

# MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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## Executive Summary

Myanmar's security landscape remained highly volatile from November 11 to November 18, 2026, marked by intensified military operations and significant civilian casualties, particularly in Rakhine State. The military regime continued its heavy reliance on airstrikes against resistance forces and civilian infrastructure, prompting warnings of retaliation from ethnic armed organizations. Diplomatically, Myanmar engaged with regional and international powers, with ASEAN adopting a "calibrated engagement" approach, while China and Russia deepened their ties. A notable development in cybersecurity was the arrest of over 100 suspected online scammers in Yangon, indicating a shift in cybercrime operations to urban centers. The ongoing civil conflict and humanitarian crisis continue to pose critical challenges to regional stability and international efforts for peace.

## Key Security Developments

- Intensified Airstrikes and Civilian Casualties in Rakhine State

The Myanmar military conducted multiple airstrikes in Rakhine State, including a November 13 attack on the Byarla internally displaced-persons (IDP) camp in Ponnagyun Township, which killed at least 12 civilians, including a five-year-old child, and injured 18 others. Shelters and medical facilities were also damaged. This follows a previous strike on the same camp in October and highlights the military's continued targeting of civilian areas.

- Infrastructure Damage by Military Air and Naval Attacks

On November 14, the military executed coordinated air and naval attacks against at least four bridges along the Taungup–Maei–Ramree–Kyaukphyu road within the Wunbaik Reserve Mangrove Forest in Rakhine State, severely disrupting regional logistics. These attacks further exacerbate humanitarian access challenges and impact civilian movement.

- Arakan Army Warns of Retaliation

The United League of Arakan/Arakan Army (ULA/AA) issued a warning on November 17, stating it would retaliate if the military junta continued its attacks on civilian settlements and public infrastructure across Arakan State. The ULA/AA spokesperson condemned deliberate targeting of civilians as war crimes, signaling a potential escalation of conflict in the region.

• Territorial Clashes in Sagaing–Kachin Border Region

Between November 4 and 14, Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and allied People's Defence Force (PDF) units captured three military outposts near Sipein, Hparpant, and Pinwei in the Mawlu area along the Sagaing–Kachin border. Airstrikes and ground fighting persisted throughout this period, indicating active territorial contestation.

• Military Operations in Mon–Bago Border Region

The Myanmar military reported capturing 11 resistance positions, including a National Unity Government (NUG) regional command headquarters and a Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) battalion headquarters, following six days of operations between November 4 and 10 in the Mon–Bago border region. This indicates ongoing efforts by the military to regain control over contested areas.

• ASEAN Adopts "Calibrated Engagement" with Myanmar

At the 49th ASEAN Summit in Manila from November 15-17, leaders agreed to pursue a "calibrated engagement" with Myanmar, maintaining restrictions on its full political representation at high-level meetings but signaling a possible gradual restoration if concrete progress is made on the Five-Point Consensus. This approach reflects a divided stance within ASEAN on how to address the ongoing crisis.

• Myanmar Seeks Closer Ties with Russian-Led Economic Bloc

A delegation from the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) visited Naypyitaw this week, with discussions on November 13 focusing on securing observer status for Myanmar within the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and boosting bilateral cooperation in manufacturing, agriculture, e-commerce, energy, transport, and digital transformation. This move signifies Myanmar's geopolitical pivot towards Russian-led multilateral blocs amidst international sanctions.

• Bilateral Talks with Thailand on Border Stability and Cooperation

On November 12, Myanmar's Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Tin Maung Swe, met with Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow in Nay Pyi Taw. They discussed bilateral cooperation, including peace processes, stability in border areas, trade, investment, energy, connectivity, and the protection of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand.

• Myanmar Delegation Attends China's Yellow River-Mekong River Exchange Week

A Myanmar delegation, led by Ambassador to China U Zaw Win Myint, attended the 2026 Yellow River-Mekong River Exchange Week in Dezhou, Shandong province, China, from November 12-15. The Ambassador highlighted Myanmar's strategic geographic position for global markets and discussed initiatives for future sister-city relations.

• Cyber Scam Crackdown in Yangon

Myanmar's military regime announced on November 16 the arrest of 106 suspected online scammers in Yangon's Thaketa Township on November 12. The raid on Golden River Residence Condo led to the detention of 52 Chinese, 8 Vietnamese, and 46 Myanmar citizens, along with the seizure of over 120 computers and nearly 200 mobile phones. This indicates a spread of cyber-fraud operations from border regions to urban centers.

- Diplomatic Friction with Germany

On November 10, Myanmar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the German Embassy's Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Mathias Licharz, to issue a formal warning regarding a video he published on November 8 questioning the freedom of former President U Win Myint. Myanmar's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed serious concerns, citing the conduct as inconsistent with diplomatic discretion and an insult to the host country's Head of State.

## Cyber Threat Landscape

During this reporting period, the most significant cyber-related development was the crackdown on online scam operations within Myanmar's commercial capital. On November 12, the military regime arrested 106 suspected online scammers, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Myanmar nationals, during a raid on the Golden River Residence Condo in Yangon's Thaketa Township. Authorities reported that the syndicate ran online investment fraud schemes targeting citizens in China, Japan, South Korea, India, Brazil, and Colombia. This incident signals a concerning trend of cyber-fraud syndicates shifting their operations from lawless borderlands to urban centers following previous crackdowns. China has actively pressed Myanmar to intensify efforts to combat these scams and prevent a "resurgence of chaos" in crime hubs like Myawaddy.

While no specific state-sponsored cyberattacks or exploited vulnerabilities were reported against Myanmar organizations within this precise period, the ongoing presence of sophisticated cybercrime networks remains a significant threat. The National Unity Government (NUG) previously rejected regime data hack claims in September 2026, accusing financial service providers of exposing donors, highlighting the political dimension of cyber incidents. 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 conflict and the military regime's actions continue to significantly impact regional stability and its relations with major powers. The ASEAN summit in Manila (November 15-17) underscored the bloc's struggle to maintain a unified stance, with leaders agreeing to a "calibrated engagement" that maintains restrictions on Myanmar's high-level political representation while offering a path to re-engagement if progress is made on the Five-Point Consensus. This approach reflects a delicate balance between diplomatic pressure and the desire to prevent Myanmar's further isolation, which some fear could create more space for major-power competition.

China continues to exert significant influence, with Myanmar participating in the Yellow River-Mekong River Exchange Week (November 12-15) and ongoing discussions about investment and trade. China's Foreign Minister previously met with Myanmar officials in early November, emphasizing support for political reconciliation and deeper bilateral ties. Beijing's pressure on Myanmar to combat cyber scams, as seen with the Yangon raid, also highlights its pragmatic security interests in the region. This engagement is crucial for the regime, which relies on China for diplomatic cover, arms, and investment.

Myanmar's deepening relationship with Russia and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) is a clear geopolitical pivot, driven by the regime's need for allies amidst Western sanctions. The EEC delegation's visit this week to discuss observer status and cooperation across various sectors demonstrates Myanmar's intent to integrate into Russian-led blocs. This alignment, following a five-year military cooperation agreement signed in February 2026, provides the junta with critical diplomatic and material support, including weapons and military equipment, enabling its ongoing conflict against resistance forces.

The United States, while maintaining sanctions, has shifted towards a policy of engagement, as outlined in its November 2 strategy document (published just outside this period but relevant for context). This strategy aims to use peace diplomacy to expand US influence, potentially gain access to rare-earth deposits, and combat scam centers targeting Americans. This re-engagement, which has included high-level talks in previous months, signals a departure from previous isolationist policies and reflects a broader US interest in regional stability and strategic resources.

## EU Relations and Implications

Myanmar's relations with the European Union during this period showed no significant new developments in terms of direct cooperation or high-level dialogues. The EU's relationship outlook, assessed as "Stable" in August 2026, remains largely in the context of its existing cooperation projects in sectors like Infrastructure & Transport,

Trade & Investment, Humanitarian aid, Education & Skills, and Development Cooperation. The EU also has digital projects like SCOPE Digital — Copernicus Earth Observation Southeast Asia. However, the EU previously imposed sanctions in July 2026 on an alleged head of a crime syndicate and an armed Myanmar group (DKBA) over cyberscams, highlighting its stance against illicit activities originating from Myanmar.

The intensified security developments, particularly the military's airstrikes on civilian targets and the ongoing humanitarian crisis, pose significant challenges to EU interests and its funded cooperation projects. The continued instability and violence risk disrupting infrastructure and transport projects, hindering humanitarian aid delivery, and undermining any efforts towards sustainable development and education. The crackdown on cyber scams in Yangon, while a positive step against criminal activity, also underscores the pervasive nature of such threats, which could impact digital cooperation initiatives if not effectively addressed. The EU's consistent calls for an end to violence and respect for human rights remain critical in this deteriorating security environment.

## Military and Defense Analysis

The Myanmar military, also known as the Tatmadaw, continued its strategy of intensive air and ground operations against resistance forces and ethnic armed organizations during this period. The reliance on airstrikes remains a critical component of its force posture, particularly in Rakhine State, where civilian displacement camps and infrastructure were repeatedly targeted. This tactic, which has been increasingly employed since 2023, aims to compensate for ground losses and project power, but it also leads to escalating civilian harm.

Reports indicate ongoing territorial contestation, with the military engaging in significant operations in the Mon–Bago border region, claiming the capture of 11 resistance positions. Concurrently, resistance groups like the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and allied People's Defence Force (PDF) units demonstrated offensive capabilities by capturing three military outposts along the Sagaing–Kachin border. This suggests a fragmented but persistent resistance, forcing the Tatmadaw to deploy resources across multiple fronts.

There were no specific reports on new defense acquisitions or major shifts in defense spending during this period. However, Myanmar's deepening ties with Russia and the EAEU, including a five-year military cooperation agreement signed in February 2026, indicate a continued reliance on these partners for military hardware and support. The military's conscription program, which has seen a dramatic increase in recruitment since February 2024, is a desperate measure to replenish its dwindling forces, with

reports of coercion and abduction of civilians. This suggests ongoing challenges in manpower and a need to sustain its operational capabilities amidst widespread resistance.

## Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate outlook for Myanmar suggests a continuation, and likely an escalation, of military conflict, particularly in Rakhine, Sagaing, and Kachin states. Military air operations are expected to maintain or increase in intensity, with no indicators of negotiated de-escalation. Civilian harm and displacement will likely continue to rise, especially in high-risk areas like IDP camps. Diplomatic efforts, such as ASEAN's "calibrated engagement," are unlikely to yield immediate breakthroughs in reducing violence, as the military regime shows no signs of significant concessions. Bilateral engagements with China and Russia will likely strengthen further, providing the regime with continued economic and military support.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: Rakhine State remains a critical flashpoint due to sustained military air operations targeting both resistance positions and civilian settlements, coupled with the Arakan Army's warnings of retaliation. The Sagaing–Kachin border region and the Mon–Bago border area will also continue to see active territorial clashes. Cross-border spillover, particularly into Thailand, remains a risk due to ongoing fighting near border regions. The urban centers, especially Yangon, face an elevated risk from the proliferation of cyber scam operations, which could lead to further law enforcement actions and potential international implications. The upcoming International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling on the Rohingya genocide case on November 19, 2026, could also trigger heightened tensions and international scrutiny.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and targets of military airstrikes, particularly on civilian infrastructure and IDP camps. The response and actions of the Arakan Army and other ethnic armed organizations following military provocations will be crucial. The effectiveness and implementation of ASEAN's "calibrated engagement" and any concrete steps taken by the Myanmar regime towards the Five-Point Consensus should be closely watched. Further developments in Myanmar's economic and military ties with China and Russia, as well as the impact of the US's new engagement strategy, will be important. Finally, the regime's response to the ICJ ruling and any subsequent international reactions will be critical.

Strategic recommendations: International stakeholders should prioritize humanitarian assistance and protection for civilians, advocating for immediate cessation of airstrikes on non-military targets. Diplomatic efforts should focus on a unified and

robust approach to press the military regime for genuine dialogue and adherence to international humanitarian law, rather than merely re-engagement. Targeted sanctions against individuals and entities responsible for human rights abuses should be maintained and strengthened. Efforts to combat cybercrime originating from Myanmar should be intensified through international cooperation, while also addressing the underlying conditions that enable such operations. Regional actors, particularly ASEAN, should leverage their collective influence to push for meaningful progress on the Five-Point Consensus, with clear benchmarks and consequences for non-compliance.

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# ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

## Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

• The military is waging war on Myanmar’s women (2026-11-18 03:12)

Junta airstrikes killed nearly 800 women last year. Awareness campaigns are not enough. The world must refer the military to the ICC. Guest contributor Maggi Quadrini On July 14, three people, including an expectant mother in her third trimester, were killed when junta-deployed gyrocopters attacked a local tea shop in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region. By […] The post The military is waging war on Myanmar’s women appeared first on DVB.

• Over 12,000 Myanmar nationals deported from Malaysia since January (2026-11-18 02:29)

Malaysia’s Ministry of Home Affairs reported on Tuesday that a total of 12,176 Myanmar nationals were repatriated from Malaysia between January 1 and October 31, 2026, while clarifying that its official deportation logs are based strictly on nationality verified by the country of origin and do not specifically categorize or identify individuals belonging to an […] The post Over 12,000 Myanmar nationals deported from Malaysia since January appeared first on DVB.

• Migrant leader denied bail after arrest in Thailand; Malaysia calls for intensified ASEAN engagement with Myanmar (2026-11-17 22:26)

Myanmar migrant leader denied bail after arrest in Thailand Suraj Giri, a migrant leader from Burma who’s also known as Veera Saengthong, was denied bail after he surrendered to police in Thailand’s Kanchanaburi Province on Nov. 13 to face an arrest warrant on allegations that he unlawfully obtained a Thai birth certificate using falsified documentation. […] The post Migrant leader denied bail after arrest in Thailand; Malaysia calls for intensified ASEAN engagement with Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• Explainer: What is the International Court of Justice? (2026-11-17 22:19)

The International Court of Justice, or World Court, will issue its decision on Thursday in a case in which Gambia has accused Myanmar of genocide against its Rohingya Muslim minority. Here are some facts about the court. When was the court set up and why? The ICJ is the United Nations’ highest court for disputes […] The post Explainer: What is the International Court of Justice? appeared first on DVB.

• Explainer: How is genocide proven in court? (2026-11-17 22:14)

The United Nations’ top court, the International Court of Justice, will rule on Thursday in a case in which Gambia accuses Myanmar of committing genocide against its Rohingya Muslim minority in 2017. Genocide is notoriously difficult to prove. Here are some key points ahead of

the ruling. What is genocide? Genocide has a strict legal [⋯] The post Explainer: How is genocide proven in court? appeared first on DVB.

• Top UN court ruling on Myanmar genocide to be watched for clues on Gaza (2026-11-17 22:06)

The United Nations' highest court is set to rule on Thursday on whether Myanmar's 2017 military campaign against the minority Rohingya amounted to genocide, in a closely watched case that could shape how courts assess state responsibility for the gravest crime under international law. The decision by the International Court of Justice (ICJ), also known [⋯] The post Top UN court ruling on Myanmar genocide to be watched for clues on Gaza appeared first on DVB.

• Trump is to arrive in the Philippines to talk trade and seek respite from troubles at home (2026-11-17 09:51)

President Donald Trump is to land on Tuesday in the Philippines, where he's expected to meet regional partners, talk trade, and seek a break from a series of setbacks at home, ranging from a major disruption to the U.S. aviation industry to a scandal that has shaken the global AI industry. It's his first stop [⋯] The post Trump is to arrive in the Philippines to talk trade and seek respite from troubles at home appeared first on DVB.

• Floodwaters recede in Southern Shan State after 2,000 acres of paddy destroyed and 700 displaced (2026-11-17 08:34)

Floodwaters receded across southern Shan State's Mongnai, Laihka, and Nyaungshwe townships on Sunday, leaving widespread agricultural destruction and temporary civilian displacement in their wake, though no fatalities were reported. Located between 18-97 miles (28-156 km) south and east of the Shan State capital Taunggyi, the three townships bore the brunt of unseasonal torrential rains that [⋯] The post Floodwaters recede in Southern Shan State after 2,000 acres of paddy destroyed and 700 displaced appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar migrant leader denied bail in Thailand; Colleagues lose contact in detention (2026-11-17 07:47)

Prominent Myanmar migrant rights advocate Suraj Giri, also known as Veera Saengthong, has been denied bail after surrendering to police in Thailand's Kanchanaburi Province on Nov. 13 to face an arrest warrant accusing him of unlawfully obtaining a Thai birth certificate with falsified documentation. Giri, who leads the Thailand-based migrant worker advocacy group Bright Future, [⋯] The post Myanmar migrant leader denied bail in Thailand; Colleagues lose contact in detention appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar begins 30th military conscription intake amid bribery and quota-filling scheme (2026-11-17 07:21)

At least 11 young men aged 18 to 35 who had been detained and charged with theft, robbery, and burglary in Ayeyarwady Region's Laputta Township have been transferred directly from police custody into military service under Myanmar's mandatory conscription law, according to local residents. Families told DVB that local ward and village tract administrators orchestrated [⋯] The post Myanmar begins 30th military conscription intake amid bribery and quota-filling scheme appeared first on DVB.

- KNU and KNPP reject separate peace talks, insist Thai-mediated dialogue must be with SCEF (2026-11-17 05:38)

The Karen National Union (KNU) has welcomed Thailand's offer to mediate peace talks with Myanmar's military regime, but insisted that any negotiations must be conducted collectively through the Steering Council for the Emergence of a Federal Democratic Union (SCEF)—and only if regime forces first curb violence, protect civilians, and allow humanitarian aid access. KNU spokesperson [⋯] The post KNU and KNPP reject separate peace talks, insist Thai-mediated dialogue must be with SCEF appeared first on DVB.

- Malaysia calls for intensified ASEAN engagement with Myanmar at 49th Summit (2026-11-17 02:50)

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim called on Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states to intensify diplomatic engagement with Myanmar, in an effort to ease internal tensions and restore regional stability, on Monday. Speaking at a press conference on the sidelines of the 49th ASEAN Summit in Manila, which is being held Nov. 15-17, [⋯] The post Malaysia calls for intensified ASEAN engagement with Myanmar at 49th Summit appeared first on DVB.

- Bo Kyi backs war crimes case against Myanmar military in the Philippines (2026-11-17 02:21)

Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Bo Kyi used his acceptance speech in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday to voice solidarity with Chin survivors pursuing a landmark war crimes case in Philippine courts against Myanmar's military, urging authorities in the 2026 ASEAN Chair nation to uphold the rule of law and ensure Southeast Asia does not become a [⋯] The post Bo Kyi backs war crimes case against Myanmar military in the Philippines appeared first on DVB.

- UN Secretary-General attends 49th ASEAN Summit, re-expresses concern for Myanmar (2026-11-17 02:16)

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres underscored the need for stronger collaboration with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and an end to the crisis in Myanmar, in remarks to regional leaders meeting in the Philippine capital Manila on Monday. "This is my final ASEAN-UN Summit as Secretary-General, but I will always remain inspired by, and [⋯] The post UN Secretary-General attends 49th ASEAN Summit, re-expresses concern for Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• Surviving Sky Villa owners to receive 60% of land auction proceeds in lieu of legal action (2026-11-16 22:58)

N.T.L. Construction Company will auction off the land and property rights at the site of the collapsed Sky Villa Condominium in Mandalay's Aungmyaythazan Township—where more than 200 bodies were recovered following the devastating March 28, 2025 earthquake—at a floor price of 40 billion MMK ($8.16 million USD) on Dec. 16. Speaking at a press conference [⋯] The post Surviving Sky Villa owners to receive 60% of land auction proceeds in lieu of legal action appeared first on DVB.

• Protest over ASEAN engagement with Myanmar regime; Bloc's leaders open path to full reintegration (2026-11-16 22:36)

Protesters slam ASEAN over engagement with Myanmar regime Protesters in the Philippine capital unfurled a massive banner depicting military regime leader Min Aung Hlaing as leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations gathered in Manila for the 49th ASEAN Summit, condemning five member states for engaging with Naypyidaw and demanding his arrest for alleged [⋯] The post Protest over ASEAN engagement with Myanmar regime; Bloc's leaders open path to full reintegration appeared first on DVB.

• Chinese premier lauds 'extraordinary' ties with ASEAN ahead of Trump visit (2026-11-16 09:00)

Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Monday hailed what he called the "truly extraordinary" achievements of China and Southeast Asia in the face of global trade restrictions, expressing Beijing's commitment to free trade at a regional summit ahead of U.S. President Donald Trump's arrival. In opening remarks to regional leaders during the Association of Southeast Asian [⋯] The post Chinese premier lauds 'extraordinary' ties with ASEAN ahead of Trump visit appeared first on DVB.

• Military sends convoy to Mogok as clashes persist one year after handover (2026-11-16 06:51)

The regime's Infantry Battalion 95 in Mandalay Region reportedly sent a 17-vehicle convoy carrying troops to reinforce its positions in Mogok Township on Friday, as sporadic clashes with resistance forces continues on the outskirts of the town—one year after the ethnic Palaung Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) handed it over to regime forces in November [⋯] The post Military sends convoy to Mogok as clashes persist one year after handover appeared first on DVB.

• Protesters in Philippines slam ASEAN over engagement with Myanmar regime (2026-11-16 04:32)

Protesters in the Philippine capital unfurled a massive banner depicting Myanmar military regime leader Min Aung Hlaing as leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

gathered in Manila for the 49th ASEAN Summit, condemning five member states for engaging with Naypyidaw and demanding his arrest for alleged war crimes. Organized by Burma Solidarity Philippines [⋯] The post Protesters in Philippines slam ASEAN over engagement with Myanmar regime appeared first on DVB.

• Nearly 15,000 Myanmar refugees deported from India trapped along border in Sagaing Region (2026-11-16 03:34)

Residents in Sagaing Region's Tamu Township told DVB that they have lived in an unguarded makeshift displacement camp along the 247-mile (398-km) Myanmar-India border—without any form of humanitarian assistance—since they were deported from Manipur State over the last three years. They have been unable to return to their home villages in Tamu, located 210 miles [⋯] The post Nearly 15,000 Myanmar refugees deported from India trapped along border in Sagaing Region appeared first on DVB.

• Bo Kyi dedicates 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award to over 15,000 political prisoners in Myanmar (2026-11-16 02:36)

Myanmar human rights advocate and former political prisoner Bo Kyi accepted the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award in Manila on Sunday, using the prestigious regional stage to wear a garment inscribed with the names of more than 8,000 civilians killed by Myanmar's military since the 2021 coup.. Bo Kyi, the co-founder and joint secretary of the [⋯] The post Bo Kyi dedicates 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award to over 15,000 political prisoners in Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

• Mae Tao Clinic wins Okinawa Peace Prize in Japan [AUDIO] (2026-11-16 00:57)

Dr. Cynthia Maung, the founder and director of the Mae Tao Clinic, reflects on the recognition as the first non-Japanese recipient in the Okinawa Peace Prize's history and the Myanmar crisis. Watch the report on DVB English News The post Mae Tao Clinic wins Okinawa Peace Prize in Japan [AUDIO] appeared first on DVB.

• What relief should cost, and what we can do (Part 2) (2026-11-15 23:08)

Guest contributor James Shwe The international mood toward Myanmar's regime is shifting. In October, the United States held direct talks with the generals and removed sanctions on the daughter of a military-linked businessman, saying the listing "no longer effectively supports US policy objectives." Thailand's foreign minister is visiting Naypyidaw on November 12, days before the [⋯] The post What relief should cost, and what we can do (Part 2) appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar geologist wins 2026 ASEAN Prize; Thailand offers to mediate peace talks between military and EAOs (2026-11-15 22:34)

Myanmar geologist awarded 2026 ASEAN Prize in Philippines At the opening ceremony of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 49th Summit, renowned geologist and seismologist Hla Hla Aung was awarded the 2026 ASEAN Prize in recognition of her lifelong

dedication to advancing community-based disaster resilience and earthquake preparedness across Burma and Southeast Asia. “Receiving […] The post Myanmar geologist wins 2026 ASEAN Prize; Thailand offers to mediate peace talks between military and EAOs appeared first on DVB.

- Southeast Asian leaders denounce violence in Myanmar and extend ban on its leader (2026-11-15 22:30)

Southeast Asian leaders said Sunday that Myanmar has failed to comply with a 2021 peace plan and that its military and other armed groups continue to attack civilians, prompting them to extend a ban on Myanmar’s leader attending the bloc’s annual summits. The stern rebuke by leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), […] The post Southeast Asian leaders denounce violence in Myanmar and extend ban on its leader appeared first on DVB.

- ASEAN keeps Myanmar restrictions but opens path to political return (2026-11-15 22:22)

Southeast Asian leaders said on Sunday they may consider gradually restoring Myanmar’s full political representation in the regional bloc, if the country makes progress on their longstanding plan to resolve its five-year-old crisis. Leaders of the 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed at a summit in Manila, Philippines, to maintain their policy of […] The post ASEAN keeps Myanmar restrictions but opens path to political return appeared first on DVB.

- ASEAN to continue ‘constructive and principled engagement’ with Myanmar, states Philippines (2026-11-15 06:25)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed to continue its “constructive and principled engagement” with Myanmar, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said at the 49th ASEAN Summit on Sunday. Marcos, chairing the annual ASEAN summit in Manila, said he hoped the regional bloc could advance the implementation of its Five-Point Consensus, which is […] The post ASEAN to continue ‘constructive and principled engagement’ with Myanmar, states Philippines appeared first on DVB.

- Civilian toll mounts in Rakhine State as Myanmar Air Force strikes IDP camps and infrastructure (2026-11-15 04:48)

At least 12 civilians, including a five-year-old child, were killed and 18 others were injured during airstrikes carried out by the Myanmar Air Force on an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Arakan State’s Ponnagyun Township on Friday. Six IDPs were killed at the “Byarla” IDP camp in Ponnagyun on Oct 4. Wai Hun Aung, […] The post Civilian toll mounts in Rakhine State as Myanmar Air Force strikes IDP camps and infrastructure appeared first on DVB.

- Myanmar geologist awarded 2026 ASEAN Prize at 49th Summit in the Philippines (2026-11-15 04:14)

At the opening ceremony of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 49th Summit, renowned Myanmar geologist and seismologist Hla Hla Aung was awarded the 2026 ASEAN Prize in recognition of her lifelong dedication to advancing community-based disaster resilience and earthquake preparedness across Myanmar and Southeast Asia. “Receiving the ASEAN Prize is a reminder that [⋯] The post Myanmar geologist awarded 2026 ASEAN Prize at 49th Summit in the Philippines appeared first on DVB.

• Do sanctions work in Myanmar, and who pays? (Part 1) (2026-11-15 03:07)

Guest contributor James H. Shwe Ask 10 people in Myanmar what “sanctions” means and you may get 10 different answers. For some, the word recalls the early 2000s, when garment factories closed and young women lost their jobs. For others, it means a list of generals who can no longer shop in Singapore. The military’s [⋯] The post Do sanctions work in Myanmar, and who pays? (Part 1) appeared first on DVB.

• Southeast Asian leaders will call for peaceful resolutions of conflicts with Trump to join talks (2026-11-15 02:37)

Some of the world’s most intractable conflicts will be high on the agenda when Southeast Asian leaders gather in the Philippine capital for annual summit meetings this weekend. U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to join them for the final talks. The three-day summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and their Asian [⋯] The post Southeast Asian leaders will call for peaceful resolutions of conflicts with Trump to join talks appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN unity faces test as energy crisis, regional conflicts loom over summit (2026-11-15 02:28)

Southeast Asian foreign ministers begin meetings in Manila on Saturday as the regional bloc seeks a coordinated response to surging energy costs, security tensions, and an approaching El Niño, challenges Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has said demand collective action. “Especially at a time when we face multiple crises, from rising oil prices to security [⋯] The post ASEAN unity faces test as energy crisis, regional conflicts loom over summit appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN not easing Myanmar approach, bloc’s special envoy says (2026-11-14 23:07)

ASEAN is not relaxing its approach to Myanmar under its Five-Point Consensus, though proposals concerning the country’s participation in high-level meetings remain under discussion, the bloc’s special envoy on Myanmar said on Saturday. The Five-Point Consensus is ASEAN’s main framework for responding to the crisis in Myanmar after a military coup there in 2021. It [⋯] The post ASEAN not easing Myanmar approach, bloc’s special envoy says appeared first on DVB.

• Mae Tao Clinic wins Okinawa Peace Prize in Japan (2026-11-14 22:57)

Dr. Cynthia Maung, the founder and director of the Mae Tao Clinic, reflects on the recognition as the first non-Japanese recipient in the Okinawa Peace Prize's history and the Myanmar crisis. Read more The post Mae Tao Clinic wins Okinawa Peace Prize in Japan appeared first on DVB.

• A Lost Bird: Between Genocide and Displacement (review) (2026-11-14 01:34)

Guest contributor Seán Donal Barry Love, exile and dreams. In A Lost Bird, Rohingya poet Pacifist Farooq responds to the dehumanisation of his people with remarkable humanity and poetic restraint. Pacifist Farooq dedicates A Lost Bird: Between Genocide and Displacement to his mother and six sisters and begins by establishing faith, family, prayer, and love. [⋯] The post A Lost Bird: Between Genocide and Displacement (review) appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN leaders set to review peace plan, decide on Myanmar crisis at 49th summit (2026-11-14 01:31)

Leaders of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states are set to review the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, the regional bloc's peace plan on the Myanmar crisis, during the 49th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings Nov. 15-17, the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) stated on Friday. Foreign Affairs spokesperson for ASEAN Affairs [⋯] The post ASEAN leaders set to review peace plan, decide on Myanmar crisis at 49th summit appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar migrant leader surrenders to Thai police after arrest warrant issued (2026-11-13 22:58)

Prominent Myanmar migrant rights leader Suraj Giri, also known as Veera Saengthong, turned himself in to police in Thailand's Kanchanaburi Province on Friday following a court-issued arrest warrant over allegations that he unlawfully obtained a Thai birth certificate using falsified documentation. According to Thai media reports, Giri—who heads the migrant advocacy organization Bright Future—presented himself [⋯] The post Myanmar migrant leader surrenders to Thai police after arrest warrant issued appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN faces Myanmar dilemma as some members pursue closer ties (2026-11-13 08:50)

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is under increasing pressure at its upcoming summit to ease a five-year ban on Myanmar's senior regime officials attending high-level meetings, after Thailand and several other members stepped up engagement despite the country's ongoing civil war. Leaders of ASEAN are set to review their decision to exclude Myanmar [⋯] The post ASEAN faces Myanmar dilemma as some members pursue closer ties appeared first on DVB.

• Thailand offers to mediate talks between Myanmar regime and 2 ethnic armed groups (2026-11-13 08:28)

Thailand has offered to facilitate talks between Myanmar's military regime and ethnic armed groups, including the Karen National Union (KNU) and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP), Thai Foreign Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow announced at a press conference in Bangkok on Thursday. "Myanmar agreed to the proposal in principle when I conveyed Thailand's readiness to facilitate talks [⋯] The post Thailand offers to mediate talks between Myanmar regime and 2 ethnic armed groups appeared first on DVB.

- A Q&A; with Magnitsky Award Winner Ye Lin Myint from Justice and Accountability Initiative (2026-11-13 04:13)

Myanmar human rights campaigner Ye Lin Myint, founding chair of Sweden-based Justice and Accountability Initiative (JAI), received the 2026 Magnitsky Human Rights Award for "outstanding legal contribution to human rights" in London on Nov. 12 for his human rights work, including spearheading legal action in Norway to hold Norwegian telecommunications firm Telenor accountable after it [⋯] The post A Q&A with Magnitsky Award Winner Ye Lin Myint from Justice and Accountability Initiative appeared first on DVB.

- Bangladesh urges global action on Rohingya repatriation as refugee population reaches 1.5 million (2026-11-13 04:03)

Bangladesh urged coordinated global diplomatic action on Wednesday to secure the safe, voluntary, and dignified repatriation of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar, warning that the displaced population sheltering within its borders has now surpassed 1.5 million. The appeal came during a bilateral meeting at the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka between Bangladeshi Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed and [⋯] The post Bangladesh urges global action on Rohingya repatriation as refugee population reaches 1.5 million appeared first on DVB.

- Ahead of ASEAN Summit, Bangkok urges Naypyidaw to prevent cross-border spillover (2026-11-13 03:17)

Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow met with Myanmar military regime leader Min Aung Hlaing in Naypyidaw on Nov. 12, pressing for de-escalation along their shared frontier and action on cross-border river pollution just days ahead of the 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila. During his official visit—which [⋯] The post Ahead of ASEAN Summit, Bangkok urges Naypyidaw to prevent cross-border spillover appeared first on DVB.

- Four private hospitals in Sagaing Region shuttered following death of military official's relative (2026-11-13 02:58)

The regime's local administration in Shwebo Township ordered the temporary closure of all four private hospitals in the town on Nov. 8, abruptly cutting off primary private healthcare for residents and triggering a scramble among inpatients to secure treatment elsewhere. Sources close to the state-run Shwebo General Hospital told DVB that local authorities issued the [⋯] The post Four private hospitals in Sagaing Region shuttered following death of military

official’s relative appeared first on DVB.

• South Korean President Lee Jae Myung to attend 49th ASEAN Summit in the Philippines (2026-11-13 02:48)

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung will visit the Philippines and China from November 16 to 19 to attend the South Korea-ASEAN summit in Manila and APEC summit in Shenzhen, National Security Adviser Wi Sung-lac said on Thursday. In Manila, Lee will also attend the Mekong-Korea summit on November 16 for talks with five Mekong [⋯] The post South Korean President Lee Jae Myung to attend 49th ASEAN Summit in the Philippines appeared first on DVB.

• Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend 49th ASEAN summit in the Philippines (2026-11-13 02:45)

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Philippines from November 16 to 17 to attend the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Manila, India’s foreign ministry said on Thursday. India is a strategic partner of the 11-member grouping consisting of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, [⋯] The post Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend 49th ASEAN summit in the Philippines appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar at a crossroads: International justice, accountability and federal democracy (2026-11-12 22:48)

Guest contributor Linn Thant Myanmar is approaching a defining moment in its modern history. More than five years after the military seized power in February 2021, the country remains trapped in a devastating conflict marked by airstrikes against civilians, mass displacement, food insecurity and widespread destruction of public infrastructure. Yet the central question is no [⋯] The post Myanmar at a crossroads: International justice, accountability and federal democracy appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar regime excluded from 49th ASEAN Summit; Embassies tighten passport renewal rules (2026-11-12 22:24)

Myanmar regime excluded from ASEAN Summit in Manila The Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) stated on Wednesday that a representative from Myanmar’s ASEAN Affairs Department will attend the 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila, Philippines, from Nov. 15-17 as senior regime officials have been barred since 2021 following the military [⋯] The post Myanmar regime excluded from 49th ASEAN Summit; Embassies tighten passport renewal rules appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 5 (2026-11-12 22:20)

In this six-part series: Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 5 we explain the the restrictions on sensitive materials and technology and the responsibilities of running a nuclear program. The post Myanmar’s Nuclear Ambitions – Episode 5 appeared first on DVB.

• Exodus in Karen State’s Shwe Kokko as Chinese-run cyber scams relocate to Payathonzu (2026-11-12 09:40)

An undisclosed number of Chinese nationals allegedly involved in transnational cyber scam operations have been relocated south along the Thai-Myanmar border from Shwe Kokko in Myawaddy Township to Payathonzu in Kyain Seikgyi Township, paying substantial transit bribes to pro-military forces at checkpoints along the corridor. Shwe Kokko, located 16 miles (25 km) north of the […] The post Exodus in Karen State’s Shwe Kokko as Chinese-run cyber scams relocate to Payathonzu appeared first on DVB.

• The International Court of Justice verdict won’t absolve Aung San Suu Kyi (2026-11-12 07:15)

Guest contributor Fergus Harlow The International Court of Justice has scheduled its judgment in The Gambia v. Myanmar for November 19 The language around Aung San Suu Kyi’s complicity in genocide has softened considerably since her imprisonment in 2021. Although it is the state of Myanmar on trial at the ICJ, news about the upcoming […] The post The International Court of Justice verdict won’t absolve Aung San Suu Kyi appeared first on DVB.

• Explainer: What is ASEAN and why does the bloc matter? (2026-11-12 06:41)

Major powers will join a summit next week of Southeast Asian nations hosted by the Philippines against one of the most complex backdrops for the regional bloc, from the Iran war that has battered economies to the growing US-China rivalry. Closer to home, the 11 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are […] The post Explainer: What is ASEAN and why does the bloc matter? appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar embassies in Singapore and Philippines tie passport renewals to forced remittances (2026-11-12 06:27)

Myanmar embassies in Singapore and the Philippines announced this week that holders of Passports for Job (PJ), which are issued to nationals working abroad, must now provide receipts when renewing their passports showing that they have transferred 25 per cent of their salaries to families in Myanmar through regime-approved banks over the previous three months […] The post Myanmar embassies in Singapore and Philippines tie passport renewals to forced remittances appeared first on DVB.

• Myanmar regime excluded from 49th ASEAN Summit despite Min Aung Hlaing’s diplomatic push (2026-11-12 05:58)

The Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) stated on Wednesday that a representative from Myanmar’s ASEAN Affairs Department will attend the 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila, Philippines, from Nov. 15-17 as senior regime officials have been barred since 2021 following the military coup. “Myanmar will be represented by the Director-General […] The post Myanmar regime excluded from 49th ASEAN Summit despite Min

Aung Hlaing's diplomatic push appeared first on DVB.

• ASEAN: Increase pressure on Myanmar junta to end abuses (2026-11-12 02:17)

Sham elections didn't wash away Min Aung Hlaing's atrocities World leaders gathering in the Philippines on Nov. 15-17, should more forcefully address the human rights and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar, Human Rights Watch said today. The East Asia Summit and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and partner summits will include leaders of ASEAN nations [⋯] The post ASEAN: Increase pressure on Myanmar junta to end abuses appeared first on DVB.

• German envoy summoned to Naypyidaw over video; Thai FM to discuss Myanmar's full ASEAN reintegration (2026-11-11 23:08)

German envoy summoned to Naypyidaw over video The Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Yangon, Mathias Licharz, was summoned by the regime's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Naypyidaw on Tuesday over a video he made on Sunday marking ousted President Win Myint's 75th birthday under house arrest, where he's been held since he [⋯] The post German envoy summoned to Naypyidaw over video; Thai FM to discuss Myanmar's full ASEAN reintegration appeared first on DVB.

• Shan State capital breaks 52-year rainfall record triggering floods and landslides (2026-11-11 08:07)

The regime's Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) reported that the Shan State capital Taunggyi Township recorded its highest-ever amount of rainfall in 52 years on Wednesday, with 4.05 inches (103 mm) falling in a single day on Nov. 11. Residents across southern Shan's Taunggyi, as well as Aungban, Kalaw, Hopong, Nyaungshwe, Laihka and Kholam [⋯] The post Shan State capital breaks 52-year rainfall record triggering floods and landslides appeared first on DVB.

• Fleeing monks and broken vows: Myanmar's Kahtein Festival (2026-11-11 05:24)

Relentless aerial bombardments and drone strikes by Myanmar's regime has severely disrupted the sacred Kahtein robe-offering festival across Sagaing Region, forcing monks to flee destroyed monasteries, breaking three-month rain-retreats, and triggering the widespread cancellation of historic Buddhist ceremonies. The Kahtein festival, known in Pali as Kathina, is one of the most venerated observances in Theravada [⋯] The post Fleeing monks and broken vows: Myanmar's Kahtein Festival appeared first on DVB.

• Fuel prices in Irrawaddy Region double as regime energy ministry slashes quotas (2026-11-11 04:16)

Fuel prices in Ayeyarwady Region's Pathein, Hinthada, Myaungmya, Maubin, Labutta, Pyabon, Myaungaung, Bogale and Kyonpyaw townships rose from 5,500-7,500 MMK ($1.16-1.58 USD) to 10,000-15,000 MMK ($2.10-3.16 USD) per liter, causing difficulties for motorists and businesses. "We can't buy as much as we want. Nobody knew the reason for rising fuel prices," a taxi

driver in […] The post Fuel prices in Irrawaddy Region double as regime energy ministry slashes quotas appeared first on DVB.

• German envoy warned by Myanmar regime over video backing ousted President Win Myint (2026-11-11 03:58)

The Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Yangon, Mathias Licharz, was summoned by the regime on Tuesday to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Naypyidaw over a video he made on Sunday to mark President Win Myint's 75th birthday under house arrest, where he's been held since he was released from prison in […] The post German envoy warned by Myanmar regime over video backing ousted President Win Myint appeared first on DVB.

• The world's largest jade mines are fuelling Myanmar's civil war (2026-11-11 02:45)

The jade-smuggling trade is growing in Myanmar, exposing how the global hunger for precious minerals can finance and fuel conflict. Libby Hogan for ABC The mountains of Hpakant in northern Myanmar have been gouged into a honeycomb of scars. Men carrying pickaxes swarm over heaps of earth dumped by mining companies, hunting for rocks that […] The post The world's largest jade mines are fuelling Myanmar's civil war appeared first on DVB.

• Bangladesh praises Türkiye's solidarity and support for Rohingya refugees (2026-11-11 02:37)

Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman secured renewed diplomatic and legal backing from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Tuesday, using a high-level summit at the COP31 climate conference in Antalya to press for international accountability and the sustainable repatriation of over 1.3 million Rohingya refugees. During their 30-minute bilateral meeting, Prime Minister Rahman commended President […] The post Bangladesh praises Türkiye's solidarity and support for Rohingya refugees appeared first on DVB.

## Source: Myanmar Now

• Myanmar junta arrests more than 100 suspected online scammers in Yangon raid (2026-11-17 09:49)

More than half of the suspects detained in the raid were foreign nationals, including 52 Chinese, according to a regime statement

• Deutsche Bank's Halliburton financing linked to Myanmar military 'should have been rejected': leaked documents (2026-11-17 06:47)

Leaked documents reveal that Deutsche Bank provided financing related to an offshore gas project linked to the Myanmar military, despite its own sanctions team claiming that it shouldn't have approved the transaction. In January 2022, almost a year after the military coup that deposed the democratically elected government of Myanmar, Deutsche Bank received

a request …

• UN chief backs engagement with Myanmar but ‘violence needs to stop’ (2026-11-17 04:49)

Guterres said the junta must meet several conditions, including the release of those arbitrarily detained, to move Myanmar towards a “true democratic situation”

• An ICJ victory for The Gambia will not, by itself, deliver justice for the Rohingya (2026-11-16 11:23)

The ICJ is expected to deliver its final ruling in the Rohingya genocide case this week, but whether the judgment brings meaningful justice to victims will depend on what happens after the verdict

• Myanmar military bombs Rakhine IDP camp twice in 2 months, killing 13 (2026-11-16 09:22)

The IDP camp in AA-controlled Ponnagyun Township was also a target of a junta airstrike last month which killed eight displaced civilians over two days of attacks

• ASEAN seeks ‘calibrated engagement’ with Myanmar: statement (2026-11-16 07:44)

The regional bloc continues its efforts to end the impasse over how best to deal with the regime that seized power in 2021

• Myanmar nationals among 11 dead in Thailand fire: police (2026-11-16 07:08)

The blaze, at a building housing a restaurant and rented accommodations on the resort island of Phuket, began at around 3:30am Monday

• Global powers converge on Manila as ASEAN summit kicks off (2026-11-15 02:24)

Myanmar junta leader Min Aung Hlaing was barred from attending, with Myanmar represented by Han Win Aung, a director general from the junta’s foreign ministry.

• Myanmar junta airstrike kills two university students in historic Rakhine town (2026-11-13 10:26)

The attack also damaged a primary school, homes, and religious buildings in Mrauk-U, where residents say repeated airstrikes have spread fear among civilians

• Bangkok says ASEAN should accept Myanmar back at diplomat level (2026-11-13 05:03)

In a steady backslide from his initial rejection of the junta’s election, the Thai FM is now advocating for full regime re-engagement in the regional body

• Is Myanmar’s military junta losing patience with China? (2026-11-12 09:42)

Disagreements over territory, ethnic autonomy, and a vital trade route appear to be straining relations between Myanmar's military leader and Beijing

• Myanmar junta tells country that reliable electricity still 20 years away (2026-11-12 09:10)

The regime admits that residents must wait for the completion of energy projects, such as the decade-long Russian nuclear project, before they can expect to receive 24-hour power

• Myanmar junta seizes NUG Special Military Region and PDF camps (2026-11-11 10:33)

The junta announced it had seized 11 positions from PDF, NUG, and KNU forces since early November, including a NUG Special Military Region command

• Myanmar's Min Aung Hlaing remains barred from ASEAN summit despite assuming presidency (2026-11-11 09:53)

The decision to deny the junta chief an invitation to the summit comes as a blow to his efforts to win international acceptance

• Myanmar junta summons German diplomat over remarks on deposed president (2026-11-11 05:36)

Germany's top diplomat in Yangon said Win Myint remains deprived of his freedom despite his announced release from prison in April

• Mideast crisis fuels crude conflict in Myanmar (2026-11-11 05:17)

As fuel shortages in Myanmar continue to bite, the junta and resistance forces scrabble to secure Magway's "Anyar Dubai" oilfields

## Source: The Irrawaddy

• Regime Minister Turns to Migrant Workers in Malaysia to Plug Foreign Currency Gap (2026-11-17 12:43)

Maung Myint admitted the regime is relying on overseas remittances to offset falling export earnings, while promising to ease restrictions if new revenue sources emerge.

• All Quiet in Northern Shan—and for Good Reason (2026-11-17 11:37)

Fevered speculation that war could return to the Myanmar–China border ignores the realities on the ground, writes military analyst Moe Set Nyein Chan.

• Dozens of Civilians Killed in Myanmar Regime Strikes as ASEAN Leaders Meet (2026-11-17 11:29)

Deadly aerial attacks targeting civilians in rebel-held territories continue after regime leaders barred from the 49th ASEAN summit for defying the bloc's peace plan.

• UN Chief Backs Engagement With Myanmar But ‘Violence Needs to Stop’ (2026-11-17 04:52)

Antonio Guterres supported ASEAN’s renewed engagement with Myanmar but insisted that violence, human rights abuses and arbitrary detentions must end.

• Yangon Condo Raid Reveals Myanmar’s Cyber Scam Sector Thriving in Commercial Capital (2026-11-16 12:41)

Regime operation nets 106 suspects, signaling multibillion-dollar online fraud industry is spreading from borderlands to big cities.

• ASEAN Seeks ‘Calibrated Engagement’ With Myanmar: Statement (2026-11-16 04:45)

ASEAN leaders agreed to a phased approach to reengaging Myanmar’s regime, with full political representation conditional on progress toward ending the country’s conflict.

• Myanmar Regime Seeks Closer Ties With Russian-Led Economic Bloc (2026-11-13 12:30)

A Eurasian Economic Commission delegation visited Naypyitaw as the sanctioned regime seeks observer status in the bloc and closer trade and investment ties.

• Myanmar’s Dwindling Debt to China, Scammers Nabbed in Shan, and More (2026-11-13 09:37)

Also this week, Bagladesh confirmed it is holding talks with the new ethnic rulers of Rakhine—where regime-backing China has vital business interests.

• ASEAN Should Accept Myanmar Back at Diplomat Level: Bangkok (2026-11-13 04:41)

Thailand’s FM urged ASEAN to restore Myanmar’s foreign minister to high-level meetings after talks with Min Aung Hlaing, despite no progress toward ending the crisis.

• Myanmar Faces Year of Blackouts as Regime Admits 30% Power Shortfall (2026-11-12 12:24)

Deputy energy minister declares rolling power outages will remain in place nationwide through 2027.

• Three Years After Operation 1027, Hopang Transformed Under Wa Rule (2026-11-12 11:45)

The Wa army gained control of Hopang without a fight in 2024. Residents say Chinese investment, gambling businesses and heavy taxation have since transformed the town.

• Myanmar’s Coup President Barred From Upcoming 49th ASEAN Summit (2026-11-11 12:33)

Host Philippines upholds ban imposed for defying bloc’s peace plan, dealing a major blow to rebranded junta’s bid for international legitimacy.

• Myanmar Junta Seeks Record Military Budget as Millions Struggle With Poverty (2026-11-11 12:15)

The regime is seeking 10.53 trillion kyats for defense in 2026-27, more than three times the pre-coup level, as nearly 18 million people live in poverty.

• Mideast Crisis Fuels Oil Conflict in Myanmar's Heartland (2026-11-11 10:35)

Small-scale oil wells in central Myanmar are fiercely fought over as global crude prices skyrocket amid Iran war.

• Shan State's Scam Industry Expands Under Protection of Regime-Aligned Militias (2026-11-11 05:32)

Despite official crackdowns, junta-allied militias protect scam operations across Shan, attracting young people fleeing conscription or seeking work in a war-hit economy.

• Regime Summons German Envoy Over Call for Coup Releases (2026-11-11 04:24)

The regime warned Germany's top diplomat in Myanmar after he cast doubt on the freedom of ousted President Win Myint and called for the release of detained leaders.