



MYANMAR SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

Myanmar continues to face a severe and multifaceted security crisis, marked by intensified military operations, widespread human rights abuses, and a deepening humanitarian emergency. During the period of May 6-13, 2026, the military regime, led by President Min Aung Hlaing, solidified its alliances with China and Russia, engaging in strategic port developments and military cooperation that raise significant geopolitical concerns in the Indo-Pacific. Concurrently, the junta faced ongoing armed resistance across multiple states and regions, responding with persistent air and ground offensives that have resulted in civilian casualties, including children. While ASEAN explored tentative re-engagement, the bloc remains divided, and the EU and US maintained sanctions, underscoring the international community's struggle to address Myanmar's complex internal conflict and its growing regional implications.

Key Security Developments

- Military Activities and Exercises

The Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) continued its air and ground offensives across the country, particularly in the Central Dry Zone, as well as Rakhine, Kayah, and Kayin States. Earlier this month, an air attack in Chin State killed at least five children, aged five months to 10 years, at a village playground. Fighting also intensified along the Kachin-Sagaing border, where Karen Independence Army (KIA) allied forces reportedly intercepted junta troops advancing toward He Pa village in Mohnyin Township on May 11, inflicting heavy casualties. On May 12, junta forces heavily bombed Mindat town in southern Chin State. Separately, on May 6, the Tatmadaw announced it had re-controlled and reopened the Mandalay-Madaya-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Htigyaing-Katha-Indaw-Mawlu-Nantsiaung-Mohnyin-Mogaung-Myitkyina communication route after counter-terrorism operations.

- Defense Policy and Strategic Shifts

The military regime's 100-day roadmap, announced on April 21, 2026, which invited resistance groups to enter peace talks and surrender, has not been widely accepted by opposition forces. The inauguration of Min Aung Hlaing as president on April 10, 2026, further solidified the military's grip on power, with diplomatic sources noting his long-held desire for the presidency. This transition is seen as a move to cement alliances with China and Russia and to project a form of legitimacy.

- Diplomatic Relations

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is exploring "tentative" re-engagement with Myanmar, with virtual talks between Southeast Asian foreign ministers and Myanmar's junta-appointed representative expected "in the very near future" as of May 12. A Myanmar delegation, led by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Hau Khan Sum, participated in the 48th ASEAN Summit in Cebu, Philippines, from May 7-8, 2026, where they discussed regional energy and food security and updated on Myanmar's political developments. However, Myanmar complained on May 12 about "discriminatory measures" and interference in its internal affairs by some ASEAN members, highlighting the bloc's deep divisions. Meanwhile, China and Myanmar pledged to expand trade and security ties, particularly along their shared border, during a meeting between Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and President Min Aung Hlaing in Naypyitaw on April 26, 2026. The European Union extended its sanctions against Myanmar until at least May 2027 on April 27, 2026, targeting 105 individuals and 22 entities with asset freezes, travel bans, and an arms embargo.

- Security Incidents and Threats

Beyond the Chin State airstrike, an 83-year-old civilian was injured by shrapnel in a heavy weapon attack attributed to "PDF terrorists" in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, on May 9, 2026. The Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) continues to investigate atrocities, including airstrikes that appear to directly target civilians, which may constitute war crimes or crimes against humanity. Armed conflicts and civil unrest are common throughout Myanmar, with local opposition militias active nationwide.

- Defense Acquisitions and Arms Deals

Russia remains a crucial supplier of military hardware to Myanmar, providing fighter jets, helicopters, and air defense systems. A five-year military cooperation agreement was signed between Myanmar and Russia in early February 2026, with details suggesting an emphasis on industrial integration, procurement of additional Russian military hardware, technology transfers, and maintenance of military vehicles. China also stands as a major arms supplier to Myanmar, alongside Russia.

- Cybersecurity

Cooperation in eliminating cybercrime was a topic of discussion between China and Myanmar during their April 26, 2026, meeting. However, a significant concern highlighted in a May 13, 2026, travel advisory is the trafficking of foreign nationals, including Americans, into Myanmar to work in internet scam centers, often located in active conflict zones along the country's eastern borders.

- Maritime and Border Security

Port developments in Myanmar's Kyaukphyu and Dawei are emerging as significant geopolitical concerns in the Indo-Pacific. China is involved in developing Kyaukphyu as a trade port and a deep-sea port, which the United States is concerned could be used for military purposes. Myanmar's military junta has also concluded a memorandum with Russia for cooperation on building a port in Dawei. A 2023 agreement granted Russian warships access to the Thilawa naval base near Yangon for restocking. Border stability was a key point of discussion between China and Myanmar.

- Counter-terrorism

The Tatmadaw has been conducting "counter-terrorism operations" to restore peace and stability in areas temporarily controlled by "terrorists." Russia and the Myanmar junta are slated to continue co-hosting ASEAN counter-terrorism exercises, with a tabletop exercise in Myanmar in August and a field training exercise in Russia in September. However, the US, Australia, and New Zealand have confirmed they will not participate, criticizing Russia and Myanmar for using these engagements to justify their actions.

- Intelligence Activities

India's Directorate of Intelligence Agency (DIA) and Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI) have maintained constant dialogue with their Myanmar counterparts on shared security concerns related to terrorism. In July 2025, the DMI and DIA also coordinated drone strikes and special forces operations against safe havens of the Pakistan-backed ULFA-I in Myanmar, demonstrating a willingness to use kinetic measures against external threats.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Myanmar's internal crisis and the military regime's consolidation of power continue to profoundly impact regional stability and global power dynamics. The junta's deepening alliances with China and Russia are a critical trend, with both nations providing diplomatic support, arms, and investment, thereby offsetting Western sanctions. China's strategic interest in Myanmar is underscored by its vision for a major resource and logistics artery providing direct access to the Indian Ocean, bypassing the Strait of Malacca, through projects like the Kyaukphyu port and associated oil, gas, and railway corridors. The United States has expressed significant concern over the potential military use of the Kyaukphyu port by China.

Russia, in turn, is expanding its naval presence in the Andaman Sea, with its warships having access to the Thilawa naval base near Yangon, and engaging in regular naval exercises with Myanmar. This growing strategic partnership, including a recent five-year military cooperation agreement, solidifies Moscow's influence in Southeast Asia and provides Myanmar with a crucial arms supplier and diplomatic ally. The junta

has also been vocally critical of the Quad framework (Japan, US, Australia, India), accusing its members of attempting to bolster their influence and escalate regional conflicts.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) remains deeply divided on how to engage with Myanmar. While some members, like Thailand, seek to build closer ties and act as a "bridge," others, including Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia, are more circumspect, emphasizing adherence to the "five-point consensus" peace framework. East Timor, the newest member, has taken a hard line, initiating legal proceedings against junta commanders for alleged war crimes. Myanmar's recent complaints about "discriminatory measures" from ASEAN highlight the ongoing diplomatic stalemate within the bloc. The EU and US continue to impose and extend sanctions, aiming to pressure the military regime, but their effectiveness is limited by the junta's economic and diplomatic diversification towards China and Russia.

Military and Defense Analysis

The Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) maintains a significant force posture with approximately 201,000 active personnel and an annual defense budget estimated at \$5.0 billion for 2026. This budget represents a substantial increase, contributing to a projected widening national budget deficit for the 2025–2026 fiscal year, largely attributed to increased defense spending following the 2021 coup. This surge in military expenditure has come at the expense of other critical sectors like education and healthcare, which have seen cuts.

In terms of modernization programs and capability developments, the Tatmadaw has shifted its procurement priorities towards airpower and drone technology. This is a direct response to the resistance forces' increasing use of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). The military's reliance on air strikes has been a defining feature of its operations, with over 2,165 airstrikes conducted between January and November 2025 alone. The five-year military cooperation agreement signed with Russia in early 2026 is expected to further enhance these capabilities through industrial integration, procurement of additional Russian military hardware, technology transfers, and maintenance support for jet fighters, helicopters, and armored vehicles. Both Russia and China are key arms suppliers, bolstering Myanmar's defense industry.

Despite these efforts, the military faces severe constraints, including international sanctions targeting critical resources like aviation fuel and the ongoing erosion of its professional officer corps due to prolonged attrition from the civil war. Opposition groups and researchers estimate that by late 2025, the military controlled only about 30% of the country's territory, primarily the Bamar heartland and major cities like

Naypyitaw, Mandalay, and Yangon, indicating significant challenges in asserting nationwide control.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): The immediate future for Myanmar is likely to be characterized by a continuation of the intense internal conflict. The military regime will persist with its air and ground offensives, particularly in contested regions like Sagaing, Kachin, Chin, and Rakhine States, leading to further civilian displacement and casualties. The humanitarian crisis will deepen, with an estimated 16 million people projected to require assistance in 2026. Diplomatic efforts by ASEAN are expected to remain fragmented, with virtual talks potentially offering a limited avenue for dialogue but unlikely to yield significant breakthroughs given the bloc's internal divisions and the junta's resistance to external pressure. Myanmar's alliances with China and Russia will continue to strengthen, providing the regime with essential economic, military, and diplomatic lifelines.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: Key flashpoints will include the Kachin-Sagaing border, where fighting has recently intensified, and Chin State, which has seen recent deadly airstrikes. Rakhine State remains a critical area, with the Arakan Army controlling most townships and the Rohingya crisis worsening due to aid blockades. Urban centers like Mandalay could see continued security incidents involving resistance groups. Geopolitically, the development of deep-sea ports in Kyaukphyu and Dawei, and Russian access to the Thilawa naval base, will remain areas of international scrutiny and potential friction, particularly concerning their dual-use potential. The ongoing trafficking of individuals into cyber-scam centers along the eastern borders also presents a persistent security and human rights risk.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the scale and intensity of military offensives, particularly airstrikes, and their impact on civilian populations. The effectiveness of international sanctions, especially those targeting aviation fuel and financial flows, will be crucial in assessing the junta's operational capacity. Developments within ASEAN regarding its engagement strategy, including any shifts in the positions of key member states, should be closely watched. The nature and extent of China's and Russia's military and economic support to the regime, including new arms deals or infrastructure projects, will be vital indicators of the geopolitical trajectory. Finally, the humanitarian situation, including displacement figures and access for aid organizations, will reflect the human cost of the ongoing conflict.

Strategic recommendations: The international community needs to pursue a more coordinated and unified approach to Myanmar, moving beyond fragmented responses. This includes strengthening the enforcement of existing sanctions and

exploring new targeted measures that minimize harm to the civilian population while maximizing pressure on the military regime. Japan, the United States, and like-minded ASEAN countries should collaborate on devising new policies aimed at achieving stability in the Indo-Pacific, potentially by offering more robust support to democratic forces and civil society. Efforts to address the humanitarian crisis must be prioritized, ensuring unimpeded access for aid. Diplomatic engagement, while cautious, should focus on creating pathways for inclusive dialogue among all relevant Myanmar stakeholders, as called for by the UN Secretary-General.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Democratic Voice of Burma

- [NUG criticizes Naypyidaw response to ASEAN exclusion; APHR warns against normalizing relations with Myanmar](#) (2026-05-12 23:01)

APHR warns against normalizing relations with Myanmar The ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR), a network of current and former lawmakers focusing on how to improve human rights in countries across Southeast Asia, issued a statement on Tuesday warning against what it called a “lack of concrete action” on Burma by the Association of Southeast Asian [···] The post NUG criticizes Naypyidaw response to ASEAN exclusion; APHR warns against normalizing relations with Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar authorities crack down on cyber scams after US offers reward](#) (2026-05-12 10:54)

A nationwide crackdown on illicit cyber scam and gambling operations has led to sweeping arrests across Myanmar, as international pressure mounts from both the United States and China to dismantle the multibillion-dollar industry. Regime media reported on Monday that authorities arrested 86 Chinese and five Myanmar nationals between May 4-9 in southern Shan State’ s Laihka [···] The post Myanmar authorities crack down on cyber scams after US offers reward appeared first on DVB.

- [Rakhine State capital starts 90-day crackdown to stifle information flow](#) (2026-05-12 09:07)

Residents in the Arakan State capital of Sittwe are facing a sweeping 90-day operation to inspect overnight guest lists, a move locals say is designed to root out individuals sharing information with independent Burmese media outlets or armed resistance groups, such as the Arakan Army (AA). The crackdown, which began in April, was ordered by [···] The post Rakhine State capital starts 90-day crackdown to stifle information flow appeared first on DVB.

- [‘Solidarity Not Charity’ Food Not Bombs Chiang Mai](#) (2026-05-11 23:44)

Volunteers with the grassroots collective Food Not Bombs CNX gathered on May 10 to prepare and distribute free meals, clothing, and essential supplies to homeless residents, migrant workers, and low-income community members in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The weekly mutual aid initiative began in 2021 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the collapse of [···] The post ‘Solidarity Not Charity’ Food Not Bombs Chiang Mai appeared first on DVB.

- [Counteroffensive nearly complete in Mandalay’ s Myingyan District; Military chief to arrange jobs for conscripts](#) (2026-05-11 23:01)

Counteroffensive nearly complete in Mandalay’ s Myingyan District Over 5,000 civilians living in 10 villages located in Mandalay Region’ s Myingyan Township have fled their homes to find refuge in territory controlled by the National Unity Government (NUG) in neighbouring Sagaing Region this month as regime forces have nearly regained complete control of Myingyan District’ s Natogyi, Taungtha, [...] The post Counteroffensive nearly complete in Mandalay’ s Myingyan District; Military chief to arrange jobs for conscripts appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar survivors urge Philippines to advance war crimes case against military](#) (2026-05-11 07:49)

Survivors of military violence in Myanmar are urging Philippine authorities to move forward with a 2023 criminal complaint against military regime leader Min Aung Hlaing, which currently remains pending before the Department of Justice (DOJ). The renewed push for action was announced on Saturday as regional leaders gathered in Cebu, Philippines, for the 48th Association [...] The post Myanmar survivors urge Philippines to advance war crimes case against military appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar military chief launches ‘Youth Training Schools’ amid fears of indoctrination](#) (2026-05-11 06:20)

In his first major act as Myanmar’ s commander-in-chief, Ye Win Oo announced the establishment of 13 “Youth Education Training Schools” in Yangon and Naypyidaw, as well as other states and regions. Slated to open in June for the 2026–27 academic year, the academies are ostensibly designed to educate teenagers, but critics and parents fear they [...] The post Myanmar military chief launches ‘Youth Training Schools’ amid fears of indoctrination appeared first on DVB.

- [Clashes and airstrikes in Kachin State as military counteroffensive continues](#) (2026-05-11 03:17)

Clashes between the Myanmar military and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) continued in Kachin State’ s Shwegu Township on Saturday, days after a deadly series of airstrikes by the Myanmar Air Force killed one civilian and seriously injured three others on May 5. Frontline sources report that a coalition of KIA and People’ s Defence Force (PDF) [...] The post Clashes and airstrikes in Kachin State as military counteroffensive continues appeared first on DVB.

- [Break the cycle of impunity that holds people of Myanmar hostage](#) (2026-05-11 00:11)

UN Special Rapporteur Tom Andrews left his post last week with this specific rallying call to the global community Benedict Rogers for UCA News With the world’ s attention focused on the Middle East and Ukraine — for understandable reasons, given the geostrategic dangers those conflicts pose to the rest of us — too many of [...] The post Break the cycle of impunity that holds people of Myanmar hostage appeared first on DVB.

- [ASEAN sticks to its Myanmar peace plan five years and counting; ‘Cebu Declaration’ made at 48th Summit](#) (2026-05-10 22:59)

ASEAN sticks to its Myanmar peace plan five years and counting The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) called on Burma to cease violence against civilians and release all political prisoners in a joint statement from 10 of the 11 member states following the conclusion of the ASEAN 48th Summit in Cebu, Philippines, on Saturday. ASEAN [...] The post ASEAN sticks to its Myanmar peace plan five years and counting; ‘Cebu Declaration’ made at 48th Summit appeared first on DVB.

- [Indonesian police arrest 321 foreigners in an operation to crack down on banned online gambling](#) (2026-05-10 22:29)

More than 300 foreign nationals were arrested in a raid on an alleged online gambling operation in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, police said Saturday, in one of the country’s largest crackdowns on illegal digital betting networks. The 321 foreigners, mainly from Vietnam, were arrested at a commercial building near the city’s Chinatown section that [...] The post Indonesian police arrest 321 foreigners in an operation to crack down on banned online gambling appeared first on DVB.

- [Myanmar’s Joshua Van retains UFC Flyweight Championship](#) (2026-05-10 21:34)

Joshua Van, a 24-year-old Mixed Martial Arts fighter known as “The Fearless,” mauled Japan’s Tatsuro Taira into a bloody mess at the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Flyweight title co-main event on May 9. Van successfully defended his 125-pound championship in the first title fight in UFC history contested between two Asian fighters by dominating with [...] The post Myanmar’s Joshua Van retains UFC Flyweight Championship appeared first on DVB.

- [International pressure mounts on Myanmar to grant access to Aung San Suu Kyi](#) (2026-05-09 23:24)

A coordinated chorus of international and regional voices is intensifying pressure on Naypyidaw, demanding immediate access to jailed State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and calling for “proof of life” following her sentence reduction to 18-years and unverified transfer to house arrest. In synchronized statements released on May 5 and 6, the embassies of Norway, [...] The post International pressure mounts on Myanmar to grant access to Aung San Suu Kyi appeared first on DVB.

- [How Myanmar’s Spring Revolution is evolving toward unity – Part 2](#) (2026-05-09 22:40)

Guest contributor Salai Dokhar In Myanmar, armed resistance groups pursue different military and political objectives and employ various strategies. These can be broadly categorized into four main types: 1. Groups under Chinese influence: These groups engage the military in ways that align with China’s interests while pursuing their own ethnicity-based political and military agendas. This [...] The post How Myanmar’s Spring Revolution is evolving toward unity – Part

2 appeared first on DVB.

- [A massive 11,000-carat ruby has been unearthed in Myanmar’ s war-scarred gemstone heartland](#) (2026-05-09 02:57)

Miners in Myanmar have discovered a rare ruby of enormous size, considered to be the second-largest by weight ever found in the conflict-battered Southeast Asian nation, regime media reported on Friday. The ruby, measuring 11,000 carats (2.2 kilograms, or 4.8 pounds), was unearthed near the town of Mogok, in the upper Mandalay region, the heartland [...] The post A massive 11,000-carat ruby has been unearthed in Myanmar’ s war-scarred gemstone heartland appeared first on DVB.

- [ASEAN calls Myanmar a ‘thorny problem’ with no clear solutions](#) (2026-05-08 22:58)

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. expressed frustration over the slow progress in Myanmar as Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states tasked foreign ministers with finding fresh approaches to break the deadlock. ASEAN leaders voiced frustration over the stalled peace process in Myanmar during the 48th ASEAN Summit in Cebu, with Philippine President Ferdinand [...] The post ASEAN calls Myanmar a ‘thorny problem’ with no clear solutions appeared first on DVB.

- [Family of ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi call for ‘proof of life’](#) (2026-05-08 22:52)

When Aung San Suu Kyi’ s son heard his mother was being transferred from prison to house arrest, he didn’ t celebrate. He hesitated. “We have not had proof she is alive,” said Kim Aris, who last received a handwritten letter from his mother two years ago. “It was heavily censored, but she was able to convey [...] The post Family of ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi call for ‘proof of life’ appeared first on DVB.

- [How Myanmar’ s Spring Revolution is evolving toward unity – Part 1](#) (2026-05-08 22:37)

Guest contributor Salai Dokhar When people talk about the Spring Revolution, they immediately think only of the democratic movement that emerged inside Myanmar following the military coup led by Min Aung Hlaing on February 1, 2021. Based on such perceptions, they analyze whether the Spring Revolution will succeed, where it currently stands, and whether it [...] The post How Myanmar’ s Spring Revolution is evolving toward unity – Part 1 appeared first on DVB.

- [Southeast Asian leaders seek strategy to ease impacts of Iran war](#) (2026-05-08 04:46)

Leaders of Southeast Asian countries holding a summit on Friday are expected to thrash out a coordinated response to the impacts of the Middle East crisis, as they aim to ease pressure from an energy shock that has rattled their oil import-reliant economies. Meeting on the Philippine island of Cebu, leaders of the Association of [...] The post Southeast Asian leaders seek strategy to ease impacts of Iran war appeared first on DVB.

- [Where is Aung San Suu Kyi \[AUDIO\]](#) (2026-05-08 04:39)

The Philippines called on Myanmar to allow the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) special envoy to meet with detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi, pressing for greater transparency after the regime in Naypyidaw signalled it would let her to serve the remainder of her 18-year sentence under house arrest. Read more. The post [Where is Aung San Suu Kyi \[AUDIO\]](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [Where is Aung San Suu Kyi? \[VIDEO\]](#) (2026-05-08 04:04)

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- [‘Get the Story Out’ : Former NLD advisor slams military’ s economic mismanagement](#) (2026-05-07 23:52)

Former National League for Democracy (NLD) party economic policy advisor and political prisoner Sean Turnell is calling on the international community to demand “proof of life” for jailed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, while fiercely condemning the military regime for driving the country’ s economy into a state of “monetary disaster” since the military coup [...] The post [‘Get the Story Out’ : Former NLD advisor slams military’ s economic mismanagement](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [ASEAN Special Envoy to Myanmar says ‘comprehensive update’ on crisis expected at 48th Summit](#) (2026-05-07 23:00)

Myanmar crisis on agenda at 48th ASEAN Summit The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2026 Special Envoy to Burma Ma Theresa Lazaro stated on Wednesday that a “comprehensive update” on the crisis in Burma would be discussed at the 48th ASEAN summit in Cebu, Philippines, May 7-8. Hau Khan Sum, the regime’ s permanent secretary [...] The post [ASEAN Special Envoy to Myanmar says ‘comprehensive update’ on crisis expected at 48th Summit](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [ASEAN to hold talks soon with Myanmar foreign minister, secretary-general says](#) (2026-05-07 12:23)

Southeast Asian foreign ministers have agreed to a virtual meeting with their Myanmar counterpart, the secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) said on Thursday, as the country seeks to re-engage with the regional bloc after five years on the sidelines. In an interview during the ASEAN summit in the Philippines, Kao Kim [...] The post [ASEAN to hold talks soon with Myanmar foreign minister, secretary-general says](#) appeared first on DVB.

- [Min Aung Hlaing blames sanctions for lack of foreign investment in Myanmar](#) (2026-05-07 09:04)

Myanmar regime leader Min Aung Hlaing used a cabinet meeting on Wednesday to condemn ongoing international sanctions, accusing foreign nations of placing undue pressure on what he characterized as his “democratically-elected government.” The remarks follow Min Aung Hlaing’s inauguration as president on April 10 by a pro-military parliament. His ascent to the presidency came after [...] The post Min Aung Hlaing blames sanctions for lack of foreign investment in Myanmar appeared first on DVB.

- [Southeast Asian nations start summit, aiming to tackle energy crisis](#) (2026-05-07 06:36)

Conflicts far beyond Southeast Asia are expected to dominate meetings of the regional Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) bloc that began on Thursday in the Philippines, with the Middle East crisis posing serious challenges for its fuel import-dependent economies. Concerns of energy and food supply security will take centre stage in two days of [...] The post Southeast Asian nations start summit, aiming to tackle energy crisis appeared first on DVB.

- [APHR urges ASEAN to demand Aung San Suu Kyi’s release at 48th Summit](#) (2026-05-06 23:47)

As regional leaders gather for the 48th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Cebu, Philippines, the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) is urging the 11-member bloc to join growing global demands for the immediate and unconditional release of Myanmar’s jailed leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. A “calculated” move and demand for “proof [...] The post APHR urges ASEAN to demand Aung San Suu Kyi’s release at 48th Summit appeared first on DVB.

- [Energy crisis front and centre as ASEAN leaders prepare for summit](#) (2026-05-06 23:21)

Conflicts far beyond Southeast Asia are expected to dominate discussions of leaders of the regional Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) bloc meeting in the Philippines, with the Middle East crisis posing significant challenges for its fuel import-dependent economies. The meetings on the island of Cebu on Thursday and Friday will include leaders and foreign and economic [...] The post Energy crisis front and centre as ASEAN leaders prepare for summit appeared first on DVB.

- [Migrant workers in Thailand under increased scrutiny; Civilians in Myanmar flee airstrikes into India](#) (2026-05-06 22:56)

Migrant workers in Thailand under increased scrutiny Labor assistance groups and migrant workers told DVB that authorities in Thailand are launching nationwide inspections on all foreign workers to target undocumented migrants and those whose actual employment does not match their work permit details “in accordance with Thai labor laws.” These inspections are being carried out [...] The post Migrant workers in Thailand under increased scrutiny; Civilians in Myanmar flee airstrikes into India appeared first on DVB.

- [Civil society groups in Kachin State demand ‘total cessation’ of Myitsone dam project](#) (2026-05-06 22:42)

A coalition of 49 Kachin civil society organizations issued a joint statement on Tuesday demanding the immediate and “total cessation” of the controversial Myitsone hydropower dam project, condemning the military regime for organizing sham public consultations and threatening local residents. The massive infrastructure project, which initially displaced roughly 12,000 residents, was quietly resumed by the [...] The post Civil society groups in Kachin State demand ‘total cessation’ of Myitsone dam project appeared first on DVB.

- [Cambodia says strife in Southeast Asia could crimp response to global crises](#) (2026-05-06 22:06)

Southeast Asia’s joint efforts to tackle global issues could be hampered by tensions between Thailand and Cambodia and civil war in Myanmar, a senior Cambodian diplomat said on Wednesday, as the 11-member ASEAN bloc plans a response to the energy crisis. Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are meeting later this week for [...] The post Cambodia says strife in Southeast Asia could crimp response to global crises appeared first on DVB.

- [Miss Grand Myanmar suspended indefinitely after contestant charged with ‘disrespecting religion’](#) (2026-05-06 08:49)

The annual Miss Grand Myanmar beauty pageant has been postponed indefinitely after a contestant’s choice of costume led to criminal charges for both her and three pageant officials. The regime’s Kyauktada Township police officially charged contestant Ei Mon Lwin, who represents Shan State’s Tachileik Township, alongside the three officials on Tuesday under Section 295-A of [...] The post Miss Grand Myanmar suspended indefinitely after contestant charged with ‘disrespecting religion’ appeared first on DVB.

- [Philippines urges Myanmar to grant ASEAN envoy access to Aung San Suu Kyi](#) (2026-05-06 04:39)

The Philippines called on Myanmar on Wednesday to allow the Association of Southeast Asian Nations’ (ASEAN) special envoy to meet with detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi, pressing for greater transparency after authorities allowed her to serve the remainder of her sentence under house arrest. “We view these developments as vital steps in a sequence of [...] The post Philippines urges Myanmar to grant ASEAN envoy access to Aung San Suu Kyi appeared first on DVB.

- [Min Aung Hlaing accused by rights groups of attempting to evade justice](#) (2026-05-06 04:21)

Three prominent human rights organizations have issued a sweeping condemnation of Min Aung Hlaing, accusing Myanmar’s regime leader of using diplomatic coercion to intimidate Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states to try and derail ongoing war

crimes investigations under the legal principle of universal jurisdiction. In a joint statement, the Rohingya Maïyafuïnor Collaborative [...] The post Min Aung Hlaing accused by rights groups of attempting to evade justice appeared first on DVB.

## Source: Myanmar Now

- [Myanmar military intensifies pressure on resistance strongholds southwest of Mandalay](#) (2026-05-12 09:16)

Anti-junta groups vow to continue the fight, even as some forces withdraw to neighbouring Magway Region

- [Words that dehumanise: The language behind anti-Rohingya hatred in Myanmar](#) (2026-05-12 03:46)

Propaganda and prejudice have long stripped the Rohingya and other minorities of their humanity, making them easy targets of violence

- [Still excluded, Myanmar regime blasts ‘discriminatory’ treatment by ASEAN](#) (2026-05-11 11:21)

Members of the regional bloc express frustration with the lack of progress towards peace, even as the junta insists that it has restored democracy

- [Myanmar junta blocks China border trade routes controlled by MNDAA](#) (2026-05-11 09:18)

While goods can now enter the country through gates controlled by the Kokang armed group, the regime is preventing them from reaching other areas

- [Tiny shifts seen in divided ASEAN’ s approach to Myanmar](#) (2026-05-11 07:03)

The regional bloc has been considering its options after five years of failed efforts to engage with Myanmar’ s pariah regime

- [Family accuses Myanmar resistance fighters of killing civilian in Bago Region](#) (2026-05-08 10:31)

The incident, possibly related to illegal logging, is the latest to raise concerns about tensions between locals and anti-regime forces

- [UN envoy on Myanmar quits as head of top Australian university](#) (2026-05-08 09:03)

Julie Bishop’ s resignation as chancellor of the Australian National University comes amid questions about her role as special envoy

- [ASEAN looks inwards as Mideast crisis hits home](#) (2026-05-08 05:32)

The civil war in Myanmar was also high on the bloc's agenda, amid suggestions of a possible meeting with the junta's foreign minister

- [Myanmar dissidents in Thailand face growing difficulty getting passports](#) (2026-05-07 10:41)

Former civil servants who joined the Civil Disobedience Movement say the regime is making it harder for them to live abroad

- [Former FMs, UN experts urge recognition of Myanmar's ousted president](#) (2026-05-07 08:53)

The call comes as ASEAN faces growing divisions over how to deal with the regime that seized power in Myanmar more than five years ago

- [Two hostages, including elderly disabled woman, killed by Myanmar junta troops in Magway](#) (2026-05-07 05:51)

Regime forces advancing through Magway's Salin Township have also torched hundreds of homes there since late last month

- [Rakhine residents express outrage after suspect in child rape case escapes AA custody](#) (2026-05-06 15:02)

The incident comes as the group works to establish its own administrative system in areas seized from Myanmar's military

- [11 Myanmar resistance fighters killed in ambush](#) (2026-05-06 05:59)

The attack, in Mandalay's Taungtha Township, comes as the regime steps up its efforts to regain control of key transport routes in the region