

MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

Myanmar experienced a week of intense conflict and significant diplomatic shifts from November 3 to November 10, 2026. The military junta intensified its aerial bombardments across Rakhine and Sagaing regions, resulting in numerous civilian casualties amidst heavy ground fighting with ethnic armed organizations. This escalation prompted Thailand to bolster its border security due to cross-border spillover. Concurrently, the United States signaled a notable shift in its diplomatic approach, moving towards pragmatic engagement with Myanmar's military-backed government, while China reportedly provided support to rebel groups following an incident. The cyber landscape saw an arrest related to data theft and extortion, highlighting ongoing vulnerabilities and the government's efforts to combat cybercrime. Overall, the period underscored a volatile internal security situation with evolving regional and international dynamics.

Key Security Developments

- Intense Fighting and Airstrikes in Rakhine State

The Arakan Army (AA) inflicted heavy casualties on junta forces in Rakhine State, including a significant engagement on Nga Pyi Island along the Kaladan River where AA troops overwhelmed a military column on November 3. The AA also reported downing a military paramotor near Nat Yay Kan strategic hill and forcing retreats in Kyaukphyu and Min Byint villages. In response to these ground defeats, the military junta launched daily, continuous aerial bombardments across Arakan (Rakhine) State, including a massive counter-offensive code-named "Operation 4926." These airstrikes, particularly on November 1 and 2, deliberately targeted civilian infrastructure, including medical clinics, bridges, and internally displaced persons (IDP) camps, across at least four townships, resulting in 12 civilian fatalities, including children, and 32 injuries.

- Deadly Airstrike in Sagaing Region

On November 7, a military airstrike involving three gyrocopters bombed a school and surrounding residential area in Nyaung Pin Lay village, Kani Township, Sagaing region, killing 11 civilians, including four children. Local residents reported that communication cuts, specifically the lack of Starlink, prevented timely evacuations, contributing to the high casualty count.

- Thailand Boosts Border Security

Thailand significantly reinforced its security along the Thai-Myanmar border, particularly opposite Myawaddy township (Tak's Mae Sot district), in response to ongoing unrest and cross-border fighting. On November 3, Thailand deployed troops and hardware, and on November 9, the Royal Thai Army spokesperson confirmed intensified 24/7 patrols and preparedness for emergencies. This followed an incident on October 29 where stray rounds injured one civilian in Mae Sot and damaged homes. Formal protests and notifications urging Myanmar authorities to prevent further escalation were submitted through diplomatic channels.

- Junta Regaining Control of Key Roads

As of October 29, Myanmar's military was reportedly regaining control of key roads across the country. These gains are disrupting connections between resistance-held territories and making it more difficult for anti-junta forces to move fighters, weapons, and supplies. The military's counteroffensives, which intensified in 2025 and continued into 2026, have allowed it to recover some territory and enhance its ability to move reinforcements and sustain further offensives.

- US Shifts Diplomatic Strategy Towards Engagement

A US State Department document, approved on August 31, 2026, and reported on November 3, outlined a new strategy for Myanmar. This strategy aims to support a lasting peace agreement by 2030, while simultaneously seeking greater access to Myanmar's rare-earth resources, expanding American trade, and strengthening regional influence. This marks a significant departure from previous diplomatic isolation, with US officials having held high-level talks in September and October 2026, including discussions on rare-earth minerals and the release of a detained American businessman.

- China Reportedly Supports Myanmar Rebels

On November 9, reports indicated that China provided assistance to Myanmar rebels following an attack by the junta on a Chinese vehicle. This development suggests a potential shift in China's engagement or a direct response to incidents affecting its interests in the conflict-ridden border regions.

- ASEAN Envoy Visit Undeterred Junta Offensives

Despite a visit to Myanmar by the special envoy of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Philippines Foreign Minister Theresa Lazaro, the Burmese Army intensified its offensives between October 29 and November 1. More than half of the military actions were concentrated in Rakhine, where at least 16 civilians died and over 50 were injured.

- Myanmar Diplomatic Engagement with Sri Lanka and Russia

On November 3, Myanmar's Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Daw Malar Than Htaik, participated in a visit of ASEAN diplomatic missions to Sri Lanka's Central Province to

promote trade, investment, and tourism. Additionally, on October 28, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with Myanmar Foreign Minister Than Swe, signing an agreement on mutual visa cancellation and a schedule for inter-ministry consultations for 2025-2027, further deepening bilateral ties.

- Arrest in Cyberattack Case (Background)

Myanmar authorities announced in October 2026 the arrest of Wai Phyo Aung, also known as Aung Myo, on September 10, 2026. He is accused of carrying out a series of data-theft and extortion attacks throughout 2026 on government department networks, private online service providers, and private digital payment systems. The attacks reportedly involved threatening to publish users' personal information and demanding money for the return of stolen data.

- Ongoing Illicit Economic Activities

Reporting from November 2 documented continued violence linked to online scam centers, illegal mining, human trafficking, and forced labor across Myanmar. These activities are identified as nationwide security drivers rather than isolated incidents, compounding security fragmentation and complicating governance and humanitarian access.

Cyber Threat Landscape

During the period of November 3-10, 2026, the most notable cybersecurity development was the ongoing fallout from the arrest of a cybercrime suspect. Myanmar authorities announced in October 2026 the arrest of Wai Phyo Aung, also known as Aung Myo, on September 10, 2026, for a series of data-theft and extortion attacks. These attacks, which occurred throughout 2026, targeted government department networks, private online service providers, and private digital payment systems. Specific victims included an international college, a job-search website, a foreign university, a vehicle-rental brokerage website, a telecommunications website, a private digital payment system's website, and a government online service. The perpetrator allegedly threatened to expose users' personal information and demanded money for the return of stolen data. The government is actively identifying cybercriminals and taking action in accordance with cybersecurity laws as part of its e-Government development efforts.

While no new major incidents were reported within the specified week, the context of Myanmar's cyber landscape remains challenging. The country's Cybersecurity Law, which took effect in July 2025, has enabled sweeping surveillance and censorship, requiring government approval for VPN services and licensing for digital platforms with over 100,000 users. Furthermore, a significant vulnerability was identified in 2020, where over three-quarters of Myanmar government websites, including those of

the Central Bank, lacked a Sender Policy Framework, making them susceptible to email spoofing attacks.

Background: Threat actors known to target Myanmar include China-linked groups such as Naikon, APT41, Mofang, and an Unnamed Actor.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Myanmar's internal security developments during this period have significant geopolitical repercussions, influencing its relations with major powers and regional stability. The United States has notably shifted its policy from diplomatic isolation to pragmatic engagement with Myanmar's military-backed government. This new strategy, outlined in a State Department document, aims for a lasting peace by 2030 while pursuing US economic interests, particularly access to Myanmar's rare-earth minerals. This transactional approach, which includes high-level talks and the lifting of some sanctions, signals a potential reduction in Myanmar's diplomatic isolation from the US and could reshape the geopolitical balance in the region, especially concerning critical mineral resources.

China's reported support for Myanmar rebels following a junta attack on a Chinese vehicle on November 9 introduces a complex dynamic. While China has historically been a significant economic partner and arms supplier to the junta, this incident suggests a willingness to protect its interests and potentially influence the conflict through engagement with non-state actors. China remains a major destination for Myanmar's rare-earth mineral exports, and its actions will be closely watched for implications on regional power dynamics and the ongoing civil war.

Russia continues to deepen its bilateral relations with Myanmar, as evidenced by the meeting between their foreign ministers on October 28 and the signing of a mutual visa cancellation agreement and inter-ministry consultations for 2025-2027. Russia has been a crucial arms supplier to the junta, and this sustained diplomatic and military cooperation reinforces Myanmar's international alliances, particularly in the face of Western sanctions. The intensification of conflict, particularly the junta's reliance on airstrikes and the resulting civilian casualties, continues to destabilize the region. The spillover of fighting into Thailand, leading to heightened border security measures, underscores the direct impact on neighboring countries and regional stability. The ASEAN bloc remains divided, with some members engaging with the military-backed administration despite the junta's continued offensives, highlighting the challenges in achieving a unified regional response to Myanmar's crisis.

EU Relations and Implications

Myanmar's relationship with the European Union remains largely characterized by condemnation of the military junta and targeted restrictive measures, contrasting with the US's recent shift towards engagement. The EU's relationship outlook was assessed as "Stable" in August 2026, but this refers to the consistency of its policy rather than an improvement in relations with the junta. The EU extended its restrictive measures against Myanmar until April 30, 2027, targeting 105 individuals and 22 entities linked to the military leadership with asset freezes and travel bans. An arms embargo and export restrictions on equipment for internal repression also remain in place. The EU continues to withhold direct financial assistance to the government and freezes aid that could be perceived as legitimizing the junta, reiterating its strongest condemnation of human rights violations and actions undermining democracy.

Despite these sanctions, the EU has not withdrawn Myanmar's preferential trade access, primarily due to concerns about the impact on workers, particularly in the garment industry. The ongoing security and cyber developments in Myanmar pose significant challenges for EU interests and its cooperation projects. The intensified conflict and human rights abuses directly contradict the EU's stated commitment to supporting democracy, human rights, and a peaceful future for the people of Myanmar. The EU's humanitarian cooperation projects (one of its key cooperation sectors, alongside Infrastructure & Transport, Trade & Investment, Education & Skills, and Development Cooperation) are critical in addressing the widespread displacement and civilian suffering caused by the conflict. The EU's digital projects, such as SCOPE Digital — Copernicus Earth Observation Southeast Asia, could be impacted by the government's restrictive cyber policies and surveillance, potentially hindering their effectiveness or raising concerns about data privacy and human rights.

Military and Defense Analysis

Myanmar's military, known as the Tatmadaw, continues to operate with a force posture characterized by aggressive counter-offensives and a heavy reliance on air power in the face of significant resistance. During this period, the military launched "Operation 4926" in Rakhine State, employing daily aerial bombardments against the Arakan Army (AA) and civilian targets, indicating a scorched-earth strategy due to ground defeats. Despite these efforts, the AA inflicted heavy casualties and forced retreats, suggesting persistent challenges for the junta's ground forces. The military has, however, reportedly regained control of key roads across the country, which is crucial for moving reinforcements, ammunition, and supplies, thereby disrupting resistance logistics.

In terms of modernization and capability development, no new acquisitions were reported within the November 3-10, 2026 period. However, earlier in 2026, the

military commissioned four fighter jets, including two Russian-supplied Su-30SME multirole aircraft, and in November 2025, it commissioned Russian helicopters and Chinese airplanes, boosting its air capacities. Russia also provided training to Myanmar military personnel in drone operations, helicopter deployments, sniping, and communications in July 2026, enhancing their combat capabilities. Defense spending trends show a significant increase, with military expenditure rising to $5011.30 million in 2024 from $2493.50 million in 2023. The estimated military spending for 2026 is 4.5% of GDP. This increased budget, which included an additional 440 billion kyats (approximately $155 million) approved in late 2022 and a 2023-24 budget of over 5.6 trillion kyats (approximately $2.7 billion), primarily funds the ongoing multi-front war, with aviation fuel and missiles accounting for an increasing proportion of expenditure as the junta relies heavily on airstrikes. The introduction of conscription in early 2024 has also helped replenish the military's ranks, allowing it to stabilize front lines and deploy reinforcements.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate outlook for Myanmar suggests a continuation, and likely intensification, of armed conflict, particularly in key battleground regions such as Rakhine State and the central Myanmar areas of Sagaing, Magway, and Mandalay. The military junta's reliance on aerial bombardments as a response to ground losses indicates that civilian casualties will remain high, and humanitarian crises, including displacement, will worsen. Border regions, especially with Thailand, will continue to experience spillover effects, necessitating ongoing vigilance and security measures from neighboring countries. Diplomatic engagements, particularly the US's new pragmatic approach, may lead to more direct dialogue but are unlikely to yield immediate de-escalation of violence on the ground.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: Rakhine State, particularly around Sittwe, Nga Pyi Island, Kyaukphyu, and Mrauk U, will remain a critical flashpoint due to intense clashes between the Tatmadaw and the Arakan Army. The Sagaing Region, exemplified by the recent deadly airstrike in Nyaung Pin Lay, will continue to be a high-risk area for civilian populations due to indiscriminate aerial attacks. The Thai-Myanmar border, specifically opposite Myawaddy in Karen State, is a persistent risk area for cross-border incidents and refugee flows. Areas rich in rare-earth minerals, such as Kachin State and Shan State, will likely become increasing points of geopolitical competition and potential conflict, given the US's stated interest in access and China's existing influence.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and intensity of military airstrikes and drone attacks, particularly their impact on civilian infrastructure

and IDP camps. Any significant shifts in the territorial control of resistance forces or the junta's ability to maintain supply lines will be crucial. Diplomatic developments, especially the outcomes of the US's new engagement strategy and China's responses to incidents affecting its interests, should be closely watched. Furthermore, monitoring humanitarian access, internal displacement figures, and the economic stability of the country will provide insights into the broader impact of the conflict. Any changes in the unity or operational capacity of ethnic armed organizations and People's Defense Forces will also be vital.

Strategic recommendations: The international community should maintain a dual-track approach: continuing to condemn human rights abuses and impose targeted sanctions on the military junta, while simultaneously exploring pragmatic engagement avenues that prioritize humanitarian aid, civilian protection, and the establishment of genuine peace processes. Regional actors should enhance coordination on border security and humanitarian response mechanisms to mitigate spillover effects. Efforts to support independent media and human rights monitoring groups within Myanmar are essential for accurate information and accountability. Furthermore, international diplomatic efforts should focus on de-escalation and protecting civilian populations, potentially leveraging the new US engagement strategy to push for a reduction in military offensives and greater humanitarian access.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

• What does ‘the Rohingya crisis can only be resolved in Myanmar’ really mean? (2026-11-10 02:10)

Malaysia’s shifting position on repatriation exposes a fundamental problem: Returning refugees to Myanmar cannot resolve the crisis without equal rights, accountability, and credible international protection. Guest contributor Shwe Maung “The Rohingya crisis can only be resolved in Myanmar.” This statement has become a familiar refrain among political leaders, diplomats, and regional policymakers. Yet its deeper […] The post What does ‘the Rohingya crisis can only be resolved in Myanmar’ really mean? appeared first on DVB.

• SCEF concludes visit to South Korea, heads to Paris Peace Forum; Bangladesh confirms talks with Arakan Army (2026-11-09 22:30)

SCEF concludes visit to South Korea, heads to Paris Peace Forum Leaders from the Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union (SCEF)–Myanmar’s premier resistance coalition—held a town hall discussion in South Korea on Sunday after a meeting with the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Peace Forum in Seoul on Nov. 5. Zin Mar […] The post SCEF concludes visit to South Korea, heads to Paris Peace Forum; Bangladesh confirms talks with Arakan Army appeared first on DVB.

• Thailand’s Hindu community gathers to celebrate Diwali in Chiang Mai (2026-11-09 09:32)

As the Festival of Lights illuminates homes and temples worldwide, Thailand’s Hindu community gathered to honor a tradition rooted in ancient history, faith, and family at a local Hindu temple in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on Sunday. “I’m here just to participate with the community and celebrate Diwali together. The blessings and feelings I feel are […] The post Thailand’s Hindu community gathers to celebrate Diwali in Chiang Mai appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar resistance coalition concludes visit to South Korea, heads to Paris Peace Forum (2026-11-09 09:19)

Leaders from the Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union (SCEF)–Myanmar’s premier resistance coalition—held a town hall discussion in South Korea on Sunday after a meeting with the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Peace Forum in Seoul on Nov. 5. Zin Mar Aung, the National Unity Government (NUG) Foreign Minister and SCEF secretary, […] The post Myanmar resistance coalition concludes visit to South Korea, heads to Paris Peace Forum appeared first on DVB.

• Malaysia’s ‘moment of disgust’ with Min Aung Hlaing [AUDIO] (2026-11-09 08:41)

In a blistering rebuke of regional diplomacy and domestic immigration enforcement, former Malaysian lawmaker and co-chair of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) Charles Santiago expressed “total disgust” over Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim’s decision to roll out the red carpet for Myanmar regime leader Min Aung Hlaing. Watch our Newsroom interview Read more The post Malaysia’s ‘moment of disgust’ with Min Aung Hlaing [AUDIO] appeared first on DVB.

• Naypyidaw admits CI boycott as only 15,000 Myanmar migrants apply across Thailand (2026-11-09 04:35)

The regime’s Labour Minister stated on Sunday that around 15,000 Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand have applied for the Certificate of Identity (CI), a regime-issued identification documentation valid for five years, at its five CI centers in Thailand since Oct. 14. “We expected to process around 4,000 to 5,000 applications a day, which would have […] The post Naypyidaw admits CI boycott as only 15,000 Myanmar migrants apply across Thailand appeared first on DVB.

• Beyond military technology: What else is included in Belarus–Myanmar cooperation? (2026-11-09 04:15)

Alambara Belarus and Myanmar have long been regarded primarily as arms-trading partners. However, in recent years, relations between the two authoritarian regimes have expanded well beyond military cooperation. This broader relationship is reflected in the Belarus–Myanmar Roadmap for Cooperation (2026–2028), an agreement signed by ministers from both countries during Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko’s first official […] The post Beyond military technology: What else is included in Belarus–Myanmar cooperation? appeared first on DVB.

• Bangladesh confirms talks with both Myanmar regime and Arakan Army on Rohingya crisis (2026-11-09 02:23)

In a major recalibration of its foreign policy, Bangladesh has officially confirmed that it is conducting direct talks with both Myanmar’s military regime and the ethnic Rakhine armed group, the Arakan Army (AA), to break the protracted deadlock over Rohingya repatriation to Arakan State. “The government has formed a committee to formulate a national strategy […] The post Bangladesh confirms talks with both Myanmar regime and Arakan Army on Rohingya crisis appeared first on DVB.

• EU mobilizes additional 16 million Euros in aid for Myanmar and Rohingya in Bangladesh (2026-11-09 02:02)

The European Union has released emergency funding of €16 million Euros ($17.8 million USD) in humanitarian aid to support conflict-affected communities inside Myanmar and sustain over 1.2 million Rohingya refugees and host communities across the border in Bangladesh. The

European Commission confirmed the fresh funding injection as expanding battlefronts inside Myanmar accelerate internal displacement and [⋯] The post EU mobilizes additional 16 million Euros in aid for Myanmar and Rohingya in Bangladesh appeared first on DVB.

- How Myanmar's junta extorts migrant workers inside Thailand's CI centers (2026-11-08 22:58)

Guest contributor Nathaphob Sungkate I recently obtained an official document from the Department of Employment at the Ministry of Labour of Thailand, dated October 5, 2026. The letter requests facilitation of entry visas for 31 Myanmar government officials appointed to operate across Certificate of Identity (CI) centers in Thailand. This followed a bilateral agreement to [⋯] The post How Myanmar's junta extorts migrant workers inside Thailand's CI centers appeared first on DVB.

- Regime to hold by-elections in April; Japan denies seeking Myanmar's removal from FATF blacklist (2026-11-08 22:21)

Myanmar regime to hold by-elections in April amid conflict The regime in Naypyidaw will hold special elections to fill parliamentary vacancies next April in its first vote since the 2025-26 polls that critics said was designed to cement military rule. The by-elections will fill vacancies left by elected representatives who took ministerial or government posts [⋯] The post Regime to hold by-elections in April; Japan denies seeking Myanmar's removal from FATF blacklist appeared first on DVB.

- Malaysia's 'moment of disgust' with Min Aung Hlaing (2026-11-08 22:20)

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- What Washington's new Myanmar strategy means for the Spring Revolution (2026-11-08 22:14)

Guest contributor James Shwe When the U.S. Mission to Burma's new Integrated Country Strategy circulated online last week, the reactions were quick and often dark. Some read it as proof that Washington has traded democracy for rare earths. Others saw a green light for engagement with the junta, or the revival of the old ceasefire [⋯] The post What Washington's new Myanmar strategy means for the Spring Revolution appeared first on DVB.

- German envoy marks ousted President Win Myint's 75th birthday with call for immediate release (2026-11-08 06:49)

The Embassy of Germany's Head of Mission in Yangon, Mathias Licharz, shared a video message on Sunday marking ousted President Win Myint's 75th birthday outside of his family

home in Tamwe Township, Yangon Region. Win Myint was transferred from prison to house arrest in the capital Naypyidaw after being released on April 17. “U Win [⋯] The post German envoy marks ousted President Win Myint’s 75th birthday with call for immediate release appeared first on DVB.

- KNU confirms loss of two regime outposts to military in Karen State counteroffensive (2026-11-08 06:09)

The Karen National Union (KNU) confirmed to DVB on Saturday that regime forces regained control of two of their outposts from the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) in Karen State’s Hpapun Township on Oct. 31. Hpapun, located 110 miles (177 km) north of the Karen State capital Hpa-An in KNU Brigade 5, was seized by [⋯] The post KNU confirms loss of two regime outposts to military in Karen State counteroffensive appeared first on DVB.

- Myanmar to hold by-elections in April, including in areas where fighting persists (2026-11-06 09:15)

Myanmar will hold by-elections to fill parliamentary seats next April in its first vote since regime’s 2025-26 polls that critics said was designed to cement military rule. The elections will fill vacancies left by elected representatives who took ministerial or administration posts and will include areas previously unable to vote because of conflict. The vote [⋯] The post Myanmar to hold by-elections in April, including in areas where fighting persists appeared first on DVB.

- ‘Moment of Disgust’: Charles Santiago slams Malaysia for hosting Min Aung Hlaing (2026-11-06 09:04)

In a blistering rebuke of regional diplomacy and domestic immigration enforcement, former Malaysian lawmaker and co-chair of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) Charles Santiago expressed “total disgust” over Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim’s decision to roll out the red carpet for Myanmar regime leader Min Aung Hlaing. In a Newsroom interview with DVB, Santiago warned [⋯] The post ‘Moment of Disgust’: Charles Santiago slams Malaysia for hosting Min Aung Hlaing appeared first on DVB.

- 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.

Source: Myanmar Now

- Myanmar regime accused of using high school curriculum as propaganda (2026-11-09 11:20)

Critics say a new legal education curriculum introduced last year highlights laws aimed at cementing the junta's hold on power

- Myanmar military airstrike in Mrauk-U kills pregnant woman (2026-11-09 07:33)

The midnight airstrike killed the young woman and injured 11 others in the AA-controlled Rakhine township

- For Myanmar's Buddhists, the pursuit of inner peace turns deadly as military targets monasteries (2026-11-06 11:31)

Monasteries, central to the spiritual life of Buddhist communities, have not been spared the regime's brutal assault on civilians

• UK-based consumer goods giant Unilever confirms departure from Myanmar (2026-11-06 11:23)

While no reason was given for the departure, some believe the company struggled to obtain import licenses as the regime continues tightening restrictions

• Airstrike on Sagaing hospital kills Myanmar doctor, medical student (2026-11-06 09:05)

The attack comes just days after the regime killed five, including a newborn infant, in a strike on a clinic in Rakhine State

• Myanmar military and KNU exchange blame over shelling on Thai territory (2026-11-06 08:08)

Artillery fired from Myanmar damaged buildings and injured a Thai woman in late October, leading Thai military officials to summon junta representatives for talks

• 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