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## Situation Overview

1,735+ KILLED

13,171+ ARRESTED

10,131+ DETAINED

1,976 EVADING ARREST



### The Myanmar Junta Must be Held Accountable for Atrocity Crimes

Three weeks ago at the 49th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, a new report warned that “serious rights abuses uncovered in Myanmar may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.” It was only the latest reveal of countless findings documenting the atrocity crimes of the Myanmar junta. Over the last year, the junta’s war path and destruction has plagued a nation back to the ‘dark ages.’ Unwilling to submit to a dictatorship, the people of Myanmar have bravely taken up various forms of resistance.

Since 1 February 2021, the junta has killed over 1700 civilians including 235 children, and forced approximately 800,000 people to be internally displaced. The military has blocked aid from community-based organizations. Most recently, a United Nations World Food Programme convoy was stopped and forced to return to the Magway region. Urgently needed aid has been denied again and again by the illegal junta. In states and regions across the country, civilians are without adequate food and shelter as the economy plunges amid devalued currency and inflation. The situation has led to experts warning that “an entire generation is at risk” with 100 00 children displaced and left with heavy trauma of witnessing their parents and siblings be killed by the junta. The lack of psychosocial options available has only worsened the burden so many families have been forced to carry.

In the midst of such horrors, the latest country to shake hands with the terrorist junta was Australia, who has remained silent on their meeting with Min Aung Hlaing which they had initially claimed was for the purposes of ‘enhanced cooperation.’ In recent weeks, the government of India has also extended a hand to the Myanmar junta by inviting them to attend the seven-nation Bimstec summit. The countries which have extended a hand to the terrorist-in-chief will not be forgotten.

The lack of consequences by the international community has only emboldened the military junta to continue to commit widespread human rights violations. The dictatorship they continue to embark on must be met with immediate repercussions.



# Human Rights Violations

VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN

FORCED DISPLACEMENT

RAIDS



*Mandalay:* Another journalist was sentenced by the military junta under fabricated charges. The former chief correspondent of Channel Mandalay is now facing years in prison. More than 130 journalists have been arrested in Myanmar since 1 February 2021 according to Detained Journalists Information Myanmar.

*Pyigitagun Township, Mandalay:* Nine activists who were involved in anti-coup activities were detained on the evening of 2 April. Two safe houses were raided in which two women and six men were taken away by the military junta. Their whereabouts remain unknown.

*Southern Shan State/Karenni State:* Civilians are reporting that the military is physically assaulting and arresting travelers at checkpoints between the Yangon - Loikaw road. Young men in particular have been targeted on suspicions of affiliations with People's Defense Forces.



## Conflict in Myanmar

Approximately 889,900 people remain internally displaced across Myanmar due to clashes and instability.



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The Human Rights Foundation of Monland (HURFOM) reported heavy artillery fire from the junta's 97th Infantry Division based in Kawkaik was fired on the villages near Taw Naw Waterfall this morning at around 7 am on 4 April. Over the last several months, HURFOM has reported increasing offensives in Karen State.





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Reports of 'stop and frisk' strategies being deployed in Karenni State and southern Shan State have also been reported. Men and women have been stopped along key-routes and at times physically assaulted. Suspects of the junta have been forced to forfeit their belongings including vehicles and mobile phones. Aid workers carrying rice, food and materials for displaced populations have also been targeted. The Myanmar military are continuing their relentless efforts to punish pro-democracy affiliates.





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In recent weeks, the military junta has assaulted villages in Magway region (which borders conflict-ridden Chin State) where villagers have been tortured, their homes set alight and livestock killed. The situation has created an atmosphere of fear and tension as civilians are increasingly targeted. People are afraid to return home, and are living on the bare minimum while trying to seek refuge. The military junta has denied all responsibility for their war crimes though overwhelming evidence from human rights groups suggests otherwise. The junta must be held to account.





## Timeline of Events

SECOND WEEK OF  
APRIL 2022

4 APRIL - 10 APRIL

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The Chin Human Rights Organization reported military junta troops vandalized and desecrated a Baptist Church in Tinam village.

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The Assistance for Political Prisoners released a new flash report detailing the illegal confiscation of households and buildings by the junta from civilians, “specifically targeting parliamentarians, NLD members, and civilians for alleged connection to the National Unity Government, Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the People’s Defense Forces.”

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The Burma Act 2021 was passed in the US House of Representatives. The bill will need to pass the Senate and be signed by the US President to become law.

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On World Health Day, the Network for Human Rights Documentation – Burma released a short infographic and briefer titled, ‘Health workers are not a Target.’”

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The outgoing Australian ambassador to Myanmar and an Australian Defense official met with the illegal junta as the country continuously fails to take any steps forward which would hold the junta accountable.

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The four year anniversary is marked when Saw O Moo was killed by the Myanmar military.

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A 19-year old was killed during clashes in Lay Kay Kaw, Karen State, Myanmar.







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