

MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Security Analysis Report: Myanmar (October 29, 2026 - November 05, 2026)

Executive Summary

The security situation in Myanmar remained highly volatile and critical during the reporting period, marked by intensified military airstrikes against civilian targets and escalating clashes between the junta's forces and various ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and resistance groups. Civilian casualties, including children, were extensively reported across Karenni, Rakhine, and Magway states, highlighting the military's continued reliance on aerial terror tactics. Cross-border spillover of conflict into Thailand led to diplomatic warnings and temporary border trade suspensions, underscoring the regional implications of the ongoing civil war. While international diplomatic efforts, including an ASEAN envoy's visit and a new US strategy, sought engagement, the immediate outlook points to continued widespread violence and a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Key Security Developments

• Intensified Airstrikes and Civilian Casualties: Myanmar's military significantly escalated its aerial bombardments, resulting in numerous civilian deaths and injuries. On October 31, an airstrike reportedly killed three children and injured five at a school for internally displaced children in Loikaw Township, Karenni State. In Rakhine State, a temporary healthcare facility was targeted, leading to the deaths of a newborn baby and healthcare workers. On November 3, military gyrocopters attacked Kyauk Khwet, Aing Kyal, and Lel Lan villages in Pauk Township, Magway Region, killing seven civilians, including a 90-year-old blind woman, and injuring others, despite no active fighting in those areas. The Irrawaddy recorded nine regime airstrikes from October 29 to November 1, resulting in 16 deaths and 51 injuries, with over half occurring in Rakhine State.

• Cross-Border Spillover into Thailand: Ongoing fighting near the Thai-Myanmar border led to projectiles landing in Thai territory, causing injuries and property damage. On October 29, ammunition from clashes between Myanmar government troops and ethnic armed groups near Min La Pan village, Myawaddy area, Karen State, crossed into Thailand, injuring a 55-year-old Thai woman in Mae Sot district

and damaging over 20 homes. On October 31, a Myanmar military air strike targeting a Karen National Union (KNU) position across the Salween River from Mae Sam Laep, Mae Hong Son, damaged approximately 17 homes and public buildings on the Thai side.

• Thai Diplomatic Response and Border Security: In response to the border incidents, Thailand's Chief of Defense Forces General Ukrit Buntanont summoned Myanmar's military attaché, Brigadier General Win Thu Lin, on November 4, warning the regime to exercise caution in its military operations. Thailand also suspended unofficial border trade in parts of Tak province, including Mae Sot and Phop Phra districts, from October 30 to November 5, to strengthen border security and prevent supplies from reaching conflict parties through unofficial routes.

• Clashes in Northern Shan State (Momeik): Intense fighting continued between Myanmar military forces and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) alongside allied resistance groups near Momeik Township, Shan State. Following heavy clashes on October 30 and 31, junta forces reportedly withdrew to positions approximately four miles from Momeik town on November 2, despite receiving air support. Resistance forces also conducted drone attacks against junta positions in Man Phwe village.

• Arakan Army Offensives in Rakhine State: The Arakan Army (AA) continued its offensive operations in Rakhine State, intensifying pressure on key towns. The military's "Operation 4926," launched on September 4, reportedly failed to achieve its objectives in Ponnagyun Township, leading to increased aerial bombardments by the junta targeting Rakhine civilians. Earlier reports (October 26) indicated the AA attacked three junta naval vessels on the Kaladan River, with two reportedly severely damaged or sunk.

• Forced Conscription and Alleged Trafficking: Reports emerged on November 4 alleging that officials in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division, were selling Rakhine nationals, recently deported from Malaysia and held at a religious hall, into military service for 4 million Kyats per person. This highlights the severe human rights concerns associated with the junta's conscription law, which has drawn in over 136,300 people by October 2026.

• Resistance Force Activities and Gains: Resistance forces demonstrated continued operational capacity. On October 28, two police officers were reportedly killed in an ambush by resistance forces in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, while allegedly conducting forced recruitment patrols. Resistance forces also raided a military-occupied coal mine in Minbu and captured a junta sergeant major in Ye Township.

• ASEAN Diplomatic Engagement: ASEAN's special envoy, Maria Theresa Lazaro, visited Myanmar on a humanitarian mission from October 28-30, meeting with the regime's foreign minister. Despite her visit, the military continued bombing civilian

targets. Thailand's Foreign Minister, Sihasak Phuangketkeow, announced a visit to Myanmar on November 12, ahead of an ASEAN summit, to press for normalization of ties and de-escalation.

• US Diplomatic Strategy Shift: The US State Department's Integrated Country Strategy for Myanmar, approved August 31, 2026, and recently made public, indicates a shift towards calibrated dialogue with all parties, including the military-backed government. This aims to advance peace, address scam centers, improve the business climate, and gain access to rare-earth deposits. Ethnic armed groups and the National Unity Government (NUG) welcomed engagement but stressed it must not prolong military rule.

• China Reopens Border Trade with EAO-Controlled Areas: China has lifted restrictions on the flow of key goods, including fuel, construction materials, and medicines, into territories along the border controlled by ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) with ties to Beijing. This relaxation, following restrictions imposed during Operation 1027 in 2023-24, benefits people in border areas and helps reduce shortages, although the regime is reportedly furious about losing tax revenue.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

The ongoing conflict in Myanmar continues to exert significant geopolitical pressure and reshape regional dynamics. The spillover of fighting into Thailand, marked by projectiles landing across the border and civilian injuries, has directly impacted bilateral relations, prompting strong diplomatic warnings from Bangkok and temporary border closures. This highlights the potential for localized conflicts to destabilize broader border regions and necessitates increased vigilance from neighboring states. Thailand's proactive diplomatic engagement, including its Foreign Minister's upcoming visit and calls for de-escalation ahead of the ASEAN summit, reflects a regional desire to address the crisis, though the effectiveness of such efforts remains challenged by the junta's intransigence.

The evolving approaches of major powers like the US and China are also shaping the strategic landscape. The US's new Integrated Country Strategy, shifting towards calibrated dialogue with the military-backed government, signals a pragmatic, albeit controversial, attempt to find pathways to peace and secure economic interests, including rare-earth deposits. This move has been met with cautious optimism by some resistance groups, who emphasize that engagement must not legitimize military rule. Meanwhile, China's decision to reopen trade through border crossings controlled by ethnic armed organizations demonstrates its continued influence and economic interests in Myanmar's border regions, potentially providing a lifeline to EAOs while further undermining the junta's control and revenue streams.

ASEAN continues to grapple with the Myanmar crisis, with its special envoy's humanitarian mission coinciding with intensified military attacks on civilians. The bloc's struggle to implement its Five-Point Consensus underscores the limitations of regional diplomacy in the face of a deeply entrenched civil war. The differing approaches of member states, with some like Thailand seeking more direct engagement with the junta, could further complicate a unified ASEAN stance. The UN's continued warnings about the "catastrophic" human rights situation and the military's intentional targeting of civilians underscore the international community's frustration and the urgent need for effective intervention. The conflict's trajectory suggests a potential de facto partition of Myanmar, with international actors increasingly engaging directly with ethnic administrations.

Military and Defense Analysis

Myanmar's military, the Tatmadaw, continues to rely heavily on aerial power and artillery as its primary means of projecting force and combating widespread resistance, particularly in areas where it has lost ground. This strategy, often described as "aerial terror tactics," has resulted in significant civilian casualties and destruction of infrastructure, including schools and healthcare facilities. Despite these brutal tactics, the junta's force posture appears increasingly defensive, centered on fortified urban enclaves, as it struggles to maintain control over vast swathes of the country. Resistance forces and ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) reportedly control an estimated 42% of the country's territory, while the military holds only about 22%, including the capital Naypyidaw and some major cities.

The military is facing severe manpower shortages, which led to the activation of a conscription law in February 2024. By October 2026, this law had reportedly drawn in over 136,300 people, prompting an exodus of young people fleeing the cities. Allegations of forced conscription, including the reported selling of deported Rakhine nationals into military service, highlight the desperate measures being taken to replenish ranks. This reliance on forced recruitment, coupled with reports of internal frustration and desertions, indicates a weakening morale and operational capacity within the Tatmadaw.

While specific defense acquisitions and arms deals for this period were not detailed, a UN rights investigator noted that increasing weapons purchases from China, Russia, and elsewhere are fueling the conflict. The junta's use of Russian-made aircraft for airstrikes suggests continued external support for its air capabilities. The resistance groups, including the People's Defense Forces (PDFs) and EAOs, have demonstrated increasing coordination and capability, employing drone attacks against junta positions and capturing military personnel and equipment. Myanmar is now considered the world's second most intense conflict for drone warfare, with the

Tatmadaw's proportion of drone attacks rising significantly since June 2025.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate outlook for Myanmar is one of continued and likely intensified conflict. The military junta will almost certainly persist with its strategy of aerial bombardments and artillery strikes against civilian areas and resistance strongholds, particularly in Rakhine, Karenni, and Magway states, as it attempts to regain lost territory and suppress dissent. Resistance forces and EAOs are expected to maintain their offensive pressure, especially in northern Shan State (Momeik) and Karen State (Myawaddy), and continue to employ guerrilla tactics and drone warfare. The humanitarian crisis will deepen, with continued displacement and severe protection risks for civilians. Cross-border incidents with Thailand are likely to recur, maintaining diplomatic tensions and potentially leading to further temporary border restrictions.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas:

- Border regions with Thailand (Karen State, Mae Sot/Myawaddy, Mae Hong Son/Mae Sam Laep): High risk of continued cross-border spillover, civilian casualties, and diplomatic friction due to ongoing clashes.
- Rakhine State (Sittwe, Kyaukphyu, Ponnagyun, Mrauk-U): Continued intense fighting between the Tatmadaw and Arakan Army, with a high likelihood of civilian targeting and humanitarian impact.
- Central Myanmar (Magway, Sagaing, Mandalay): These regions, considered the heartland of resistance, will likely see intensified military operations and counter-offensives as the junta attempts to fragment resistance groups and regain control.
- Karenni State (Loikaw): Continued vulnerability to military airstrikes targeting civilian infrastructure, including displacement camps and schools.
- Forced Conscription Hubs (Yangon, other urban centers): Increased risk of human rights abuses related to forced recruitment, particularly for deportees and vulnerable populations.

Indicators to monitor:

- Civilian casualty rates and displacement figures: These will indicate the intensity and nature of the conflict and the humanitarian toll.
- Frequency and targets of military airstrikes: A shift in targeting patterns or an increase in strikes on critical civilian infrastructure would be a significant concern.

• Cross-border incidents and diplomatic responses: Any escalation in border clashes or stronger diplomatic actions from neighboring countries like Thailand.

• Effectiveness of resistance offensives: Continued gains by EAOs and PDFs could further fragment the junta's control.

• Internal dynamics within the Tatmadaw: Reports of desertions, internal dissent, or changes in command structure could signal weakening resolve.

• International diplomatic engagement: The outcomes of Thailand's upcoming visit, ASEAN's summit discussions, and the implementation of the US's new strategy will be crucial.

• Flow of arms and resources: Monitoring the junta's access to weapons and the resistance's ability to sustain its operations.

Strategic recommendations:

• Prioritize civilian protection: International bodies and humanitarian organizations must continue to advocate for and implement mechanisms to protect civilians from airstrikes and ground offensives, including potential calls for no-fly zones in critical areas.

• Strengthen humanitarian aid channels: Given the military's obstruction of aid, innovative and direct channels to deliver assistance to displaced populations and conflict-affected areas are critical.

• Maintain pressure on the junta: While diplomatic engagement is pursued, sanctions and other forms of pressure should be maintained or intensified to limit the junta's access to resources and legitimacy.

• Support regional diplomatic efforts: Encourage ASEAN and individual member states like Thailand to pursue coordinated and effective diplomatic strategies that prioritize de-escalation and a political resolution.

• Monitor human rights abuses: Independent investigative mechanisms must continue to document and report on war crimes and crimes against humanity, particularly concerning forced conscription and attacks on vulnerable populations.

• Engage with diverse stakeholders: International actors should engage not only with the military-backed government but also with the National Unity Government (NUG) and ethnic armed organizations to foster an inclusive dialogue for a future federal democratic union.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

• Three-million signature drive targets Myanmar regime-run CI centers in Thailand (2026-11-05 05:26)

A group representing Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand shared on Tuesday that it has collected over 1.2 million signatures from its membership, Nov. 1-3, to petition the National Unity Government (NUG) to issue identification documents instead of the regime-issued Certificate of Identity (CI). “We must stop the regime from continuing to exploit our hard-earned money [⋯] The post Three-million signature drive targets Myanmar regime-run CI centers in Thailand appeared first on DVB.

• Bangladesh urged to leverage ties with Myanmar regime and Arakan Army over Rohingya returns (2026-11-05 04:59)

The Bangladeshi American Advocacy Group (BAAG) has called on the government of Bangladesh to leverage its diplomatic standing to engage with both Myanmar’s military regime and the ethnic Rakhine armed group, the Arakan Army (AA), to establish verifiable, safe conditions for Rohingya repatriation, according to a detailed policy memorandum released on Monday. The call comes [⋯] The post Bangladesh urged to leverage ties with Myanmar regime and Arakan Army over Rohingya returns appeared first on DVB.

• Aid must strengthen democracy in Myanmar, not the junta (2026-11-04 22:21)

Guest contributor Khin Ohmar During the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok in October, I took part in a Myanmar civil society delegation that engaged senior officials from the World Bank, raising our concerns and setting out our calls. This included an intervention delivered to World Bank President Ajay Banga and Managing Director of Operations [⋯] The post Aid must strengthen democracy in Myanmar, not the junta appeared first on DVB.

• ICJ to rule on Myanmar genocide case; Migrant leader to file complaint over assault at protest in Thailand (2026-11-04 22:03)

ICJ sets date for ruling on Myanmar Rohingya genocide case The International Court of Justice (ICJ) announced on Tuesday that it will deliver its final, legally binding judgment on Nov. 19 in the landmark genocide case brought against the state of Burma by The Gambia over its military’s 2017 “security clearance operation” against the Rohingya [⋯] The post ICJ to rule on Myanmar genocide case; Migrant leader to file complaint over assault at protest in Thailand appeared first on DVB.

• NLD and 15 interim administrations urge ASEAN not to undermine Myanmar democracy (2026-11-04 09:03)

Myanmar's ousted National League for Democracy (NLD) party, which governed the country from 2016 up to the military coup on Feb. 1, 2021, urged the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) not to undermine democracy or disregard the democratic aspirations of Myanmar's people. "Any engagement with the military coup leaders should be assessed by its [⋯] The post NLD and 15 interim administrations urge ASEAN not to undermine Myanmar democracy appeared first on DVB.

• Thai Foreign Minister to visit Myanmar ahead of ASEAN Summit in Philippines (2026-11-04 08:51)

Thai Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow is scheduled to visit Myanmar on Nov. 12 ahead of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Manila, Philippines, from Nov. 16-18. Sihasak told Thai media that he had also spoken by phone with his "counterpart" Myanmar regime Foreign Minister Tin Maung Swe on [⋯] The post Thai Foreign Minister to visit Myanmar ahead of ASEAN Summit in Philippines appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar military blames KNU, NUG and exile media for 'sabotaging' ties with Thailand (2026-11-04 06:04)

The Myanmar military blamed the Karen National Union (KNU), the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG), the People's Defence Force (PDF), and independent media, for attempting to "sabotage" the Myanmar-Thailand bilateral relationship. "Terrorist groups have been carrying out terrorist attacks in border areas that harm people on both sides, engaging in [⋯] The post Myanmar military blames KNU, NUG and exile media for 'sabotaging' ties with Thailand appeared first on DVB.

• Delta villages on high alert for riverbank erosion as Cyclone Murasu brings heavy rain (2026-11-04 04:51)

One home was completely destroyed in Ayeyarwady Region's Wakema Township with six families evacuated from their homes in Yekyaw village after part of the Shwelaung Riverbank collapsed on Monday. No casualties were reported. "The riverbank collapsed all of a sudden," a rescue worker in Shwelaung town told DVB on the condition of anonymity. Wakema is [⋯] The post Delta villages on high alert for riverbank erosion as Cyclone Murasu brings heavy rain appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar wins bronze in women's doubles at Teqball World Series in Thailand (2026-11-04 04:29)

Myanmar's national Teqball team was awarded a bronze medal and a $1,100 USD cash prize after its women's teqball duo lost to Thailand in the Women's Doubles competition at the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ) Teqball World Series 2026 in Ayutthaya on Sunday.

“This achievement not only allowed us to compete with the top teqball countries […] The post Myanmar wins bronze in women’s doubles at Teqball World Series in Thailand appeared first on DVB.

• Rohingya activist urges UN Security Council to hold Myanmar military accountable (2026-11-04 03:27)

Lucky Karim, the founder of Refugee Women for Peace and Justice (RWPJ), delivered an impassioned address before the United Nations Security Council during its annual open debate on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) on Oct. 27, warning that regional normalization with Myanmar’s military directly undermines global accountability and abandons women living under systematic terror. Recalling […] The post Rohingya activist urges UN Security Council to hold Myanmar military accountable appeared first on DVB.

• Military counteroffensive targets Magway-Chin corridor to choke off supply routes (2026-11-03 22:53)

Fierce fighting between Myanmar regime and Chin resistance forces continued on Monday across Kanpetlet Township in southern Chin State and neighboring Htilin Township in Magway Region, as the military presses an aggressive counteroffensive aimed at severing critical supply arteries linking central Myanmar to liberated territories in Chin and Arakan states. Residents in Kyindwe town confirmed […] The post Military counteroffensive targets Magway-Chin corridor to choke off supply routes appeared first on DVB.

• The FATF has spoken and Myanmar’s workers abroad need protection (2026-11-03 22:35)

Guest contributor James Shwe Many young Myanmar workers in Thailand are running from two things at once: a collapsing economy and a military that wants to put a rifle in their hands. After the junta activated its conscription law in February 2024, young people fled the country in large numbers, and the regime barred conscription-age […] The post The FATF has spoken and Myanmar’s workers abroad need protection appeared first on DVB.

• ICJ sets date for landmark Gambia v. Myanmar ruling over Rohingya genocide (2026-11-03 22:01)

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) announced on Tuesday that it will deliver its final, legally binding judgment on Nov. 19 in the landmark genocide case brought against the state of Myanmar over its military’s 2017 scorched-earth campaign against the Rohingya minority. The 15-judge bench of the United Nations’ principal judicial organ will commence reading […] The post ICJ sets date for landmark Gambia v. Myanmar ruling over Rohingya genocide appeared first on DVB.

• World court set to rule in Myanmar genocide case (2026-11-03 21:54)

The International Court of Justice has announced that it will deliver its judgment on Nov. 19 in the case brought by Gambia against Myanmar for alleged violations of the Genocide

Convention, Human Rights Watch said today in releasing a question-and-answer document on key issues in the case. In August 2017, Myanmar's security forces began a [⋯] The post World court set to rule in Myanmar genocide case appeared first on DVB.

- Thailand warns Myanmar military 'to exercise caution'; US strategy links peace talks with rare-earth access (2026-11-03 21:48)

Thailand warns Myanmar military 'to exercise caution' The Royal Thai Armed Forces' Commander-in-Chief Ukrit Boontanon summoned Burma's regime military attaché to Thailand, Win Thu Lin, to his headquarters in Bangkok on Nov. 2 to urge Naypyidaw to exercise caution in its military operations along the 1,501 mile (2,416 km) long shared Thai-Myanmar border. During a [⋯] The post Thailand warns Myanmar military 'to exercise caution'; US strategy links peace talks with rare-earth access appeared first on DVB.

- China foreign minister meets Southeast Asian officials amid relations push (2026-11-03 11:08)

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met separately with officials from Thailand, Laos and Myanmar on Tuesday, as the world's second largest economy moves to expand relations with its Southeast Asian neighbors. China's support could be particularly valuable for Myanmar, where regime officials are responding to an ongoing civil war. Wang said that China supported Myanmar's [⋯] The post China foreign minister meets Southeast Asian officials amid relations push appeared first on DVB.

- Myanmar drops extradition case against AmCham ex-board member, cancels Interpol red notice (2026-11-03 11:01)

Myanmar has dropped its case against a former American Chamber of Commerce board member and canceled an Interpol "red notice" for his arrest, saying that its investigation concluded that there wasn't enough evidence to support his extradition. Misfit Technologies CEO Munimul Islam was detained upon his arrival at the international airport in Barcelona, Spain, in [⋯] The post Myanmar drops extradition case against AmCham ex-board member, cancels Interpol red notice appeared first on DVB.

- Twelve civilians killed and 4,300 displaced across southeastern Myanmar in October, report finds (2026-11-03 09:37)

At least 12 civilians were killed, 16 others were injured, and approximately 4,300 people were displaced by armed conflict across 14 townships in southeastern Myanmar during the month of October, according to a monitoring report released on Monday by the Ramanya Institute for Community-based Political Research. The documentation covers incidents across Mon State, Karen State, [⋯] The post Twelve civilians killed and 4,300 displaced across southeastern Myanmar in October, report finds appeared first on DVB.

• ICC president hits back at Trump administration penalties in remote UN address (2026-11-03 09:21)

The president of the International Criminal Court (ICC) accused the Trump administration of trying to obstruct international justice by imposing penalties on the tribunal and vowed that it would not succeed. Judge Tomoko Akane of Japan, briefing the United Nations remotely on Monday because of U.S. sanctions, called on all 193 U.N. member nations — [⋯] The post ICC president hits back at Trump administration penalties in remote UN address appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar migrant leader assaulted outside UN in Thailand vows legal action (2026-11-03 09:02)

The leader of a Myanmar migrant workers group in Thailand told DVB that he will file complaints with both police and the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand after he was assaulted during a protest against against Myanmar migrant worker documentation offices, known as Certificate of Identity (CI) centers, outside the U.N. headquarters in Bangkok [⋯] The post Myanmar migrant leader assaulted outside UN in Thailand vows legal action appeared first on DVB.

• Thailand warns Myanmar military attaché ‘to exercise caution’ over border airstrikes (2026-11-03 05:48)

The Royal Thai Armed Forces’ Commander-in-Chief Ukrit Boontanon summoned the Myanmar regime’s military attaché to Thailand, Win Thu Lin, to his headquarters in Bangkok on Nov. 2 to urge Naypyidaw to exercise caution in its military operations along the 1,501 mile (2,416 km) long shared Thai-Myanmar border. During a speech on Monday, Thai Prime Minister [⋯] The post Thailand warns Myanmar military attaché ‘to exercise caution’ over border airstrikes appeared first on DVB.

• Malaysia considers movement restrictions on Rohingya refugees as registration begins (2026-11-03 05:05)

The Malaysian government is considering whether to impose formal movement restrictions on Rohingya refugees residing in the country while preparing to expand a state-run biometric registration initiative to U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) cardholders nationwide, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi told parliament last week. “The National Security Council [MKN] is working with all [⋯] The post Malaysia considers movement restrictions on Rohingya refugees as registration begins appeared first on DVB.

• Heavy rain falls in eastern India after second cyclone in a week (2026-11-03 04:11)

Heavy rains fell Tuesday in eastern India after the second cyclone to hit the area in a week prompted evacuations of thousands of people. Cyclone Murasu made landfall in the morning near Ongole in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh state with maximum sustained winds of 62-68 mph (100-110 kph), the India Meteorological Department stated. Heavy [⋯] The post

Heavy rain falls in eastern India after second cyclone in a week appeared first on DVB.

• The ASEAN Five Point Consensus has failed, but justice must not (2026-11-02 23:10)

ASEAN’s Five Point Consensus on Myanmar is dead. Only accountability can rescue it, and the Philippines can lead the way. Guest contributors Salai Za Uk and Chris Gunness More than five years ago, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) promised the people of Myanmar a plan. It had five points: an end to violence, […] The post The ASEAN Five Point Consensus has failed, but justice must not appeared first on DVB.

• KNU accuses military of targeting supply routes; Japan wants Myanmar removed from FATF blacklist (2026-11-02 22:36)

KNU accuses military of targeting Thai supply routes The Karen National Union (KNU) stated that dual airstrikes carried out on Saturday by the Burma Air Force on its base in Karen State’s Hpapun Township, opposite Thailand’s Mae Hong Son, were aimed at disrupting its cross-border supply route used to procure goods from Thailand. A KNU […] The post KNU accuses military of targeting supply routes; Japan wants Myanmar removed from FATF blacklist appeared first on DVB.

• US strategy links Myanmar peace talks to rare-earth access (2026-11-02 22:01)

Washington aims to use peace diplomacy in Myanmar as a way to expand U.S. influence and potentially gain access to the country’s rare-earth deposits, according to a recently published State Department strategy document. Reuters reported last month that U.S. officials have quietly held talks with Myanmar’s pro-military administration, run by the former general who led […] The post US strategy links Myanmar peace talks to rare-earth access appeared first on DVB.

• Newborn among 15 killed as Myanmar military strikes maternity clinic and school, sources say (2026-11-02 22:00)

A newborn baby was among at least 15 people killed in Myanmar military strikes at multiple locations over the weekend, including a maternity clinic and a school, an ethnic armed group, an aid worker and rights monitors said on Monday. The bombings come as the pro-military administration, attempting to rebuild diplomatic ties after years of […] The post Newborn among 15 killed as Myanmar military strikes maternity clinic and school, sources say appeared first on DVB.

• Airstrikes hit KNU base in Karen State along Myanmar-Thai border to choke off trade (2026-11-02 07:11)

The Karen National Union (KNU) stated that dual airstrikes carried out on Saturday by the Myanmar Air Force on its base in Karen State’s Hpapun Township, opposite Thailand’s Mae Hong Son Province, were aimed at disrupting its cross-border supply route used to procure goods from Thailand. Thai media reported that there were no casualties but […] The post

Airstrikes hit KNU base in Karen State along Myanmar-Thai border to choke off trade appeared first on DVB.

• 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)

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. Read more The post Myanmar military and Arakan Army forcing Rohingya to fight appeared first on DVB.

- 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.

Source: Myanmar Now

• Two Myanmar resistance fighters defect to junta at Myaing frontline (2026-11-04 09:04)

The two soldiers, reportedly from a group that joined Magway Federal Unit forces in May, defected to junta troops engaged in clashes for control of the Myaing oilfields

• Top UN court to rule Nov 19 on Myanmar/Rohingya genocide case (2026-11-04 05:53)

After seven years of deliberations, the ICJ will finally deliver its verdict on whether Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya

• US prioritises own interests over Myanmar’s democracy in new strategy statement (2026-11-03 11:51)

In a new document, Washington spells out what it wants from Myanmar, while downplaying the country’s political aspirations

• Myanmar military airstrikes on two schools kill seven, including children (2026-11-03 11:43)

With the bombing of the two schools last week—protected from attack under international law—people are left believing that “there are no safe places left”

• Mother and 2 children shot dead with driver on Hakha-Falam road (2026-11-03 07:01)

The perpetrator of the attack, which killed all four passengers on the family’s return from spending the Thadingyut holiday with their father, remains unknown

• Myanmar junta attacks kill 12, including infant, across 4 Rakhine townships (2026-11-02 10:46)

Junta fighter jets bombed villages in four townships across Rakhine State in a single day, including destroying a medical clinic’s maternity ward and killing an infant inside

• ‘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