



MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Analysis Period: March 14, 2026 - March 21, 2026

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Executive Summary

Myanmar's security landscape from March 14 to March 21, 2026, was characterized by intensified military operations and widespread civilian casualties amidst the junta's efforts to legitimize its rule through a newly convened parliament. The military regime continued its reliance on aerial attacks across several regions, leading to significant displacement and humanitarian concerns. Concurrently, Myanmar solidified its defense capabilities with the completion of Russian fighter jet deliveries and advancements in its domestic naval industry. Diplomatically, the junta engaged with regional powers like China and Thailand, while facing ongoing international scrutiny over human rights abuses and the weaponization of its cybersecurity laws.

Key Security Developments

- **Intensified Military Operations and Airstrikes:** The Myanmar military junta continued large-scale operations and aerial attacks across various regions, including eastern Bago, northwestern Myanmar (Mandalay, Sagaing, Magway), and southeastern Myanmar (Bago, Kayin, Kayah, Tanintharyi). These actions resulted in numerous civilian casualties, displacement of thousands, and damage to critical civilian infrastructure. For instance, between March 3 and 5, aerial attacks in Mandalay, Sagaing, and Magway reportedly killed at least 11 civilians, including a drone strike on a monastery in Myingyan Township.
- **Aerial Bombardment of Arakan Army Prison Camp:** On March 8, 2026, the military conducted an aerial bombardment on a prison camp administered by the Arakan Army in Rakhine State, resulting in the deaths of 116 prisoners of war (POWs) and injuring 32 others. This incident raises serious concerns about deliberate killings and attempts to eliminate witnesses.
- **Attack on Religious Site in Sagaing Region:** An aerial strike on March 12, 2026, targeted a religious site in Zee Kone village, Htigyaing Township, Sagaing Region, killing 10 people, including two Buddhist monks and four novice monks, along with several residents. This highlights the continued targeting of civilian and religious infrastructure.
- **Artillery Attack in Ledo Township:** On March 13, 2026, the junta's Regiment Ka-Ma-Ya (307) reportedly fired heavy artillery in Ledo Township, an area under the control of the Karen National Union (KNU), killing 4 people and injuring a 3-month-old baby. This demonstrates ongoing ground-level conflict and its impact.

on vulnerable populations.

- **Completion of Russian Su-30SME Fighter Jet Deliveries:** On March 18, 2026, Myanmar's Air Force completed the delivery of Russian-made Su-30SME fighter jets, marking the final stage of a multi-year procurement program valued at approximately \$400 million. The final two aircraft, tail numbers "1901" and "1902," were officially inducted into service at Meiktila Air Base, significantly enhancing Myanmar's air superiority capabilities.
- **Inauguration of Largest Floating Dry Dock:** A ceremony was held on March 8, 2026, at the Naval Shipyard Headquarters in Yangon to open Myanmar's largest floating dry dock, attended by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. The event also included the keel laying for two new 63-meter Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) vessels and the induction of four Inland Multipurpose Vessels, signaling advancements in domestic naval defense capabilities.
- **Convening of Military-Dominated Parliament:** Myanmar's national parliament (lower house) convened on March 16, 2026, for the first time in five years, following elections held between December 2025 and January 2026, which were widely regarded as a sham. The military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party secured 339 seats across both chambers, ensuring continued military domination of the country.
- **Enactment of Anti-Money Laundering Law:** On March 11, 2026, the National Defence and Security Council enacted the Anti-Money Laundering Law (Law No. 16/2026). This comprehensive law addresses money laundering offenses, establishes central committees and investigation teams, and outlines preventive measures, cross-border financial transactions, and international cooperation against terrorism financing.
- **Cybersecurity Law Enforcement and Surveillance:** The Cybersecurity Law, enacted on January 1, 2025, and effective since July 30, 2025, continues to be a tool for digital authoritarianism. Junta patrols, including soldiers and militia, have initiated street phone checks in Mandalay, Myanmar's second-largest city, searching for VPN software and social media usage. This law grants the regime extensive powers to access user data, arrest online critics, and conduct surveillance.
- **Thai Diplomatic Engagement:** On March 19, 2026, Thai Army Chief General Ukris Boontanondha met with junta leader Min Aung Hlaing in Naypyitaw to discuss border stability, efforts to curb illegal trade and narcotics trafficking, cross-border haze pollution, and cooperation on cracking down on scam-center networks. A Thai special envoy also held talks in Naypyitaw on March 21, 2026, regarding the post-election situation and bilateral issues.
- **Humanitarian Crisis Deepens:** The ongoing conflict has exacerbated Myanmar's humanitarian crisis, with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of

Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) reporting rising needs. More than 3.6 million people are displaced nationwide, and over 12 million face acute hunger. Attacks on healthcare facilities also persist, with at least 1,873 incidents of violence against or obstruction of healthcare identified since the 2021 coup.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Myanmar's internal conflict and the junta's actions continue to have significant geopolitical repercussions, shaping regional stability and relations with major global powers. The deepening military alliance with Russia remains a critical factor, with the recent completion of Su-30SME fighter jet deliveries underscoring Moscow's continued support for the junta. This military backing, cemented by a five-year cooperation agreement signed in early February 2026, enables the junta to sustain its aerial attacks against resistance forces, despite international condemnation.

China's influence is also prominent, with a Chinese Special Envoy for Asian Affairs meeting Myanmar's Foreign Minister on March 13, 2026. Beijing has a vested interest in stability along its border and the resumption of Belt and Road Initiative projects in Myanmar, suggesting a continued pragmatic engagement with the junta. This engagement, however, is often seen as a balancing act, as China also presses for peace in border areas where ethnic armed organizations operate.

Regional neighbors, particularly Thailand, are actively engaging with the Myanmar junta, driven by concerns over border stability, illegal trade, narcotics trafficking, and the proliferation of online scam centers. The meeting between the Thai Army Chief and Min Aung Hlaing on March 19, 2026, and the subsequent visit by a Thai special envoy, highlight a pragmatic approach to managing shared challenges, even as the international community largely condemns the junta's rule. The United States has intensified its focus on these scam centers along the Thai-Myanmar border, with the FBI indicating that many are backed by the Chinese Communist Party. This adds another layer of complexity to regional security dynamics, potentially increasing pressure on both Myanmar and its neighbors to address these illicit activities.

Military and Defense Analysis

The Myanmar military, known as the Tatmadaw, continues to rely heavily on its air power to counter resistance forces, as evidenced by the widespread and frequent aerial attacks reported across the country. The recent completion of the delivery of Russian-made Su-30SME fighter jets on March 18, 2026, significantly bolsters the Tatmadaw's air superiority capabilities, providing a crucial advantage in its ongoing conflict with ethnic armed organizations and People's Defense Forces. These

advanced multirole fighters are reportedly assigned to Myanmar's central operational sector, including deployments linked to the Naypyitaw Air Base.

In terms of defense industry developments, the inauguration of Myanmar's largest floating dry dock at the Naval Shipyard Headquarters in Yangon on March 8, 2026, signals a strategic push towards naval modernization and self-sufficiency. The simultaneous keel laying for two 63-meter Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) vessels and the induction of four Inland Multipurpose Vessels indicate an intent to enhance maritime and riverine patrol capabilities, likely for use in the ongoing civil war. This domestic production capacity aims to reduce reliance on external suppliers for certain naval assets.

Defense spending has seen a substantial increase under the junta. While detailed breakdowns are often opaque, reports indicate that military expenditure surged to over 5,600 billion kyats in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, making it the highest allocation among all ministries. This trend of prioritizing defense spending, even at the expense of other sectors like education and healthcare, is expected to continue. Despite these efforts to bolster its forces and capabilities, the military's control remains limited to approximately 20% of the country, with large swathes of territory contested or under the control of various rebel militias.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate future for Myanmar is likely to see a continuation of intense internal conflict, particularly in regions where resistance forces maintain a strong presence. The junta will likely continue its strategy of aerial bombardments and ground assaults to suppress opposition, leading to further civilian casualties and displacement. The newly convened military-dominated parliament will proceed with its agenda, including the election of a new president by March 30, 2026, and the retirement of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as commander-in-chief. This political maneuvering is intended to project an image of legitimacy, though it will likely be rejected by the democratic resistance and much of the international community. Diplomatic engagements with China and Thailand will continue, focusing on border stability, economic interests, and addressing transnational crimes like scam centers.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: Key flashpoints will remain in regions with active resistance, such as Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Bago, Kayin, Kayah, Tanintharyi, and Rakhine States, where military operations and airstrikes are prevalent. The Thai-Myanmar border will be a critical area due to ongoing discussions about scam centers and illegal activities, potentially leading to increased pressure or joint operations. The implementation of the new Anti-Money Laundering Law and the

continued enforcement of the Cybersecurity Law pose significant risks to civil liberties and could lead to further arbitrary arrests and suppression of dissent. The humanitarian crisis, marked by widespread displacement and acute hunger, will likely worsen, particularly with continued obstruction of aid.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and intensity of military airstrikes and ground offensives, particularly their impact on civilian populations and infrastructure. The effectiveness of the newly enacted Anti-Money Laundering Law and the Cybersecurity Law in curbing illicit activities versus their use for political repression should be closely watched. Developments in the junta's diplomatic relations, especially with China and Russia, will indicate the level of international support or isolation. Furthermore, the internal dynamics within the resistance movement and any shifts in their coordination or capabilities will be crucial. The economic situation, including the projected budget deficit and the allocation of defense spending, will also be important to track.

Strategic recommendations: The international community should maintain and strengthen targeted sanctions against the junta and its financial networks, while ensuring that humanitarian aid reaches affected populations directly, bypassing military control. Efforts to hold the junta accountable for war crimes and human rights abuses must be sustained. Regional actors should continue diplomatic engagement to address shared security concerns like border stability and transnational crime, but also leverage these interactions to press for de-escalation of violence and protection of civilians. Support for independent media and civil society organizations within and outside Myanmar is crucial to counter the junta's narrative and document abuses. Furthermore, international cooperation is needed to address the proliferation of digital authoritarianism and the misuse of cybersecurity laws to suppress dissent.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

- [Eid Mubarak to all Muslims in Myanmar and Thailand](#) (2026-03-21 01:00)

After fasting from dawn until sunset on the final day of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, known as Eid al-Fitr, Muslims break fast, or Iftar, at the Chang Khlan Chiang Mai Mosque in Chiang Mai, Thailand. “Eid Mubarak signifies a blessed day, a day of celebration. On this day, people will seek forgiveness from [...] The post Eid Mubarak to all Muslims in Myanmar and Thailand appeared first on DVB.

- [How Rohingya refugees view Bangladesh’ s new government](#) (2026-03-20 23:17)

Guest contributor Shafiur Rahman When Bangladesh’ s new government, led by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairman Tarique Rahman, took office in February 2026, Rohingya diaspora organisations quickly issued congratulatory statements. They welcomed what they described as a renewed opportunity for “safe, voluntary, and dignified” repatriation, recalling earlier periods under the BNP when large numbers of refugees [...] The post How Rohingya refugees view Bangladesh’ s new government appeared first on DVB.

- [Kelley Currie proposed as next UN Special Rapporteur on Myanmar](#) (2026-03-20 13:35)

The U.N. Human Rights Council (HRC) has proposed Kelley Currie as the next Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, after the term of current mandate holder Tom Andrews comes to an end this month. The proposal was announced in a letter sent to U.N. member states on March 19, and a [...] The post Kelley Currie proposed as next UN Special Rapporteur on Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

- [Regime reports of ‘demoralized’ resistance dismissed as ‘propaganda’](#) (2026-03-20 10:20)

Members of resistance forces, opposed to the 2021 military coup, operating in Mandalay Region’ s Ngazun and Myingyan townships told DVB that a regime media report claiming that 506 individuals, including 453 men and 53 women, who surrendered in the “first-ever mass defection” from the People’ s Defense Force (PDF) and were released from detention on Thursday [...] The post Regime reports of ‘demoralized’ resistance dismissed as ‘propaganda’ appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar parliament to select new president on March 30](#) (2026-03-20 08:00)

Myanmar’ s parliament will start the process to elect a new president on March 30, regime officials in the capital Naypyidaw said on Friday, a vote many analysts expect will be won by the

head of the military that seized power in a 2021 coup. Following a controversial election that was won by a military-proxy party, [...] The post Myanmar parliament to select new president on March 30 appeared first on DVB.

- [Thai PM Anutin wins landmark reelection in parliament vote](#) (2026-03-20 05:46)

Thailand's Anutin Charnvirakul sailed through a parliamentary vote on Thursday to become the first re-elected prime minister in two decades, a fresh mandate that could bring rare stability for the turbulent politics of the Southeast Asian nation. The Bhumjaithai Party's Anutin led from the start in rout of his biggest rival, Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut, leader of [...] The post Thai PM Anutin wins landmark reelection in parliament vote appeared first on DVB.

- [Karenni's Arts Creation hosts film screening in Thailand](#) (2026-03-20 02:50)

A screening of The Execution, a fundraising film produced by a group called Karenni's Arts Creation (KAC), was held at Red Bookcase Library & Thirsty Bug Coffee in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on March 18. "The story takes place in a deserted area of Karenni State during a time of intense conflict. Eleven junta soldiers are [...] The post Karenni's Arts Creation hosts film screening in Thailand appeared first on DVB.

- [Inside Myanmar's Environmental Crisis with Paul Sein Twa \[AUDIO\]](#) (2026-03-20 00:07)

Myanmar's rivers are at risk of damming and mining activities, which has caused contamination and a threat to the livelihoods of riverine communities. Environmental activist Paul Sein Twa is the co-founder of the Karen Environmental Social Action Network (KESAN). He joins us in the DVB Newsroom to explain the work being done to protect Myanmar's [...] The post Inside Myanmar's Environmental Crisis with Paul Sein Twa [AUDIO] appeared first on DVB.

- [Inside Myanmar's Environmental Crisis \[VIDEO\]](#) (2026-03-19 23:52)

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- [Fuel rationing in Myanmar drives motorists to black market; Rolling power cuts to resume nationwide](#) (2026-03-19 22:50)

Fuel rationing in Myanmar drives motorists to black market Vehicle owners in Yangon, Mandalay, Naypyidaw and the Shan State capital Taunggyi told DVB that the regime's Ministry of Energy quick response (QR) code for drivers to purchase petrol, which took effect on March 12, has turned many to the black market to make fuel purchases. New [...] The post Fuel rationing in Myanmar drives motorists to black market; Rolling power cuts to resume nationwide appeared first on DVB.

- [US court orders over 1,000 Voice of America staff back to work](#) (2026-03-19 11:24)

A U.S. federal judge ruled on Tuesday that the Trump administration must allow 1,042 sidelined Voice of America (VOA) employees to return to work by March 23. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth issued the order 10 days after ruling that Kari Lake, President Trump's appointee to lead the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) and [...] The post US court orders over 1,000 Voice of America staff back to work appeared first on DVB.

- [Military counteroffensive against People's Defense Force shifts from Mandalay to Sagaing](#) (2026-03-19 09:43)

Pro-regime media reported that 506 members of armed groups, including the People's Defense Force (PDF), were released from custody at the Central Regional Military Command (RMC) in Mandalay on Thursday. It added that the men, aged 15-20, came from Mandalay Region's Thabeikkyin, Singu, Mogok and Kyaukse townships. Regime forces regained control of Mandalay's Thabeikkyin, Singu [...] The post Military counteroffensive against People's Defense Force shifts from Mandalay to Sagaing appeared first on DVB.

- [New fuel rationing measures in Myanmar turn many to black market](#) (2026-03-19 05:18)

Vehicle owners in Yangon, Mandalay, Naypyidaw and the Shan State capital Taunggyi told DVB that the regime's Ministry of Energy quick response (QR) code for drivers to purchase petrol, which took effect on March 12, has turned many to the black market to make fuel purchases. A car dealership in Yangon Region told DVB on [...] The post New fuel rationing measures in Myanmar turn many to black market appeared first on DVB.

- [Thailand's Anutin seeks new mandate as parliament votes on prime minister](#) (2026-03-18 23:46)

Thailand's Anutin Charnvirakul will seek to be elected back to power on Thursday in a parliamentary vote on a prime minister that could usher in a rare period of stability for a country long plagued by political drama and turmoil. In a stunning turnaround in fortunes for a party that had struggled to make its mark in [...] The post Thailand's Anutin seeks new mandate as parliament votes on prime minister appeared first on DVB.

- [Rising fuel prices cause transportation fare increase; Over 35,000 political prisoners pardoned in 20 amnesties](#) (2026-03-18 23:04)

Rising fuel prices cause transportation fare increase Bus passengers and companies told DVB that ticket prices have doubled on the Yangon-Naypyidaw and the Yangon-Mandalay route due to a rise in fuel prices triggered by war in the Middle East, since the U.S. and Israel launched its attacks on Iran on Feb. 28. "I only travel [...] The post Rising fuel prices cause transportation fare increase; Over 35,000 political prisoners pardoned in 20 amnesties appeared first on DVB.

- [Ukraine seeks release of citizens arrested in India over alleged Myanmar drone activity](#) (2026-03-18 09:47)

Ukraine has asked New Delhi to release six of its citizens arrested in India last week for allegedly entering a restricted border state without permits, and crossing into neighbouring Myanmar to train ethnic armed groups fighting against the military in drone warfare. Indian authorities arrested the six Ukrainians as well as one U.S. citizen on [...] The post Ukraine seeks release of citizens arrested in India over alleged Myanmar drone activity appeared first on DVB.

- [Transportation prices soar amid ongoing fuel rationing in Myanmar](#) (2026-03-18 05:57)

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- [A visit to the Karen Teacher Training College in Karen State](#) (2026-03-18 01:45)

Access to education in remote areas of Myanmar, including at Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps, is a challenge. To address this, the Karen Teacher Training College (KTTC) was established to provide qualified teacher training for schools across Karen State. “This education college is significant for the entire Karen nation. It is essential,” Naw Htee Khu, [...] The post A visit to the Karen Teacher Training College in Karen State appeared first on DVB.

- [Price of fertilizer up since war in Middle East began; Over 70,000 displaced in Myanmar since January?](#) (2026-03-17 22:52)

Price of fertilizer up since war in Middle East began The regime’s Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development Hla Moe told a meeting in Naypyidaw on March 13 that war in the Middle East, since the U.S. and Israel launched its attacks on Iran on Feb. 28, is affecting chemical fertilizer prices. Hla Moe called [...] The post Price of fertilizer up since war in Middle East began; Over 70,000 displaced in Myanmar since January? appeared first on DVB.

- [Vital Myanmar-China trade route under ethnic Kokang Chinese MNDAA control?](#) (2026-03-17 09:49)

A source in the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) told DVB that the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) asked KIA forces to relocate from checkpoints in northern Shan State to a distance of five miles (8 km) from the Lashio–Muse road so that the MNDAA can control the entire 108-mile (174 km) Myanmar-China trade route. [...] The post Vital Myanmar-China trade route under ethnic Kokang Chinese MNDAA control? appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar’s parliament meets for first time in five years since 2021 military coup](#) (2026-03-17 08:22)

Myanmar opened its first parliamentary session in more than five years on Monday following an election that did not include major opposition parties, ensuring that the ruling military is set

to retain a firm grasp on power. The military blocked Myanmar's last parliament from convening when it seized power from the last legitimately elected government [...] The post Myanmar's parliament meets for first time in five years since 2021 military coup appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar convenes first parliamentary session since 2021; An attempt to legitimize the regime in Naypyidaw?](#) (2026-03-16 23:37)

Myanmar convenes first parliamentary session since 2021 The Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) Chairperson Khin Yi was elected as Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, or lower house of parliament, and the regime's Minister for Information Maung Maung Ohn was elected as his deputy speaker in the capital Naypyidaw on Monday. A total of 373 [...] The post Myanmar convenes first parliamentary session since 2021; An attempt to legitimize the regime in Naypyidaw? appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army takes full control in Shan State's Kutkai](#) (2026-03-16 08:50)

A source in the Ta' ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) told DVB that its ally, the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), carried out Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), or drone, strikes on the 12-mile area under TNLA control between Kutkai and Namhkam townships on Monday – one day after the MNDAA seized TNLA-controlled parts of Kutkai [...] The post Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army takes full control in Shan State's Kutkai appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar parliament convenes as country prepares for new era of military rule](#) (2026-03-16 07:56)

Myanmar's parliament convened on Monday for the first time since a coup five years ago, in one of the final steps in a nominal return to democracy where its powerful military retains tight control. The gathering of the new parliament comes after a recent phased election dominated by the army-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party [...] The post Myanmar parliament convenes as country prepares for new era of military rule appeared first on DVB.

- [Min Aung Hlaing expected to retire as Commander-in-Chief; International Day of Action for Rivers in Karen State](#) (2026-03-15 22:54)

Min Aung Hlaing expected to retire as Commander-in-Chief Regime leader Min Aung Hlaing reviewed his term as Burma's commander-in-chief from 2011-2025 during a speech in Naypyidaw on Friday. The 69-year-old Senior General assumed his position as Burma's eighth commander-in-chief in 2011 during Thein Sein's Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) administration. He led a military coup [...] The post Min Aung Hlaing expected to retire as Commander-in-Chief; International Day of Action for Rivers in Karen State appeared first on DVB.

- [The BRAVE Burma Act: Unpacking Myanmar’ s new disinformation campaign](#) (2026-03-15 00:04)

Originally published on Eurasia Review Myanmar’ s military junta is afraid of what the U.S. Congress is about to do—and their propagandists are stepping up a targeted misinformation campaign to stop it. As the U.S. Senate prepares to take up the BRAVE Burma Act (H.R. 3190) and lawmakers finalize aggressive new tools targeting global scam centers, the generals [...] The post [The BRAVE Burma Act: Unpacking Myanmar’ s new disinformation campaign](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [International Day of Action for Rivers in Karen State](#) (2026-03-14 11:37)

Myanmar environmental organization Karen Rivers Watch (KRW) issued a statement from the banks of the Salween River in Bu Tho Township, Karen State, calling on the regime in Naypyidaw to halt all planned activities “to build five dams that would destroy the free flow of the river” on Saturday to mark International Day of Action [...] The post [International Day of Action for Rivers in Karen State](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar at a ‘crossroads,’ says UN Special Rapporteur on human rights](#) (2026-03-14 00:13)

More than five years after Myanmar’ s military coup, international resolve to hold the military accountable must not weaken, an independent human rights expert warned on Friday, as escalating violence and growing humanitarian needs push millions of civilians deeper into crisis Presenting his final report to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva, the outgoing Special [...] The post [Myanmar at a ‘crossroads,’ says UN Special Rapporteur on human rights](#) appeared first on DVB.

## Source: Myanmar Now

- [How Myanmar’ s junta is consolidating power as its leader prepares to become president](#) (2026-03-20 08:34)

Min Aung Hlaing may soon shed his uniform to become the country’ s “civilian” leader, but expect the military to remain firmly under his control

- [The costly resistance operation that saved hundreds of civilian hostages](#) (2026-03-20 04:46)

Resistance forces executed a daring rescue in a Bago Region village tract occupied by the military, braving artillery, drones, and bullets to lead civilians held captive by the military to safety

- [Three killed by Myanmar regime forces in Bago’ s Nattalin Township](#) (2026-03-19 08:03)

The column responsible for the killings also took at least five civilians hostage and torched hundreds of houses, sources said

- [Five years after coup, education in Myanmar remains in crisis](#) (2026-03-18 11:45)

A steep decline in the number of students taking the annual matriculation exam points to an education system in collapse

- [Myanmar air force kills three in strikes on gold mining sites near Thaparseik Dam](#) (2026-03-18 09:24)

The number of people employed in alluvial gold mining has increased drastically in Myanmar due to soaring gold prices, economic hardship in other sectors, and young people seeking occupations where they can more easily avoid conscription

- [Myanmar air force kills three in strikes on gold mining sites near Thaparseik Dam](#) (2026-03-18 08:41)

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- [Min Aung Hlaing ally appointed as speaker of Myanmar's upper house](#) (2026-03-18 06:12)

Yet another trusted general assumes a top position in parliament, tightening the junta's grip ahead of a planned "civilian" transition

- [Seven foreigners arrested in India after allegedly training Myanmar armed groups: reports](#) (2026-03-18 04:44)

The suspects are also accused of transporting a "huge consignment" of drones into India for use in Myanmar

- [Allied Kokang, Ta' ang armies to discuss ceasefire following clashes](#) (2026-03-17 11:31)

Tensions between the two groups came to head over the weekend, with the Kokang MNDAA taking full control of Kutkai

- [KIA captures army, SNA security bases in Kachin State](#) (2026-03-17 08:38)

Forces led by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) overran two security outposts near Indawgyi Lake manned by junta soldiers and members of the Shanni Nationalities Army (SNA)

- [Former allies clash in northern Shan State on China-Myanmar border trade route](#) (2026-03-16 11:31)

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) captured the town of Kutkai from the Ta' ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), another ethnic armed group alongside which it fought the Myanmar military between 2023 and 2025

- [NUG-led Magway government appoints controversial commander as defence minister](#) (2026-03-16 11:10)

Troops under the command of Bo Letyar, the new defence minister, have been accused of torturing and killing a local administrator

- [Junta forces kill seven civilians during retreat from Thayetchaung](#) (2026-03-16 10:52)

Army troops had lost control of a village police station to Karen anti-junta fighters and their allies in Myanmar's south and were withdrawing from the area when they committed the killings

- [Myanmar junta unveils 'civilian' parliament in post-coup makeover](#) (2026-03-16 08:54)

The legislature convenes for the first time in five years, with junta allies filling key posts in the wake of military-orchestrated elections