

MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

Myanmar's security landscape from October 26 to November 02, 2026, was characterized by escalating multi-front conflicts, significant territorial gains by resistance forces, and a deepening humanitarian crisis. The military junta continued its reliance on brutal airstrikes, leading to civilian casualties and cross-border incidents that impacted neighboring Thailand. Diplomatic efforts saw a divergence, with the United States re-engaging the junta on specific transactional issues, while the European Union maintained its stance on sanctions and human rights. China actively sought to reinforce its influence amidst growing anti-Beijing sentiment, as the junta's increasing arms purchases from international suppliers fueled the ongoing civil war.

Key Security Developments

- Intensified Multi-Front Combat and Airstrikes

Myanmar remained gripped by active armed conflict, with sustained multi-front combat reported across northern Shan State, Rakhine State, Chin State, Sagaing Region, and Karen State during the past week. The military junta heavily utilized airstrikes, which frequently resulted in civilian casualties and damage to non-military infrastructure. A UN Special Rapporteur noted on October 27, 2026, that the military intentionally targets civilians to terrorize them into submission, with at least 8,384 civilians killed by the military since the 2021 coup.

- Border Spillover and Thai Response

On October 31, 2026, a Myanmar military air strike, targeting a Karen National Union (KNU) position across the Salween River from Mae Sam Laep in Mae Hong Son, Thailand, damaged approximately 17 homes and public buildings on the Thai side. This incident prompted local Thai leaders to call for talks with Myanmar and led Thailand to suspend unofficial border trade for seven days (October 30 to November 5, 2026) in Mae Sot and Phop Phra districts due to safety concerns from projectiles landing in Thai territory.

- Junta Extends Martial Law

The military junta extended martial law for an additional 90 days across 55 townships on October 25, 2026, transferring executive powers to Gen. Ye Win Oo. This move signals a hardening of junta control in urban centers and raises risks for civil unrest and security force crackdowns.

• Arakan Army Offensive in Rakhine State

The Arakan Army (AA) continued its significant offensive in Rakhine State. On October 28, 2026, the AA reportedly struck three junta warships near Sittwe, with two allegedly sinking. Intense fighting near Sittwe between October 26 and October 27, 2026, resulted in the confirmed death of Major Aung Kyaw Moe of the Myanmar military. The AA claims operational control over Paletwa township in Chin State and 14 townships in Rakhine State, actively establishing administrative frameworks.

• Resistance Gains in Northern Shan State

On October 25, 2026, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) announced the capture of the last Myanmar military base in Hsipaw, northern Shan State, following weeks of fighting. This development was accompanied by UN reports of heavy fighting and airstrikes causing civilian casualties and displacing approximately 30,000 people in the region.

• Deepening Humanitarian Crisis

The UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar, Kelley Anne Eckels-Currie, reported on October 27, 2026, that the civil war has killed over 100,000 people and displaced 5.2 million, with 4.0 million internally displaced and 1.6 million refugees as of July 2026. The military's "Four Cuts" doctrine deliberately obstructs humanitarian aid through telecommunications blackouts, movement restrictions, and checkpoints.

• US Diplomatic Re-engagement with Junta

The United States resumed direct diplomatic contact with Myanmar's military-led government, holding two rounds of talks in September and October 2026 (the latter in Tokyo), led by State Department representative Michael Vance. The US aims to dismantle online scam centers, secure the release of American businessman Adam Castillo (achieved in September talks), and gain access to rare-earth resources.

• EU Maintains Sanctions and Isolation Policy

In contrast to the US, the European Union continues to reject the legitimacy of the military junta and maintains sanctions on 105 officials. Brussels remains focused on democratic principles and human rights, with experts suggesting the EU could maintain sanctions while expanding diplomacy through ASEAN and the UN.

• China's Efforts to Cement Influence

China, a major foreign partner and arms supplier to the junta, held talks with nine Myanmar political parties in Yangon on October 13, 2026, to assess public opinion and strengthen bilateral cooperation. This engagement occurred amidst growing anti-China sentiment in Myanmar, partly due to Beijing's support for successive military administrations. Chinese President Xi Jinping has previously endorsed Myanmar's President Min Aung Hlaing and supports advancing Belt and Road Initiative projects with ensured security.

• Cybersecurity and Transnational Scam Operations

Myanmar has become a global epicenter for cyberfraud and online scam operations, known as "Kyar Phyants," which are linked to money laundering, human trafficking, and target global networks. These operations are openly permitted and facilitated by the junta, particularly in loosely regulated border areas, and have expanded into military-controlled territory. The US engagement with the junta partly focuses on shutting down these scam centers. Myanmar's Cybersecurity Law, effective July 30, 2025, enables sweeping surveillance and censorship, requiring government approval for VPN services and licensing for digital platforms.

• Fueling the Conflict through Arms Acquisitions

A UN rights investigator stated on November 1, 2026, that Myanmar's increasing weapons purchases from China, Russia, and other sources are fueling the conflict and exacerbating the "catastrophic" human rights situation.

• Conscription Drives Exodus

The military's conscription law, activated in February 2024, had reportedly drawn in over 136,300 people by October 2026. This mandatory military service for men and women has led to widespread fear and a significant exodus of young people from the country.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Myanmar's ongoing civil war and the junta's actions continue to exert significant geopolitical pressure and destabilize regional dynamics. The border spillover into Thailand, exemplified by the October 31 airstrike and subsequent trade suspension, highlights the direct impact on neighboring countries and the potential for broader regional security concerns. This incident underscores the fragility of border security and the challenges in managing conflicts that disregard international boundaries.

The divergent diplomatic approaches of major global powers further complicate the regional landscape. The United States' decision to re-engage with the junta, driven by transactional interests such as combating cyber scam centers, securing American detainees, and accessing rare-earth minerals, marks a notable shift from its previous isolation policy. This pragmatic approach, while addressing specific US interests, risks undermining the broader international consensus on human rights and democratic principles that the European Union and other nations continue to uphold through sanctions. This creates a complex environment where the junta might exploit these divisions to gain legitimacy and resources.

China remains a pivotal player, actively working to cement its influence in Myanmar. Beijing's engagement with various political parties, including those aligned with the

military, aims to gauge public sentiment and strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly concerning its Belt and Road Initiative projects. Despite growing anti-China sentiment due to its support for the military, China's strategic interests in Myanmar, including resource access and a land corridor to the Indian Ocean, ensure its continued deep involvement. Russia also continues to supply arms, further entrenching the junta's military capabilities and complicating international efforts to de-escalate the conflict. ASEAN, through its special envoy, is attempting to facilitate humanitarian aid, but its efforts are challenged by the ongoing violence and the junta's obstructionist tactics, reflecting the bloc's struggle to find an effective unified response to the crisis.

Military and Defense Analysis

The Myanmar military, or Tatmadaw, is currently engaged in a protracted and increasingly challenging civil war, characterized by a heavy reliance on air power and artillery to counter widespread resistance from ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and People's Defense Forces (PDFs). Despite deploying significant forces, such as the approximately 2,000 troops in a major offensive against the Arakan Army in Rakhine State since early September, the Tatmadaw has largely failed to regain lost territory. This indicates a struggle to maintain ground control against a fragmented yet resilient opposition that now controls an estimated 42% of the country's territory, compared to the junta's 22%.

The activation of a conscription law in February 2024, which had reportedly drawn in over 136,300 people by October 2026, highlights the junta's urgent need to bolster its dwindling troop numbers amidst desertions and heavy casualties. This forced recruitment, however, also fuels public resentment and a brain drain as young people flee the country. The military's ongoing acquisition of weapons from China, Russia, and other sources underscores its strategy to maintain air superiority and heavy weaponry capabilities, which are crucial for its "Four Cuts" doctrine aimed at severing resistance support networks. However, the effectiveness of these capabilities is increasingly challenged by the decentralized nature of the resistance and the tactical gains made by groups like the TNLA in Shan State and the AA in Rakhine, which are establishing quasi-administrative control in liberated areas.

Outlook and Forecast

In the short-term (1-3 months), the security situation in Myanmar is expected to deteriorate further, with an intensification of conflict across multiple fronts. The onset of the dry season is likely to facilitate increased military operations by both the

Tatmadaw and resistance forces, particularly in western Myanmar along the Chin-Paletwa-Rakhine border, where the Arakan Army anticipates significant junta troop deployments and joint ground, naval, and air offensives. Civilian casualties and displacement will almost certainly continue to rise, exacerbating the already dire humanitarian crisis as the military persists with its "Four Cuts" strategy.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas include Rakhine State, particularly around Sittwe and Kyaukphyu, where the Arakan Army's offensive is ongoing and naval clashes have been reported. Northern Shan State, following the TNLA's capture of Hsipaw, will likely see continued heavy fighting as the junta attempts to regain control of strategic areas and trade routes. The Thai-Myanmar border, especially around Myawaddy and Mae Sot, remains a high-risk area for cross-border spillover, as demonstrated by the recent airstrike and temporary trade suspension. The Sagaing Region will also remain a hotbed of resistance activity and military counter-offensives.

Key indicators to monitor include the scale and success of major Tatmadaw offensives, particularly their ability to recapture lost territory or disrupt resistance strongholds. The rate of civilian casualties and new displacements will be crucial humanitarian indicators. Diplomatic shifts, especially within ASEAN and the ongoing US-junta engagement versus the EU's stance, will influence the junta's international standing and access to resources. Furthermore, the effectiveness of international efforts to curb cyber scam operations, which are a significant source of illicit revenue for the junta, will be an important economic and security indicator.

Strategic recommendations for external actors should focus on a coordinated approach to pressure the junta for civilian protection and humanitarian access. This includes maintaining and strengthening targeted sanctions on military-linked entities and individuals, while exploring mechanisms to directly support humanitarian aid delivery to affected populations. Diplomatic efforts should prioritize a unified international front that clearly condemns the junta's violence and pushes for a political resolution that respects the will of the Myanmar people. Furthermore, enhanced international cooperation is needed to dismantle the cyber scam networks, which not only pose a global cybersecurity threat but also fuel the conflict through illicit financing.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

• Airstrikes kill 12 in Rakhine State as bombs target bridge and maternity clinic (2026-11-02 04:51)

At least 12 civilians were killed and 32 others were injured after the Myanmar Air Force launched a coordinated wave of airstrikes across Arakan State on Sunday, targeting civilian transit corridors, residential settlements, and a maternity facility across Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U, Pauktaw, and Kyaukphyu townships, the Arakan Army (AA) reported. The airstrikes hit critical infrastructure and […] The post Airstrikes kill 12 in Rakhine State as bombs target bridge and maternity clinic appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar’s junta must stop rebranding war crimes as diplomacy (2026-11-01 22:19)

Guest contributor Ma Thida Myanmar’s military campaign since the 2021 coup can be described in many ways—but “peace-building” is not one of them. Yet that is precisely what Myanmar’s Defence Minister, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, attempted to do when he claimed that the junta’s airstrikes are measures taken to achieve peace. The statement is not merely […] The post Myanmar’s junta must stop rebranding war crimes as diplomacy appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcibly recruiting Rohingya [AUDIO] (2026-11-01 22:11)

In the Rakhine State capital Sittwe, military commanders have ordered the arrest of men in Rohingya communities and internally displaced persons (IDP) camps if local leaders fail to hand over a designated quota of new recruits. Elsewhere, the Arakan Army is forcibly recruiting Rohingya to fight in the battle for Sittwe. Watch the report Read […] The post Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcibly recruiting Rohingya [AUDIO] appeared first on DVB.

• UN Special Rapporteur labels situation in Myanmar ‘catastrophic’; ASEAN envoy denied access to Suu Kyi (2026-11-01 21:47)

UN Special Rapporteur labels situation in Myanmar ‘catastrophic’ United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Kelley E. Currie, has issued a comprehensive assessment during a press conference at the U.N. in New York on Thursday. She blamed the country’s “catastrophic” human rights situation on the military for intentionally terrorizing non-combatants […] The post UN Special Rapporteur labels situation in Myanmar ‘catastrophic’; ASEAN envoy denied access to Suu Kyi appeared first on DVB.

• UN investigator: Myanmar junta attacks civilians to terrorize them (2026-10-30 23:20)

The military-backed administration in Myanmar, led by regime leader Min Aung Hlaing, is intentionally attacking civilians to terrorize them and force them into submission, and its increasing weapons purchases from China, Russia and elsewhere are fueling the conflict and the “catastrophic” human rights situation in the war-torn Southeast Asian nation, a U.N. rights investigator said. […] The post UN investigator: Myanmar junta attacks civilians to terrorize them appeared first on DVB.

- Japan pushes to remove Myanmar from global financial watchdog’s blacklist (2026-10-30 23:14)

Japan is pushing a global financial crimes watchdog to remove Myanmar from its blacklist to make it easier to do business there, the latest sign that some major countries are looking to bring the pariah state’s military-backed administration in from the cold. Japan wants the Financial Action Task Force to drop requirements that its members […] The post Japan pushes to remove Myanmar from global financial watchdog’s blacklist appeared first on DVB.

- Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcing Rohingya to fight (2026-10-30 23:07)

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- Mae Tao Clinic fits 300 Myanmar landmine survivors with free prosthetics amid war (2026-10-30 09:11)

After losing his leg to a landmine blast in Myanmar, Ko Paing undertook an arduous cross-border journey from his home in Bago Region, evading checkpoints and conflict zones to reach the Mae Tao Clinic on the Thai-Myanmar border. His goal was straightforward: regain the ability to walk. Fitted with an artificial limb, Ko Paing described […] The post Mae Tao Clinic fits 300 Myanmar landmine survivors with free prosthetics amid war appeared first on DVB.

- Ethnic Rakhine returnees from Malaysia released from military custody in Yangon (2026-10-30 06:43)

More than 400 ethnic Rakhine deported from Malaysia have begun returning home since Tuesday after being held in military custody since arriving back to Myanmar on Oct. 4, according to family members. “Everyone has been allowed to go home, but if there is no one to come and collect them, they are not permitted to […] The post Ethnic Rakhine returnees from Malaysia released from military custody in Yangon appeared first on DVB.

- ASEAN envoy denied access to Aung San Suu Kyi during humanitarian mission to Myanmar (2026-10-30 03:30)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Special Envoy on Myanmar, Philippine Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Maria Theresa Lazaro, concluded a high-stakes mission to Naypyidaw where she held direct talks with regime Foreign Minister Tin Maung Swe on the ongoing civil war and expanding cross-border humanitarian access. The diplomatic mission—conducted amid deep regional divisions over re-engaging […] The post ASEAN envoy denied access to Aung San Suu Kyi during humanitarian mission to Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar’s Chin National Front on forming a new Chin National Council (2026-10-30 02:54)

In an exclusive interview with DVB, Chin National Front (CNF) executive committee member and veteran leader of the 1988 generation Salai Khua Uk Lian revealed that rival Chin resistance factions have agreed to draft a new joint constitution and transition toward a unified Chin State government under a single body called the Chin National Council. […] The post Myanmar’s Chin National Front on forming a new Chin National Council appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar’s illicit economy fuels escalating violence, with civilians bearing the brunt (2026-10-30 02:31)

Myanmar’s human rights situation is “catastrophic”, a U.N. independent expert on the country warned at a press briefing Thursday, as the war spirals with no end in sight. Myanmar has been engulfed in civil war since the military overthrew the democratically elected government in February 2021, triggering widespread armed resistance across the country. The U.N. […] The post Myanmar’s illicit economy fuels escalating violence, with civilians bearing the brunt appeared first on DVB.

• Malaysia to proceed with Myanmar repatriation after court rejects stay order (2026-10-29 22:45)

Malaysia will continue with the repatriation of 3,500 Myanmar refugees and asylum seekers through established diplomatic channels with the regime in Naypyidaw, Malaysian Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail announced on Thursday. The decision follows a High Court ruling dismissing an application by the Malaysian Bar for an interim stay to halt the deportations pending judicial […] The post Malaysia to proceed with Myanmar repatriation after court rejects stay order appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 3 (2026-10-29 22:07)

In this six-part series: Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 3 outlines the nuclear fuel cycle and examines the potential for nuclear development in Myanmar in the context of an agreement with Russia. The nuclear fuel cycle begins with mining uranium and preparing it for use as reactor fuel. Once used, the fuel becomes highly radioactive […] The post Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 3 appeared first on DVB.

• Letters to a young activist: Intergenerational Movement Building (2026-10-29 22:04)

Guest contributor Khin Ohmar Dear young activist, As an activist from the ’88 generation, I have experienced movement activism as both the younger generation in relation to the ethnic resistance movements and now as an elder to the Spring Revolution. I deeply believe that the success of our movements, and social transformation more broadly, is […] The post Letters to a young activist: Intergenerational Movement Building appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN envoy leads mission to Myanmar; UN envoy rejects regime claim of governance and stability (2026-10-29 22:03)

ASEAN Envoy leads humanitarian mission to Myanmar The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2026 Chair, the Philippines, Special Envoy on Myanmar Theresa Lazaro arrived in the country on Wednesday for a three-day visit to oversee the distribution of humanitarian aid after the regime in Naypyidaw has been accused of weaponizing aid deliveries by not […] The post ASEAN envoy leads mission to Myanmar; UN envoy rejects regime claim of governance and stability appeared first on DVB.

• KIA renews assault on Military Operations Command in Kachin State as regime counterattacks (2026-10-29 09:31)

The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) has resumed attacks on regime positions around the Military Operations Command 21 in Bhamo Township earlier this month, while the military counterattacks KIA positions in Bhamo, Mansi and Momauk townships. Naw Bu, the KIA spokesperson, told DVB that fighting over control of the regime’s Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) 47 has […] The post KIA renews assault on Military Operations Command in Kachin State as regime counterattacks appeared first on DVB.

• Thai Army fires warning shots into Myanmar after artillery shell wounds woman in Mae Sot (2026-10-29 08:19)

The Royal Thai Army stated on Thursday that it fired “warning shots” across the border into Myanmar after a Thai woman was injured by artillery and hospitalized in Thailand’s Mae Sot District one day after 200 Mae Sot residents demanded protection from the government after an unknown number of them had been injured by stray […] The post Thai Army fires warning shots into Myanmar after artillery shell wounds woman in Mae Sot appeared first on DVB.

• UN Special Rapporteur warns diplomatic engagement legitimizing Myanmar regime (2026-10-29 06:59)

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Kelley E. Currie, has warned the international community that pursuing unconditional diplomatic engagement with the regime in Naypyidaw risks legitimizing military rule while civilian bloodshed and systemic abuses continue unabated. Addressing the 81st session of the U.N. General Assembly Third Committee Interactive […] The post UN Special Rapporteur warns diplomatic engagement legitimizing Myanmar regime appeared first on DVB.

• Arakan Army accuses Myanmar military of using civilians as human shields in Sittwe (2026-10-29 06:49)

The Arakan Army (AA) has accused the Myanmar military of deploying local residents as "human shields" and ordering civilians to dismantle their makeshift bomb shelters as heavy fighting intensifies for control of the Arakan State capital Sittwe. Khaing Thukha, the AA spokesperson, announced on Wednesday that regime forces stationed inside the besieged state capital are [⋯] The post Arakan Army accuses Myanmar military of using civilians as human shields in Sittwe appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar's UN Ambassador honours 'fallen heroes'; IIMM warns about escalating war crimes (2026-10-28 22:32)

Myanmar's UN Ambassador honours 'fallen heroes' since 2021 Burma's Permanent Representative to the U.N., Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, made an emotional and solemn appeal to U.N. member states to help end the crisis in Burma since the 2021 military coup during an address to the 81st session of the U.N. General Assembly Third Committee Interactive [⋯] The post Myanmar's UN Ambassador honours 'fallen heroes'; IIMM warns about escalating war crimes appeared first on DVB.

• The Philippines' top diplomat leads a humanitarian mission to Myanmar (2026-10-28 22:01)

The Philippines' top diplomat arrived in Myanmar on Wednesday to oversee the distribution of humanitarian aid, as Myanmar's military-backed government seeks to improve strained relations with its neighbors and other countries. Philippine Foreign Secretary Theresa Lazaro is making the two-day visit in her capacity as Special Envoy on Myanmar for ASEAN, the Association of Southeast [⋯] The post The Philippines' top diplomat leads a humanitarian mission to Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• UN Special Envoy rejects military solution in Myanmar, warns against normalization (2026-10-28 21:59)

The United Nations Special Envoy on Myanmar, Julie Bishop, briefed the 81st session of the U.N. General Assembly's Third Committee meeting on Tuesday, laying bare the deeply contested reality of what Myanmar's regime states and the facts on-the-ground. Challenging what she called the "myth" that the crisis in Myanmar since the 2021 military coup can [⋯] The post UN Special Envoy rejects military solution in Myanmar, warns against normalization appeared first on DVB.

• NUG broadcaster to launch 'PVTV International' in English language (2026-10-28 09:54)

Public Voice Television (PVTV), the broadcast wing of Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG), has announced it will soon launch an English-language news service named "PVTV International" to expand coverage of Myanmar to an international audience. PVTV said the

service would provide news, analysis and video reports on Myanmar's political and military developments, including "the Spring [⋯] The post NUG broadcaster to launch 'PVTV International' in English language appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar military accused of targeting food supplies in Karenni and Shan states (2026-10-28 08:37)

The Karenni Interim Executive Council (IEC) told DVB that regime forces have deliberately targeted Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps, where farmers are harvesting their crops this season, with aerial and artillery attacks since September. "The military instills fear among residents to drive them into regime-controlled areas," Banyar Khun Aung, Secretary 2 of the IEC—a provisional [⋯] The post Myanmar military accused of targeting food supplies in Karenni and Shan states appeared first on DVB.

• Land of collapsed Mandalay Sky Villa condo to be auctioned in November (2026-10-28 08:32)

The land and property rights for the collapsed Sky Villa Condominium site in Mandalay's Aungmyaythazan Township—where more than 200 bodies were recovered following the catastrophic March 28, 2025 earthquake—are scheduled to be auctioned off in November. Regime authorities announced that surviving unit owners or their legal representatives have a seven-day window to file formal objections [⋯] The post Land of collapsed Mandalay Sky Villa condo to be auctioned in November appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar Ambassador holds up scarf bearing victims' names in tearful address at UN (2026-10-28 05:07)

Myanmar's Permanent Representative to the U.N., Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, made an emotional and solemn appeal to U.N. member states to help end the crisis in Myanmar since the 2021 military coup during an address to the 81st U.N. General Assembly Third Committee Interactive Dialogue on Tuesday. "I hold in my hand a scarf, a [⋯] The post Myanmar Ambassador holds up scarf bearing victims' names in tearful address at UN appeared first on DVB.

• Aung San Suu Kyi talks to son for first time in 5 years (2026-10-28 04:25)

Myanmar's military regime allowed jailed leader Aung San Suu Kyi a 20-minute phone call with her son, Kim Aris, on Oct. 22—the first time she was granted family access since being detained during the military coup on Feb. 1, 2021. Aris spoke to DVB following the call. Read more The post Aung San Suu Kyi talks to son for first time in 5 years appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN Special Envoy leads humanitarian mission to Myanmar (2026-10-28 03:25)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Special Envoy on Myanmar and Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary, Maria Theresa Lazaro, will lead a two-day humanitarian mission to Myanmar starting Wednesday, ASEAN chair the Philippines announced. The itinerary includes a

trip to conflict-affected Shan State alongside high-level diplomatic engagements with senior regime officials in Naypyidaw. While the [⋯] The post ASEAN Special Envoy leads humanitarian mission to Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcibly recruiting Rohingya to fight in battle for Rakhine State capital (2026-10-28 03:17)

The Myanmar military and the ethnic Rakhine armed group, the Arakan Army (AA), have been forcibly conscripting and recruiting Rohingya and other Muslim youth in Arakan State to deploy them to active frontlines surrounding the state capital of Sittwe, according to accounts from local residents and diaspora networks. In regime-controlled territory, military commanders have ordered [⋯] The post Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcibly recruiting Rohingya to fight in battle for Rakhine State capital appeared first on DVB.

• With Myanmar, the media can raise the cost of normalization (2026-10-28 03:04)

Guest contributor James Shwe An assurance of safety is not proof of safety. For governments seeking closer relations with Myanmar’s military, that distinction should be a test of policy, not an inconvenience to be managed. Two recent reports about Malaysia’s refugee repatriation program bring that test into focus. On October 26, AFP reported that Malaysian [⋯] The post With Myanmar, the media can raise the cost of normalization appeared first on DVB.

• IIMM investigating escalating war crimes in Myanmar as military attacks intensify (2026-10-28 01:32)

The human rights situation in Myanmar has deteriorated significantly as the military sharply escalates its reliance on aerial strikes, torture, and sexual violence, the head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) told the 81st Session of the U.N. General Assembly’s Third Committee on Tuesday. “Since I last appeared before you, the situation in [⋯] The post IIMM investigating escalating war crimes in Myanmar as military attacks intensify appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN Special Envoy arrives in Myanmar; Aung San Suu Kyi requests clothes from her home (2026-10-27 23:02)

ASEAN Special Envoy arrives in Myanmar The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2026 Chair, the Philippines, Special Envoy on Myanmar and Philippine Foreign Secretary Maria Theresa Lazaro will lead a humanitarian delegation to Burma on Wednesday to discuss efforts to expand humanitarian access across the conflict-hit country, anonymous diplomatic sources told ThaiPBS. The sources [⋯] The post ASEAN Special Envoy arrives in Myanmar; Aung San Suu Kyi requests clothes from her home appeared first on DVB.

• Historian cautions against weaponizing ‘Scarlet Heart Thailand’ controversy (2026-10-27 22:56)

A Thai academic has warned that toxic social media rhetoric risks damaging ties between Thailand and Myanmar due to an online dispute surrounding the upcoming television series Scarlet Heart Thailand. The controversy erupted after Thai entertainment company GMMTV released promotional material for its adaptation of the historical fantasy franchise, prompting observers and netizens in Myanmar [⋯] The post Historian cautions against weaponizing ‘Scarlet Heart Thailand’ controversy appeared first on DVB.

- GSCB calls out Myanmar military ‘war crimes’ on anniversary of Thadingyut attack (2026-10-27 08:37)

The General Strike Coordination Body (GSCB), which is a coalition of anti-2021 coup strike committees, marked the first anniversary of a paramotor attack that killed at least 24 people attending the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut in Sagaing Region on Oct. 6, 2025. The GSCB, which was honoured on Oct. 11 with the 6th Forum [⋯] The post GSCB calls out Myanmar military ‘war crimes’ on anniversary of Thadingyut attack appeared first on DVB.

- Aung San Suu Kyi requests clothes from Yangon home ahead of ASEAN envoy visit to Myanmar (2026-10-27 05:41)

The ousted National League for Democracy (NLD) party told DVB that its co-founder and leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been detained by the regime in Naypyidaw since the military coup on Feb. 1, 2021, has instructed staff at her Yangon residence to send clothing to her in Naypyidaw, where’s she been held for [⋯] The post Aung San Suu Kyi requests clothes from Yangon home ahead of ASEAN envoy visit to Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

- ASEAN Special Envoy Maria Theresa Lazaro to visit Myanmar this week (2026-10-27 02:28)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2026 Chair, the Philippines, Special Envoy on Myanmar and Philippine Foreign Secretary Maria Theresa Lazaro will lead a humanitarian delegation to the country on Wednesday to discuss efforts to expand humanitarian access across the conflict-hit country, according to diplomatic sources. The sources, who requested anonymity, said Lazaro will [⋯] The post ASEAN Special Envoy Maria Theresa Lazaro to visit Myanmar this week appeared first on DVB.

- Malaysia seeks answers from Myanmar over continued detention of returnees (2026-10-26 23:22)

Malaysia will formally seek clarification from Myanmar’s military authorities following reports that hundreds of recently repatriated migrants were transferred directly into military custody upon arrival in Yangon, Malaysian Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan announced in parliament on Monday. The diplomatic pushback comes after Kuala Lumpur deported 1,476 Myanmar nationals via three naval vessels on Sept. 29 [⋯] The post Malaysia seeks answers from Myanmar over continued detention of returnees appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar diaspora in Chiang Mai marks Thadingyut with traditional charity fair (2026-10-26 22:48)

Members of the Myanmar diaspora in northern Thailand gathered at Memories of Chiang Mai on Oct. 26 to celebrate the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut by hosting a traditional Nibban Zay charity market. The event recreated one of Myanmar's most cherished cultural traditions, blending festive community gatherings with Buddhist merit-making and charitable giving. Under the [⋯] The post Myanmar diaspora in Chiang Mai marks Thadingyut with traditional charity fair appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar war crimes survivors look to Denmark for justice (2026-10-26 22:22)

Guest contributor Chris Gunness Forty homes. That is how many a woman, now living in Denmark, watched burn in her village in Chin State, western Myanmar. Family members and friends were killed or left permanently disabled by landmines planted by the junta. Like tens of thousands of others from Chin State, she was driven across [⋯] The post Myanmar war crimes survivors look to Denmark for justice appeared first on DVB.

• Iran sends jet fuel to Myanmar despite sanctions; War crimes survivor from Chin State files case (2026-10-26 21:58)

Iran sends jet fuel to Myanmar despite sanctions In December 2025, the U.S.-sanctioned tanker Reef arrived in Burma's waters with some 113,000 barrels of fuel backed by sham paperwork. Burma-based energy broker Dynamic Wave ordered the shipment, agreeing in a sales contract inked with Thailand's Tawan-Oil Trading to supposedly take delivery of a similar amount [⋯] The post Iran sends jet fuel to Myanmar despite sanctions; War crimes survivor from Chin State files case appeared first on DVB.

• Thousands visit Bagan for first-ever Sky Lantern Festival over Thadingyut holiday (2026-10-26 10:07)

Thousands of domestic visitors traveled to the ancient city of Bagan in Mandalay Region for the inaugural Sky Lantern Festival, held from Oct. 25-27 across the UNESCO World Heritage site. Organized by the regime's Directorate of Hotels and Tourism to promote travel in the historic zone, the three-day event coincided with Thadingyut—Myanmar's traditional Festival of [⋯] The post Thousands visit Bagan for first-ever Sky Lantern Festival over Thadingyut holiday appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar regime accused of multimillion-dollar trade fraud to smuggle banned jet fuel (2026-10-26 08:41)

Activist whistleblower group Justice for Myanmar on Monday accused the regime in Naypyidaw of bypassing international sanctions and "misdescribing and misclassifying" jet fuel as high-speed diesel to conceal the import of U.S.-sanctioned vessels from Iran transporting over 843,000 barrels—worth an estimated $109.5 million USD—between December 2024 and November 2025. "Aviation fuel is a deadly weapon [⋯] The post Myanmar regime accused of

multimillion-dollar trade fraud to smuggle banned jet fuel appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar war crimes survivor files precedent-setting case against military in Denmark (2026-10-26 06:54)

An unnamed war crimes survivor from Myanmar's Chin State filed an unprecedented criminal complaint with authorities in Denmark today against members of the Myanmar military, leveraging recently enacted Danish legislation that specifically criminalizes war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide under universal jurisdiction principles. Now a Danish resident, the complainant witnessed regime forces torch 40 […] The post Myanmar war crimes survivor files precedent-setting case against military in Denmark appeared first on DVB.

• KIO marks 66th anniversary by accusing military of sabotaging resistance goal of federal union (2026-10-26 05:27)

The Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) stated that the regime in Naypyidaw is sabotaging "union-building efforts" made by ethnic armed resistance forces during a speech to mark the 66th anniversary of the KIO on Sunday. "The military regime does not want a strong federal union to emerge or the people to prosper and develop. It carries […] The post KIO marks 66th anniversary by accusing military of sabotaging resistance goal of federal union appeared first on DVB.

• How purchases of sanctioned Iranian jet fuel were disguised by Myanmar (2026-10-26 05:05)

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• Aung San Suu Kyi and the courage to lead beyond domination (2026-10-26 02:42)

Guest contributor Alan Clements Myanmar's detained Nobel Peace laureate and former State Counsellor, Aung San Suu Kyi, led the country's democratically elected civilian government before the military seized power in February 2021. Her captivity belongs to a longer history: the tens of thousands jailed across decades for challenging military rule, and the thousands of political […] The post Aung San Suu Kyi and the courage to lead beyond domination appeared first on DVB.

• Hundreds of troops advance across Magway Region to recapture resistance-held oilfields (2026-10-26 02:22)

Around 400 regime troops have advanced from Magway Region's Pakkoku Township into Myaing Township since Oct. 18 to retake control of oilfields seized by resistance forces in 2024.

Residents told DVB that at least 800 regime troops have been documented in Myaing since May. A Myaing resident told DVB on the condition of anonymity that […] The post Hundreds of troops advance across Magway Region to recapture resistance-held oilfields appeared first on DVB.

Source: Myanmar Now

- ‘Be back by 7’: For Yangon’s young, a life ruled by a self-enforced curfew (2026-10-30 11:31)

A first-time visitor to Myanmar’s commercial capital finds a city drained of much of its vitality, as conflict takes its invisible toll

- Myanmar junta bombs religious ceremony; kills own POWs in Chin State (2026-10-30 11:22)

The regime’s airstrike in Sagaing Region injured a monk and forced the cancellation of a Pa hāna scripture recitation in what locals say was a targeted attack

- ASEAN envoy ends Myanmar trip with no public Suu Kyi meeting (2026-10-30 04:52)

The Philippines, the regional bloc’s current chair, has repeatedly requested access to the detained leader of the country’s deposed government

- Myanmar’s military is regaining ground, costing the resistance key connections (2026-10-29 10:52)

Myanmar’s military is regaining control of key roads across the country, disrupting connections between resistance-held territories and making it harder for anti-junta forces to move fighters, weapons, and supplies, according to resistance officials and sources interviewed by Myanmar Now. The gains include sections of highways leading towards the borders with China, India, and Thailand, as …

- Myanmar junta launches arson spree in Sagaing after colonel’s killing (2026-10-29 09:18)

More than 10,000 locals from 19 villages have fled the junta column’s attacks, which have now been ongoing for almost 10 days

- Myanmar junta columns suffer heavy losses in Sagaing as resistance attacks intensify (2026-10-29 08:13)

Two columns, with a total of around 500 troops, have been almost completely wiped out since the start of a junta offensive earlier this month, resistance sources claim

- Myanmar regime imprisons two Islamic teachers and seizes mosque (2026-10-28 10:10)

The junta arrested the religious leaders and sealed off the mosque after it retook Nawnghkio from the TNLA last year

• ASEAN envoy visits Myanmar as junta seeks return to summits (2026-10-28 05:10)

ASEAN envoy Maria Theresa Lazaro's Myanmar visit comes as military authorities seek a return to regional summits and speculation grows over a possible meeting with detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi

• Chin forces resist Myanmar junta's offensive in southern Chin (2026-10-27 08:33)

Resistance forces say BNRA troops who defected to the junta earlier this year were among prisoners captured during recent clashes

• Malaysia to seek clarification over reports of detained Myanmar returnees (2026-10-27 04:59)

Malaysia will seek clarification from Myanmar over reports that hundreds of migrants recently returned to the country are being held in military detention, Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan said on Monday. Malaysia in late September sent back around 1,500 Myanmar nationals as it launched a scheme that rights groups say may endanger migrants by returning them …

• Sagaing resistance group surrenders weapons to NUG, dissolves after leader's killing (2026-10-26 11:05)

The Sadaung Moe Kyoe PDF, a group operating outside the NUG's command structure, cited safety concerns in its decision to disband

• Myanmar war crimes survivors look to Denmark for justice (2026-10-26 09:09)

A change in Danish law opens a new door for victims of atrocities in Myanmar to seek accountability from the country's military rulers