




MYANMAR

At a Turning Point

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This Presentation

- Overview of Myanmar before the coup
- The coup and its aftermath
- The Myanmar people's response
- The international response
- Reasons to hope
- How to help



Myanmar

before the coup:

Fragile, complex, but promising



- Ruled by military from 1962 – 2010, history of uprisings
- Democratic elections in 2010, NLD joined in 2012, 2015 ASSK State Counselor
- Military maintained a strong role in the political system
- 6.8% GDP Growth Rate in 2019
- Mobile phone ownership up 16x
- Active and growing civil society
- Increase in conflicts with ethnic armed groups in country's periphery
- 2017 – genocidal acts against the Rohingya population, rise in nationalism
- Due to COVID, 63% of Myanmar's population are now living on \$1.90/day
- Most recent elections in November 2020, generally rated as free and fair.

The Coup and its aftermath

- Early morning of February 1
- Internet Shutdown
- Arrest of political opponents
- Establishment of State Administrative Council (SAC) with General Min Aung Hlaing as head
- Promulgation of new laws – suspending privacy laws, banning criticism of military or government, re-instatement of old oppressive laws – groups of 5 or more and requirement to register overnight guests.
- Curfews, martial law imposed in some areas
- Banning of independent media
- Reign of terror, mass arrest, night time raids, extrajudicial killing, torture of detainees



A people's movement: Protests and CDM (Civil Disobedience Movement) by civil servants



National Unity Government of Myanmar

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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

ဦးဝင်းမြင့်
U Win Myint

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Political Opposition to the coup

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Arrests Killings

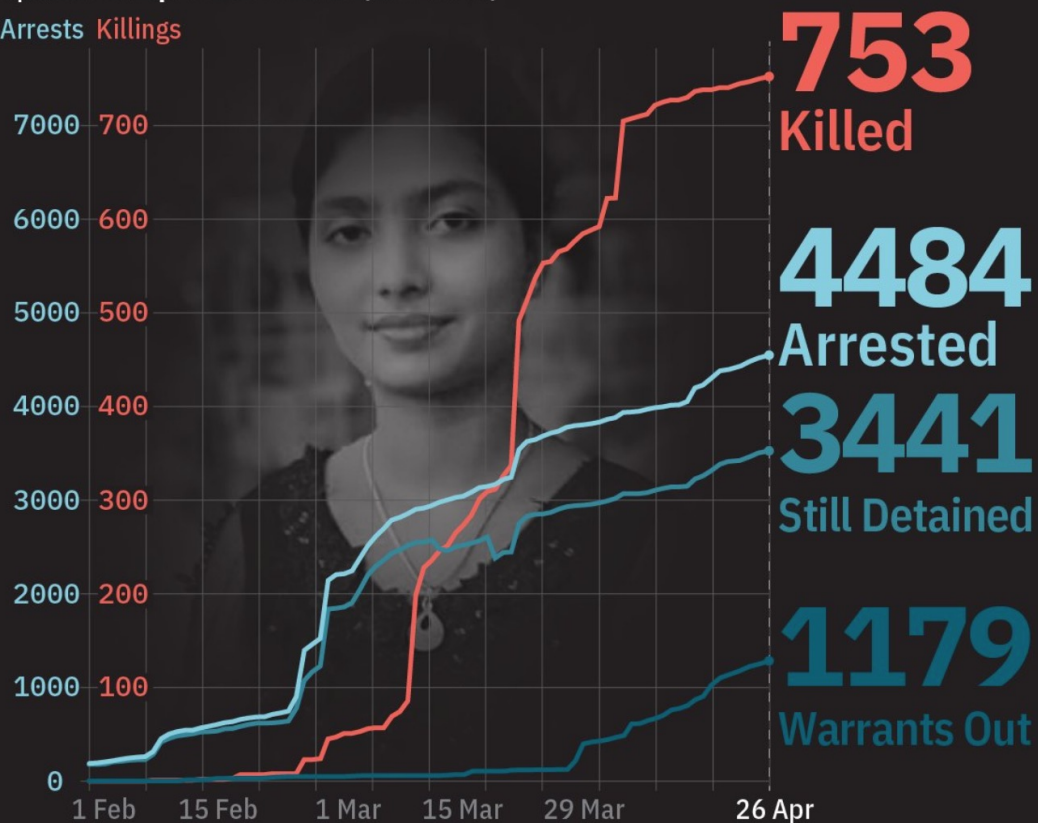


Photo: Aye Aye Khaing, killed on 18 March

Arrested includes charged or sentenced. Shows arrests and killings connected to the attempted military coup only; arrests with quick release not included.

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Files opened against medical doctors who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

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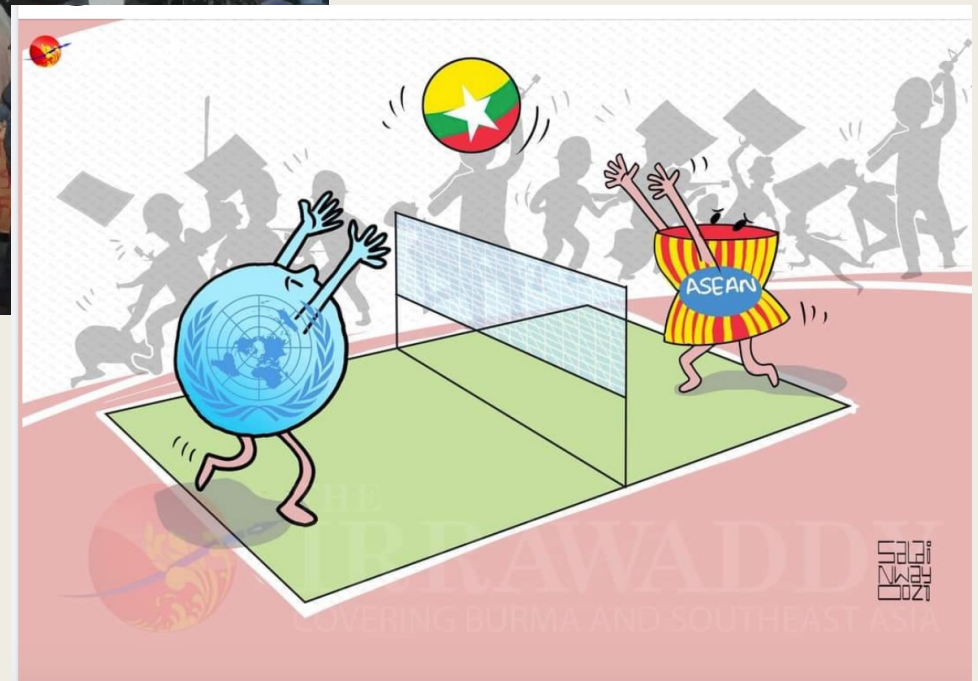
THE following medical doctors have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and health staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

Sr	Name	Hospital	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo	Sr	Name	Hospital	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Dr Yan Naing Lin (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		11	Dr Theik Tun Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
2	Dr Su Hlaing (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		12	Dr Nyein Wai Tun (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
3	Dr May Oo Khin (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		13	Dr Myo Zay Oo (Assistant Surgeon)	Hlaingbwe General Hospital	Hlaingbwe Town, Kayin State	505-a	
4	Dr Khun Than Aung Soe (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		14	Dr Htet Linn Naing (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady General Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
5	Dr Aung Hset Naung (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		15	Dr Pyae Phyo Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady General Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
6	Dr Phyu Pyar Min (Deputy Head of District Public Health Department)	Katha District Public Health Department	Katha Town, Sagaing Region	505-a		16	Dr Kyin Kyin (Assistant Surgeon)	Tangyan General Hospital	Tangyan Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
						17	Dr Soe Than Htaik (Assistant Surgeon)	Tangyan People's Hospital	Tangyan Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	



What does this mean for the average person?

International Response



Reasons to Hope

- The coup has not succeeded yet
- The military has not been recognized
- The civil disobedience movement continues, with the public's blessing
- Myanmar people know what to do in these circumstances
- The world is not the same as 1988 or 2007, the last major uprisings
- Political alliances have made moves towards a federal union – a long held dream of many in the country
- Strong unifying force. Old divisions and discriminations are breaking down.



How to help

■ Donations to Civil Society organizations

- *Helps Myanmar people create their own future*
- *Local organizations are on the ground, able to work in difficult circumstances*
- *Supporting them helps to strengthen ties between Myanmar people and communities*
- *Support needed for medical care, food aid, legal aid, support for civil servants, safe houses, livelihood creation.*
- *Suggested organization: Mae Tao Clinic www.maetaoclinic.org. Other suggestions can be made as well.*

■ Hosting of Myanmar dissidents seeking safety in the US through humanitarian parole

- *Housing, living costs, legal aid for up to 1 year (needed for their application for HP) – can be shared responsibility between organizations, universities or individuals.*
- *(Potentially) speaking engagements, fellowship placement*



Questions?

