³.</p> <p>The Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar (CTUM) has taken steps to file a class-action lawsuit against the junta to compensate over 70,000 government workers dismissed by the military junta⁴⁴.</p> <p>Residents of a village in Kayah State's Demoso Township said junta forces looted their shops and houses while they fled following clashes between junta troops and the Karenni Nationalities Defence Force (KNDF)⁴⁵.</p> <p>The central bank under the control of the junta is putting pressure on private banks to target financial transactions in A/C transfer, digital payments and permit the withdrawal of cash at 50% of the businesses from one time to three times per month⁴⁶.</p> <p>Kim Aris, son of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, said he is with the people of Myanmar who are uniting again to see the fulfillment of democracy in the country as a message for his mother's 76th birthday⁴⁷.</p> <p>The State Administration Council (SAC) of the junta rejected the condemnation issued by G7 countries against the Feb. 1 coup, calling it "biased" and saying it "is based on fabricated information,"⁴⁸.</p> <p>The Vice Chief of the Australian Defence Force, Vice Admiral David Johnston, spoke with the Deputy Commander in Chief of the Myanmar military, Vice Senior General Soe Win, calling for the "immediate release" of detained Australian economist Sean Turnell⁴⁹.</p> <p>The Hindu reported that the Chief Minister of Chin State has taken refuge in India's Mizoram and officials in Mizoram said he crossed over to Champhai⁵⁰.</p> <p>The Representative from Thai government will meet with eight Myanmar EAOs that joined in the National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in order to settle the situations in Myanmar peacefully. Those eight EAOs are ABSDF, DKBA, KNU, KNU/KNLA-PC, LDU,</p>
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⁴³ <https://www.facebook.com/myaelattathan/posts/2909556662694224>

⁴⁴ <https://mizzima.com/article/ctums-class-action-seeks-compensation-myanmar-military-dismissed-employees>

⁴⁵ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-junta-troops-accused-of-looting-abandoned-village.html>

⁴⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/MRAVILAWMyanmar/posts/334586081438485>

⁴⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/rfaburmese/posts/10161167130793128>

⁴⁸ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/sac-rejects-g7-condemnation?>

⁴⁹ <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-06-17/adf-vice-chief-calls-myanmar-to-release-sean-turnell/100221708?>

⁵⁰ <https://mizzima.com/article/chin-state-sm-seeks-refuge-indias-mizoram>

	<p>PNLO, NMSP and RCSS⁵¹. This plan of meeting is followed after the meeting of the temporary leader of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST), General Ywet Sit and the representative from Thai government on 7 June. 10 EAOs consist of PPST and the two EAOs that will not join the meeting are the Chin National Front (CNF) and the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP).</p> <p>Statements released by the British Ambassador and the US embassy in Yangon⁵² with regards to the incident in Kinma village at Magway Region said "junta demonstrated once again that it continues to commit terrible crimes and has no regard for the people of Myanmar⁵³."</p> <p>Concerns are rising on digital security as 2 Canadian companies, OpenText and Magnet Forensics sold technologies (Magnet AXIOM, Magnet AXIOM Cloud, EnCase Forensic V8 & EnCase Mobile Investigator) which can restore deleted data in cell phone and computer to Ministry of Transport and Communication⁵⁴.</p>
17 June	<p>The junta's propaganda newspaper, Myanma Alinn Daily published an article on neighboring Thailand's proportional representation (PR) system of elections and parliaments crafted by the Thai military after the 2014 coup, an indicator that the Myanmar junta is considering enacting a similar system in future elections.⁵⁵</p> <p>The junta-appointed Ministry of Transport and Communications announced in the state-owned newspaper that vehicle license plates will be revised and the new plates will make it easier to identify the township where the vehicle is from and easier to control the use of illegal vehicles⁵⁶.</p> <p>The Kachin media reported that farmers are afraid to cultivate their farms after junta's soldiers have hidden many explosives such as land mines around their town in Kachin State. On June 15, a couple stepped on a landmine returning from their farm. The blast caused serious injuries to the woman⁵⁷.</p>

⁵¹ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1223178534786157>

⁵² <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4049911468423975>

⁵³ <https://www.facebook.com/ukinmyanmar/posts/10158262147797865>

⁵⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/khitthitnews/posts/1223153484788662>

⁵⁵ https://www.burmalibrary.org/sites/burmalibrary.org/files/obl/mal_17.6.21.pdf

⁵⁶ <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Myanmar-Coup/Myanmar-coup-latest>

⁵⁷ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/06/17/burma-army-plants-landmines-around-kachin-state-town/>

	<p>AA spokesperson said that the Arakan Army (AA) released the remaining policemen and soldiers who were arrested by the armed group during a 2019 raid on a Mayu River ferry in Rakhine State's Rathedaung Township⁵⁸.</p> <p>National League for Democracy (NLD) Central Executive Committee member U Aung Kyi Nyunt said that the junta's plan to abolish the party is a plot to illegally win the next general election⁵⁹.</p> <p>Media reported that hundreds of residents from Kinma, the Magway Region village that was burned down by junta forces on Tuesday, are still hiding in nearby forests two days after their homes, crops and stocks of food were destroyed, lacking hope of rebuilding their lives⁶⁰.</p> <p>Two former village administrators accused of being informants to the junta were assassinated in Sagaing Region's Taze Township, according to locals⁶¹.</p> <p>The junta has formed a new Ministry of Cooperatives and Development of Rural Areas according to Section 419 of State Constitution. It also reformed the ministry of education and established a new ministry for science and technology⁶².</p> <p>An explosion occurred at the construction site of 68 Residence, a high-end development project, Bahan Township in Yangon owned by the family of junta's cabinet member Daw Thet Thet Khine⁶³.</p> <p>Kachin Women's Association of Thailand (KWAT) reported that the junta increased attacks on civilians and committed human rights abuses against civilians in Kachin State in response to the Kachin Independence Army(KIA) seizing several strategic military camps in Kachin State⁶⁴.</p> <p>Editor-in-chief and reporter of Voice of Myanmar (VOM) who were charged under Section 505 (a) of the Penal Code were released by the court on June 17⁶⁵.</p>
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⁵⁸ <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/aa-releases-remaining-soldiers-and-police-detained-during-shwe-nadi-ferry-incident>

⁵⁹ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/senior-nld-member-warns-of-myanmar-juntas-plot-for-illegal-electoral-win.html>

⁶⁰ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/hundreds-still-hiding-in-forest-after-torching-of-kinma-village>

⁶¹ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/two-former-village-administrators-assassinated-in-taze>

⁶² https://cdn.myanmarseo.com/file/client-cdn/2021/06/18_June_21_gnlm.pdf

⁶³ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4518916764819812>

⁶⁴ <https://kachinnews.com/2021/06/17/tatmadaw-targets-civilians-following-military-defeat-in-kachin-state-kwat-says/>

⁶⁵ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/voice-myanmar-vom-editor-chief-and-reporter-released?>

	<p>A goalkeeper from Myanmar's national team who raised an anti-coup salute during a match sought asylum in Japan, local media reported⁶⁶.</p> <p>A former NLD candidate in the 2020 poll in Mon State was arrested at his house in Mudon Township⁶⁷.</p> <p>Frontier Myanmar's managing editor faced a charge under section 505-A of Penal Code, which carries a potential three-year prison term. The next hearing is scheduled on July 1, 2021⁶⁸.</p> <p>Innogroup, a Korean company which has 13 businesses in Myanmar is in the alleged affiliation with the junta, if true, Inno Group's Myanmar business must continue to be criticized or sanctioned not only in Myanmar but also in the international community⁶⁹.</p> <p>South Korea donated \$900,000 to a UN-led humanitarian aid initiative for Myanmar said UN body⁷⁰.</p> <p>The state-run Global New Light Myanmar reported that the Permanent Secretary of the junta-run Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in the Joint Consultative Meeting via video conference with Ms Emaleen ABD Rahman Teo, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam and discussed matters on ASEAN 2021 priorities and key deliverables including ASEAN community Post-2025 Vision and Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of the ASEAN Community Blueprints 2025⁷¹.</p> <p>US Embassy Rangoon released a statement condemning the horrific acts which were consistently done by the junta, continuously demonstrating a complete disregard for human life⁷².</p> <p>The United Nations in Myanmar said it was alarmed by recent acts of violence in the country that illustrated a sharp deterioration in the human rights environment and called for the responsibilities⁷³.</p>
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⁶⁶ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-footballer-seek-asylum-japan-reports?>

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/theirrawaddy/posts/4524055407639281>

⁶⁸ <https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/statement-from-frontier-myanmar-on-danny-fensters-court-appearance/?>

⁶⁹ https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=ko&u=https://www.pressian.com/pages/articles/2021060821503990853&p_rev=search&pto=aue

⁷⁰ <https://www.rt.com/news/526805-south-korea-myanmar-aid/?>

⁷¹ https://cdn.myanmarseo.com/file/client-cdn/2021/06/18_June_21_gnlm.pdf

⁷² <https://www.facebook.com/usembassy.rangoon/posts/4049911468423975>

⁷³ <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/un-alarmed-sharp-deterioration-myanmar-human-rights-environment-2021-06-17/>

18 June	<p>An army truck with junta soldiers on board in front of the USDP office was blown up in Tamwe Township in Yangon. The report says 2 died and 7 were severely wounded due to the attack⁷⁴.</p> <p>The Federation Of General Worker Myanmar reported that about 200 garment factories in Yangon reported to the junta-controlled Ministry of Labor to shut down as there is unstable politics, business and orders are no longer got⁷⁵.</p> <p>Ye Min Oo, a former Naypyitaw Mayor, recovered from broken rib during junta's custody who was filed with article 409 of Penal Code, criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent and being charged with Anti-Corruption law as he allegedly misused his power to allow the "La Yaung Taw" project of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Daw Khin Kyi's foundation⁷⁶.</p> <p>New Mon State Party (NMSP) detained the suspect for the assassination of Mon Unity Party member Mi Wai Thi Phyo who was killed by 3 gunshots on June 8 within NMSP controlled area⁷⁷.</p> <p>In response to the strong condemnation of US and British embassies on the arson at Kinma village, USDP, the political party backed by the military, issued a statement that they strongly condemned those releases, which damage the dignity of Myanmar people as well as regional peace⁷⁸.</p> <p>The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation-NUG requested business people not to purchase or take part in the bid sales for timber and plywood by Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the control of the junta. The event will be held in Yangon on 23rd, 24th and 29th June⁷⁹.</p> <p>The General Assembly adopted a resolution with the support of 119 countries to call for a stop to the flow of arms to Myanmar and urge the junta to respect November election results & release political detainees, including leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Belarus requested the text be put to a vote and was the only country to oppose it, while 36 abstained, including China and Russia⁸⁰.</p>
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⁷⁴<https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-military-truck-with-soldiers-on-board-blown-up-in-yangon.html>

⁷⁵<http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/470523?f>

⁷⁶<https://burma.irrawaddy.com/news/2021/06/18/243087.html?>

⁷⁷<https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4492918960742974>

⁷⁸<https://www.facebook.com/pyikhinephyomyanmar/posts/1508281469346975>

⁷⁹https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=126275472950034&id=101928055384776

⁸⁰<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/united-nations-set-call-halt-arms-myanmar-diplomats-2021-06-17/?>

	<p>The Food and Agriculture Organization under the UN rejected the appointment letter of representatives submitted by the junta. They made a decision not to accept anyone as the representative for Myanmar. ILO and WHO have decided that they would not recognize the representatives of the military junta⁸¹.</p>
19 June	<p>People across Myanmar wore flowers in their hair, paraded with them at street demonstrations and celebrated the 76th birthday of detained State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi⁸².</p> <p>Over 10 staff including the owner of the 99 cafe was arrested in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay, for allegedly doing “Rose Strike” for the Daw Aung San Suu Kyi 76th Birthday⁸³.</p> <p>With more than 600 COVID-19 cases reported in Yangon over the past two weeks, the commercial capital has become the country’s second COVID hotspot after Sagaing Region. 84</p> <p>2 fighters from the People’s Defense Force (Khin Oo) died and 5 were arrested in a clash with junta forces in Mandalay⁸⁵.</p> <p>Refugees in southern Shan State where The Shan Nationalities Progressive Party (SSPP / SSA) and the Shan State Reconstruction Council (RCSS / SSA) brought heavy fighting are in dire need of emergency medical treatment, according to a relief team⁸⁶.</p> <p>Aye Chan Naing, editor-in-chief of the DVB in Burma is one of the four selected for the International Press Freedom Award for 2021. The four journalists are said to have covered the protests during the political unrest during the historic conflict.⁸⁷</p> <p>Junta’s troops raided a house in Kalay, Sagaing region on Saturday and killed 5 people including a 15 year old teenager⁸⁸.</p> <p>IDPs found nearly two dozen unidentified bodies when they returned to towns in Kayah (Karenni) and southern Shan states earlier this week after being forced to flee to rural areas by fighting between the junta and the local resistance⁸⁹.</p>

⁸¹ <https://www.facebook.com/rfaburmese/posts/10161170664558128>

⁸² <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-myanmar-politics-idUSKCN2DV04G>

⁸³ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4492670204101183>

⁸⁴ <https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/over-600-cases-in-two-weeks-for-yangon-as-myanmar-sees-third-wave-of-covid-19.html>

⁸⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily/posts/4495054527196084>

⁸⁶ <https://www.mizzima.com/article/emergency-medical-treatment-needed-refugees-southern-shan-state?>

⁸⁷ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/470767>

⁸⁸ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/470862>

⁸⁹ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/idps-return-to-karenni-towns-to-find-unidentified-bodies-in-streets-schools>

	<p>More than 20 locals suspected by the junta's troops were arrested over two days following an explosion outside the military council's ward administration office in Hpa Do, Bago Region this week⁹⁰.</p> <p>With the support of 119 countries, the United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution that calls for blocking the flow of arms into Myanmar. The resolution was adopted not by consensus but by vote, as requested by Belarus⁹¹.</p> <p>Myanmar's junta has rejected a United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for a halt in arms sales and denouncing the military takeover, saying "interference in internal affairs shall not be accepted". The junta also said that U Kyaw Moe Tun did not represent Myanmar and his vote was illegal⁹².</p>
20 June	<p>The local military council has agreed to a 14-day ceasefire with the Mindat People Defense Force, where local township leaders lead the negotiation. Mindat has been under Martial Law since May 13. The ceasefire agreement period is between June 20 to July 4 to allow residents to return to their homes.⁹³</p> <p>The Information Team of SAC condemned the actions of local/foreign media outlets and organizations spreading false information on the Kinma Village fire case.⁹⁴</p> <p>Junta leader Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Nay Pyi Taw airport for Moscow on a special international Myanmar Airlines flight, together with junta appointed Deputy Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade U Than Aung Kyaw, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing, Directors-General from various government departments and senior military officers⁹⁵.</p> <p>448 civil society organizations released a joint statement urge the international community to help to stop the junta using humanitarian aids as weapons against civilians⁹⁶.</p>

⁹⁰ <https://myanmar-now.org/en/news/more-than-20-locals-arrested-after-explosion-in-bago>

⁹¹ <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Myanmar-Coup/Myanmar-coup-latest>

⁹² [https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-regime-slams-un-general-assembly-resolution-calling-for-arms-trade-ban.html?](https://www.irrawaddy.com/news/burma/myanmar-regime-slams-un-general-assembly-resolution-calling-for-arms-trade-ban.html?fbclid=IwAR3EoMvhoqRUqy5cLu64sSL_IgZxX9gZ9UTfsgQSawhOi_vqwzbJKc25J4c)

⁹³ https://www.bbc.com/burmese/burma-57544093?fbclid=IwAR3EoMvhoqRUqy5cLu64sSL_IgZxX9gZ9UTfsgQSawhOi_vqwzbJKc25J4c

⁹⁴ <https://www.gnln.com.mm/statement-strongly-condemns-media-outlets-and-organizations-spreading-false-information-on-kinma-fire-case/#article-title>

⁹⁵ <https://web.facebook.com/popularnewsjournal/posts/4879897792025977>

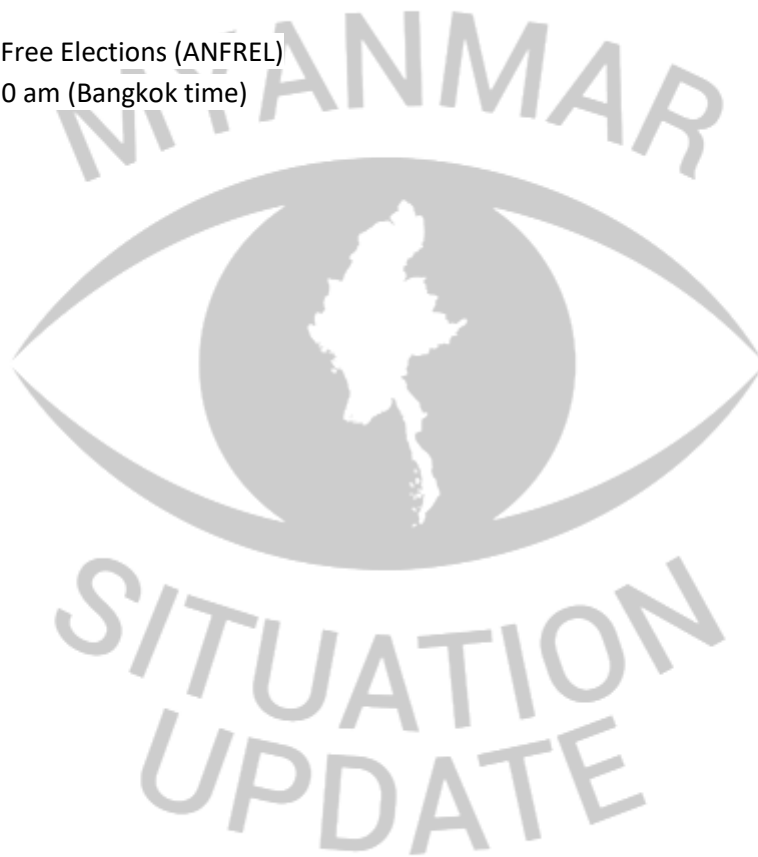
⁹⁶ <http://burmese.dvb.no/archives/470888>

	<p>Pope Francis on Sunday appealed to Myanmar's military leaders to allow aid to reach displaced, hungry people who have fled fighting since the coup and to respect religious sites as places of sanctuary⁹⁷.</p> <p>Japan's reluctance to sanction the junta showed the difficulties President Joe Biden faces in convincing U.S. allies in Asia to defend democracy. "The Japanese don't believe in sanctions," said Nobuhiro Aizawa, an associate professor at Kyushu University specializing in Southeast Asian politics and international relations⁹⁸.</p>
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⁹⁷ <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/pope-myanmar-bishops-appeal-humanitarian-corridors-15054456?>

⁹⁸ <https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2135347/japans-refusal-to-sanction-myanmar-undermines-us-strategy>

Annexure I:

Information on the Blasts Reported Across Myanmar from 14 June- 20 June, 2021

Date	Region/State	Incidents	Source
14 June	Yangon	A blast was reported in 10th Street, Lanmadaw, Yangon.	Myanmar Now
	Mandalay	3 blasts were reported in NLD offices and in front of the former Mandalay chief Minister's house in Mandalay.	BBC
	Yangon	A blast was reported in Phaucan ward administrative office, Insein. 2 people were injured.	Khit Thit
	Yangon Sagaing	A blast was reported in Thanlyin. A blast was reported in the check gate of Taze, Sagaing and a person died.	Khit Thit DVB
15 June	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported in an administrative office of 11 ward of Pyapon and one person was injured.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported near a township Development Officer's house in Kangyidaunt.	DVB
	Yangon	A blast was reported near a car which stopped in Bokhone Market, Insein.	DVB
	Bago	At least 2 blasts were reported in Phado Township.	Myanmar Now
16 June	Yangon	There was an explosion near the office of Ward (71) in South Dagon Township and reportedly one person was injured.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	In Thapaitgyin township, there were 2 explosions at the schools; Pauktabin BEHS and Shwe Kyunbin affiliated BEHS.	Mizzima
	Shan	A blast was reported in the Pao National Organization(PNO) office in Taunggyi, Southern Shan state.	Tachileik News Agency
17 June	Magwe	2 blasts were reported in Thayet Township Medical Officer and Township Development Officer houses.	Myaytlat Athan
	Magwe	A blast was reported in Yesagyo.	DVB
	Yangon	An explosion occurred at the 68 Residence of Yangon's Bahan Township.	Irrawaddy
	Bago	5 blasts were reported in different places of Bago - 2 ward level administrative offices, Crime department of Police station, tsp custom office & tsp EPC office. 2 people were injured.	Mizzima
	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported in the Pyapon administrative office.	Ayeyarwaddy Times
	Yangon Shan	There was an explosion at NLD headquarters in Bahan Township. Three explosions happened in Theinni of Northern Shan.	Mizzima Mizzima

18 June	Yangon	A blast was reported in NgaMoeYeik 5th street Ward Administration Office, 3 were injured.	Khit Thit
	Yangon	At least 7 blasts were reported in Hlaingtharyar.(2 soldiers injured)	Thanlwin Khet
	Yangon	2 bomb blasts were reported in Tamwe. (2 dead , 7 injured)	Mizzima
	Yangon	A blast was reported in 54th Ward, South Dagon.	Mizzima
	Mandalay	2 blasts were reported in Myingyan of Mandalay including the road & transport office.	DVB
	Yangon	There was an explosion near the junta's administration office on Marga street in Ward (12) of South Okkalapa Township.	Mizzima
19 June	Yangon	A car blast was reported near the UN Office in Yangon, 1 person was injured.	Mizzima
	Yangon	At least 2 blasts were reported in Thingangyun and Pyay Road.	Eleven
	Ayeyarwaddy	3 blasts were reported in Phapyon.	Mizzima
	Kayah	In Demoso Township, a local resident died in a bomb explosion at the bridge joining the village streets of Dawse-Nanhu-Daw Kaluku.	Mizzima
	Shan	A blast was reported near BEHS 1 in Nyaungshwe.	Shan News
20 June	Mon	A blast was reported in front of a school in Ye township, Mon State.	DVB
	Ayeyarwaddy	A blast was reported in front of Pathein Hotel in Pathein.	Mizzima

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