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## Situation Overview

2,021+ KILLED  
14,280+ ARRESTED  
11,217+ DETAINED



### ASEAN Fails Myanmar - Again

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has once again failed the people of Myanmar. Despite calls by civil society organizations to not invite sanctioned war criminal, Mya Tun Oo, to a meeting with ASEAN Defence Ministers, the Cambodia Prime Minister welcomed him in yet another blow to the credibility of ASEAN. The Myanmar military has blood on their hands. They have brought the country under immense political and economic turmoil because of their insatiable appetites for power. The military junta deserves absolutely no extensions of legitimacy by any regional or international governing body.

ASEAN has had multiple opportunities to lead with integrity and discipline while responding to the multiple crises in Myanmar. Instead, they have turned their backs on principles of democracy and made excuses for the authoritarian tyrants who single-handedly derailed prospects for peace in the country. This is not the first time that the junta has been extended a hand by the ASEAN. The Five-Point consensus is a disappointment and embarrassment to the credibility of ASEAN as they have failed to hold the junta to account for any of the agreed upon obligations. The Generals once again have learned that there is no measure of credibility holding them to account, and no consequences that limit their ability to continue to commit human rights violations with vast impunity.

Another example of ASEAN turning a blind-eye to the junta's record of committing mass atrocities was evident when the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the Southeast Asian National Human Rights Forum invited the regime to a meeting on human rights. The lack of action and 'stalled diplomacy' speaks to the lack of progress ASEAN has made. Mr. Thomas Andrews commented on the situation saying: "The longer we wait, the more inaction that there is, the more people are going to die, the more people are going to suffer."

Any invitation extended to the junta should be immediately revoked, and participating parties should show solidarity with the people of Myanmar by also withdrawing their participation. For example, Australia announced that they would no longer be joining a meeting held in Moscow from 20 to 21 July, hosted by militaries of Russia and Myanmar on anti-terrorism.

ND-Burma member, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) marked the solemn milestone of at least 2,000 civilians killed since the military coup on 1 February 2021. A country that kills, jails and tortures with no conscience, and no regard for the rule of law must be met with condemnation and referrals to the International Criminal Court.



# Human Rights Violations

TORTURE

FORCED DISPLACEMENT

RAIDS



*Gangaw Township, Magway Region:* Two seven year old children were killed when a landmine detonated while they were playing. The junta had just left the village and residents did not know the junta had planted them.

*Kutkai Township, Shan State:* Artillery fire by the military junta killed a mother and her adult daughter who were sheltering in a Shan camp for internally displaced people.

*Insein Prison, Yangon:* A 24-year old woman who went into labor in the prison lost her infant after prison authorities refused to ensure she had proper medical attention following complications. This is the latest in a series of mounting abuses against political prisoners in Myanmar.

*Mindat Township, Chin State:* Three villagers were killed by the military junta when artillery shells were fired in local areas. Shells that landed destroyed homes, and farms which civilians were relying upon for their livelihoods.



## Conflict in Myanmar

For the first time, the number of displaced men, women and children in Myanmar has exceeded one million.



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Three civilians were killed by the military junta, including a mother and daughter and a 70-year old man when artillery shells struck their home. Witnesses reported that the force of the blast led to the ground shaking and homes being demolished, including fields which villagers tend to. The military imposed martial law on Mindat as thousands more are continuing to flee and seek safety.

ND-Burma affiliate member, the Chin Human Rights Organization, has continued to be vocal in calls for the protection of civilians caught in the crossfire of violence in Chin State. Locals are regularly being abducted and detained without just cause.





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ND-Burma member, the Kachin Women's Association Thailand, recently released a report, "New Threats from the Air," which marks additional cases of the military junta's impunity as they commit grave crimes against humanity.





## SAGAING REGION

Clearance operations in Sagaing region continue to target civilians. Victims and survivors have been forced to endure grueling and illegal methods of torture deployed against them. Most recently, five men were brutally tortured. Three women, including a youth, were among those initially detained. The men were killed, and their bodies burned in Chaung-U Township. The charred bodies were discovered with evidence of gunshot wounds to their faces and heads. Villagers were also reportedly arrested and used as human shields and to carry their weapons and food supplies. Several were shot and killed when they were physically unable to carry supplies.

Two farmers were also brutally dismembered and killed by military junta soldiers in Salingyi Township, Sagaing region. The Myanmar Army troops from the controversial China Wanbao Engineering Co mine also held hostage nearly two dozen villagers and torched 70 homes.

Additional unprovoked artillery strikes launched by the military junta forced thousands of villagers to flee Yinmabin Township on Monday, 20 June 2022. Two civilians were injured in the attacks, and dozens of homes were scorched.





## Timeline of Events

FOURTH WEEK OF JUNE

20-26 JUNE 2022

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World Refugee Day is marked with calls for refugees to be provided safe passage from conflict zones and be protected while seeking asylum, including from ND-Burma and members.

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ND-Burma joined calls to French President, President Emmanuel Macron to not authorize 'TotalEnergies' use of exemptions to European Union sanctions. The genocidal junta must be cut off from all funds which permit them to commit crimes against innocent civilians.

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The ASEAN Defense Meeting was held in Cambodia, despite opposition from civil society who called for the Myanmar Defense Minister, General Mya Tun Oo, to not be invited.

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Detained State Counselor, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has been ordered to be moved to a new location in solitary confinement in an isolated building within the prison. She is still facing a series of trumped up, baseless charges set up against her by the junta.

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The military junta rejected requests by the International Committee of the Red Cross to resume prison visits.

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International organizations began to express concern over the news at Aung San Suu Kyi being transferred to solitary confinement.

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ND-Burma member, the Human Rights Foundation of Monland, condemned the use of torture against all people on International Day in Support of Victims of Torture







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