

MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

Myanmar's security situation remained highly volatile between October 30 and November 6, 2026, marked by a significant escalation in military airstrikes targeting civilian infrastructure, including hospitals and schools, particularly in Rakhine and Kayah states. These aerial assaults resulted in numerous civilian casualties, including children and a pregnant woman, highlighting the military junta's brutal tactics amidst ongoing ground defeats against resistance forces. Diplomatic efforts saw mixed signals, with ASEAN's Special Envoy visiting for humanitarian purposes while Thailand temporarily suspended unofficial border trade due to spillover violence. Concurrently, China eased trade restrictions at border gates controlled by ethnic armed groups, and the US continued its calibrated re-engagement, signaling a complex and fragmented international approach to the crisis. The humanitarian catastrophe deepened, with millions displaced and in need of assistance, as the military continued to obstruct aid and rely on forced conscription to bolster its dwindling forces.

Key Security Developments

- Intensified Civilian Airstrikes in Rakhine and Kayah States

The Myanmar military significantly escalated its aerial bombardments, targeting civilian areas in Rakhine (Arakan) and Kayah (Karenni) states. On November 5, a pregnant woman was killed and ten other civilians were injured in a late-night airstrike on a residential home in Nan Kyar village, Mrauk-U Township, Rakhine State, an area controlled by the Arakan Army (AA). This followed an attack on November 1, where a temporary maternity clinic near Ngwe Taung Pauk Bridge in Mrauk-U was bombed, reportedly killing five civilians, including a newborn baby, and injuring nine others, along with medical staff. In Kayah State, an airstrike on October 31 struck a school for displaced children in Loikaw Township, killing three children and injuring five. These attacks underscore the junta's reliance on air power amidst ground setbacks and its disregard for civilian protection.

- Airstrike on Public Hospital in Sagaing Region

On November 4, Myanmar military forces carried out a jet fighter airstrike on a public hospital in Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, reportedly killing at least eight people, including a doctor participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), Dr. Zar Ni Tun, and seven others, including healthcare workers and patients. Local sources indicated there was no active fighting in the area at the time of the attack, which

occurred around 7:00 p.m.. This incident highlights the deliberate targeting of medical facilities and personnel, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.

• Cross-Border Spillover and Thai Response

Fighting near the Thai-Myanmar border led to projectiles landing in Thailand, injuring a Thai civilian on October 29 near Myawaddy and damaging 17 buildings in Mae Sam Laep on October 31 after Myanmar military aircraft bombed a Karen National Union (KNU) position across the Salween River. In response, Thailand suspended unofficial border trade from October 30 to November 5 in Mae Sot and Phop Phra districts to strengthen border security and prevent supplies from reaching armed groups. Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister is scheduled to visit Myanmar on November 12 for talks on reducing conflict and addressing border security, while the Thai military chief issued a second warning against operations endangering Thai civilians.

• Resistance Force Offensives and Drone Attacks

Resistance forces continued their offensive operations against the Tatmadaw. On November 4, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and allied forces ambushed a Myanmar military convoy traveling toward Myitkyina in Kachin State, damaging at least one vehicle. Separately, resistance forces launched drone attacks against a military convoy moving from Mandalay to Myitkyina in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, reportedly setting several military vehicles on fire on November 4. The Arakan Army (AA) claimed significant victories against the military's "Operation 4926" in Rakhine State, forcing retreats and seizing weapons, particularly during clashes on October 31 at the Taline Taung–Thaphan Yaung mountain pass and engagements in Kyaukphyu Township and Nga Pyi Island.

• China Eases Border Trade Restrictions with Ethnic Armed Groups

At the end of October, the Chinese government eased trade restrictions at border gates controlled by ethnic armed groups in Myanmar's Kachin and northern Shan states. This allowed the flow of most goods, including machinery, pharmaceuticals, and electronics, but strictly banned suspected military-related imports. This move is significant as it provides economic lifelines to regions largely outside junta control and indicates China's pragmatic engagement with non-state actors along its border.

• Alleged Torture and Killing by Pro-Military Militia

On November 1, the bodies of a married couple, U Htay Tin (62) and Daw San Tint (57), who operated a three-wheeled transport vehicle, were discovered at a garbage disposal site west of Ywargyi Cemetery in Nyaungpin village, Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region. They were allegedly tortured and killed by members of the pro-military Pyu Saw Htee militia after being lured into captivity on October 1. This incident highlights the continued human rights abuses and the role of pro-junta militias in the conflict.

- Myanmar's Participation in ASEAN Market 2026

Myanmar participated in the "Dialogues of the South and ASEAN Market 2026" held in Busan, South Korea, from October 30 to November 1. The Myanmar Embassy in Seoul displayed a booth featuring products like Pawsan rice and jade jewelry, aiming to promote trade and cultural relations with South Korea. This participation represents a diplomatic effort by the military regime to maintain international engagement and explore economic opportunities despite its isolation.

- US Calibrated Re-engagement Strategy

The US State Department released an "Integrated Country Strategy" for Myanmar, outlining Washington's aims to use diplomacy to promote peace and potentially gain access to rare earth deposits. Washington has softened its stance, rolling back some sanctions and holding high-level talks with Myanmar's military-backed government in September and October 2026, focusing on securing the release of an American businessman and shutting down scam centers. This shift indicates a pragmatic approach by the US to balance strategic interests with human rights concerns.

- Belarus-Myanmar Cooperation Roadmap

A report published on October 29 detailed a 2026-2028 cooperation roadmap between Belarus and Myanmar, encompassing military-related optics, police training, defense education, state-bank lending, and commodity exchanges. This partnership is seen as an alliance for "mutual survival" between two regimes facing international criticism, potentially strengthening the Myanmar military's capacity to withstand pressure.

- Continued Humanitarian Crisis and Displacement

The humanitarian crisis in Myanmar continued to deepen, with the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights, Kelley Anne Eckels-Currie, reporting on October 27 that at least 100,000 people have been killed since the 2021 coup, and over 4 million are internally displaced as of September 2026. An estimated 16.2 million people require humanitarian assistance, but the military continues to deliberately obstruct aid operations through telecommunications blackouts, movement restrictions, and checkpoints.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Myanmar's internal conflict continues to exert significant pressure on regional stability, particularly affecting its immediate neighbors. The spillover of violence into Thailand, evidenced by cross-border shelling and the temporary suspension of unofficial trade, highlights the direct security challenges posed to ASEAN members. Thailand's dual-track approach, combining engagement with the junta for border security with calls for peaceful resolution, reflects the complex dilemma faced by

regional states balancing national interests with ASEAN's non-interference principle. The Thai Foreign Minister's criticism of ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus for lacking a clear implementation strategy underscores the bloc's struggle to effectively address the crisis.

The calibrated re-engagement by the United States, including high-level talks with the military-backed government, marks a notable shift in diplomatic strategy. While aimed at promoting peace and securing US interests, this approach risks being perceived as legitimizing the junta, potentially undermining the efforts of resistance groups and international sanctions. China's decision to ease trade restrictions at border gates controlled by ethnic armed groups in northern Myanmar is a pragmatic move to secure its economic interests and maintain stability along its border, effectively acknowledging the de facto control of these groups over significant territories. This further fragments the international response and complicates the junta's efforts to assert nationwide control.

The emerging partnership between Myanmar and Belarus, detailed in a cooperation roadmap, signals the junta's search for external partners beyond traditional Western influence. This collaboration, extending to military-related optics, police training, and financial support, could bolster the regime's capacity to sustain its rule and circumvent international isolation, potentially prolonging the conflict. The continued presence of Myanmar on the FATF blacklist for money laundering and terrorist financing risks further isolates its financial system, despite Japan's denial of pushing for its removal. Overall, the regional dynamics are characterized by a fragmented international response, with major powers pursuing diverse interests, inadvertently contributing to the protracted nature of Myanmar's civil war.

Military and Defense Analysis

The Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) is demonstrating a desperate reliance on aerial power to compensate for significant ground losses and manpower shortages. The intensified airstrikes on civilian targets, including hospitals and schools, particularly in Rakhine, Kayah, and Sagaing regions, indicate a strategy of terror and collective punishment against populations in resistance-held areas. This tactic, while causing immense humanitarian suffering, also reflects the military's inability to achieve decisive victories on the ground against increasingly coordinated and well-equipped ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and People's Defense Forces (PDFs). Reports of the Tatmadaw using combat drones, as seen in Salin Township, suggest a continued effort to modernize its capabilities, likely with foreign assistance, to enhance surveillance and precision strike capabilities.

Despite these aerial efforts, the Tatmadaw's force posture appears increasingly defensive, centered on fortified urban enclaves, as it has lost control of key northern, western, and eastern corridors. Resistance forces and ethnic armies now control an estimated 42% of the country's territory, compared to the junta's 21%. The military's conscription law, introduced in February 2024, has reportedly drawn in over 136,300 people by October 2026, indicating a severe manpower crisis and a desperate attempt to replenish its ranks. However, this forced conscription also fuels public resentment and an exodus of young people, further weakening the regime's legitimacy and long-term sustainability. The reported cooperation roadmap with Belarus, involving military-related optics and police training, suggests an ongoing effort to acquire defense technology and expertise to bolster its capabilities and maintain internal security.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate outlook for Myanmar suggests a continuation and likely intensification of the current conflict dynamics. The military junta will almost certainly persist with its strategy of aerial bombardments against civilian targets and infrastructure in areas controlled by resistance forces, particularly in Rakhine, Sagaing, and Kayah states, as it faces continued ground setbacks. Resistance groups, including the AA, KIA, and PDFs, are expected to maintain their offensive pressure, especially against military convoys and isolated outposts, leveraging their growing control over significant territories. Humanitarian conditions will continue to deteriorate, exacerbated by the military's obstruction of aid and the ongoing displacement of millions. Cross-border incidents with Thailand are likely to recur, necessitating continued vigilance and diplomatic engagement from Bangkok.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: Key flashpoints will remain in Rakhine State, particularly around Mrauk-U and Kyaukphyu, where the Arakan Army is actively challenging the junta's control and naval vessels have been targeted. Sagaing and Kachin states will also see continued heavy fighting, especially along critical supply routes where resistance forces are ambushing military convoys. The Thai-Myanmar border, particularly around Myawaddy and Mae Sam Laep, remains a high-risk area for spillover violence. The humanitarian crisis itself is a critical flashpoint, with deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure and aid blockades risking further mass casualties and displacement.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and targeting patterns of military airstrikes, particularly any escalation against major urban centers or critical infrastructure. The effectiveness of resistance offensives, including their ability to capture and hold territory, will be crucial. International responses, especially any shifts in ASEAN's unified stance or further calibrated engagement from major

powers like the US and China, will be important. The implementation and impact of the Belarus-Myanmar cooperation roadmap on the Tatmadaw's capabilities should also be closely watched. Furthermore, monitoring the flow of humanitarian aid and the number of displaced persons will provide insight into the severity of the crisis.

Strategic recommendations: International actors should increase pressure on the junta to cease attacks on civilians and ensure unhindered humanitarian access. ASEAN needs to develop a more robust and actionable strategy for implementing its Five-Point Consensus, potentially by strengthening the Special Envoy's mandate and providing clear guidance. Countries engaging with the military regime, such as the US, should ensure that diplomatic efforts are explicitly tied to demonstrable improvements in human rights and a commitment to peaceful dialogue, avoiding any actions that could be perceived as legitimizing the junta. Regional states should enhance border security cooperation and establish clear mechanisms for addressing spillover violence. Finally, increased support for the National Unity Government (NUG) and ethnic armed organizations aligned with democratic forces could help shift the balance of power and encourage a more inclusive political resolution.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

• After fleeing persecution in Myanmar, Rohingya struggle to belong in Malaysia (2026-11-06 03:16)

Nur Sadek was once on track to become an Islamic scholar. His mother dreamed of raising a son who would serve as a faith leader in their western Myanmar village. Sadek's family belongs to the Rohingya ethnic minority. The predominantly Muslim group shares an area in Myanmar's Arakan State with Buddhists and a smaller Hindu [⋯] The post After fleeing persecution in Myanmar, Rohingya struggle to belong in Malaysia appeared first on DVB.

• Belarus, Myanmar's financial crisis and the search for regime survival (2026-11-05 22:51)

Guest contributor Linn Thant Myanmar's military regime is confronting multiple crises at once. On the battlefield, resistance forces continue to challenge its authority and control over territory. Economically, the country faces mounting financial pressures, disrupted livelihoods and shortages of essential services. Politically, the military's claim to legitimacy remains deeply contested, while its international isolation has [⋯] The post Belarus, Myanmar's financial crisis and the search for regime survival appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar's Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 4 (2026-11-05 22:37)

In this six-part series: Myanmar's Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 4 explores the history of allegations regarding Myanmar's pursuit of nuclear weapons and how these past concerns influence current international scrutiny of nuclear cooperation with Russia. The post Myanmar's Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 4 appeared first on DVB.

• Unilever to sell Myanmar joint venture stake, deal expected to close in 2027 (2026-11-05 22:11)

Global consumer goods conglomerate Unilever announced on Thursday that it will fully divest from its joint venture in Myanmar, marking another high-profile multinational departure from the country even as the military regime actively campaigns for foreign capital. The London-headquartered company confirmed it has reached a formal agreement to sell its entire equity holding in Unilever [⋯] The post Unilever to sell Myanmar joint venture stake, deal expected to close in 2027 appeared first on DVB.

• Japan denies seeking Myanmar's removal from FATF blacklist (2026-11-05 22:05)

Japan's Ministry of Finance has denied pushing for Myanmar to be removed from a global financial watchdog's blacklist after Reuters reported last week that it was among countries

supporting the removal. Myanmar was added to the Financial Action Task Force's blacklist in 2022 as the country was plunged into turmoil and widespread civil war following [⋯] The post Japan denies seeking Myanmar's removal from FATF blacklist appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar migrants in Thailand petition NUG for ID; NLD calls on ASEAN not to undermine democracy (2026-11-05 21:43)

Myanmar migrants in Thailand petition NUG for ID cards A group representing migrant workers from Burma 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 having to rely on the regime-issued Certificate of [⋯] The post Myanmar migrants in Thailand petition NUG for ID; NLD calls on ASEAN not to undermine democracy appeared first on DVB.

• Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong sentenced to 10 more years in prison (2026-11-05 21:00)

A Hong Kong court sentenced prominent activist Joshua Wong to 10 more years in prison Thursday under a Beijing-imposed national security law, in a case that critics say underscores the crackdown on the city's once-thriving pro-democracy movement. Wong, 30, first led student protests as a teenager and engaged in international advocacy efforts for Hong Kong's [⋯] The post Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong sentenced to 10 more years in prison appeared first on DVB.

• Military recaptures Ngapyi Island village as fighting with Arakan Army continues (2026-11-05 08:06)

A source in the Arakan Army (AA) told DVB on the condition of anonymity that regime forces have regained control of Arakan State's Alel village, one of three on Pauktaw Township's Ngapyi Island, on Wednesday as fighting continues in Pauktaw and Ponnagyun townships, which are located 20-131 miles (32-210 km) north and east of the [⋯] The post Military recaptures Ngapyi Island village as fighting with Arakan Army continues appeared first on DVB.

• Once a teen activist, Hong Kong's Joshua Wong is spending years of his adult life in prison (2026-11-05 07:24)

Some 15 years ago, then-high school student Joshua Wong was a rising political star in Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement. Now 30, he has been sentenced for the second time under a Beijing-imposed national security law that effectively crushed the movement he once championed. Critics say Wong's imprisonment reflects the authorities' determination to keep prominent dissidents [⋯] The post Once a teen activist, Hong Kong's Joshua Wong is spending years of his adult life in prison appeared first on DVB.

• Lured into an online scam network, an African man spent almost a year in Cambodia trying to go home (2026-11-05 06:29)

The 33-year-old man, lured to Cambodia with the offer of a receptionist job, endured daily beatings for a month, locked in a dark room somewhere in the Southeast Asian country. He didn’t know where he was, but he knew the price of his freedom: $6,000 USD. He had arrived from Ghana in November 2025 with [⋯] The post Lured into an online scam network, an African man spent almost a year in Cambodia trying to go home appeared first on DVB.

- 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

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• 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.

Source: Myanmar Now

• Pyu Saw Htee leader and wife shot dead in Mandalay Region (2026-11-05 11:56)

The group that claimed responsibility for the killing said it prepared for 10 days before carrying it out

• China eases trade restrictions at select border gates in Kachin and Shan states (2026-11-05 11:39)

China has relaxed restrictions at border gates late last month through certain gates, excluding the TNLA's sole border gate and two critical KIA gates

• 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