

Myanmar's coup d'état poses major threat as death toll surpasses 500

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Myanmar faces the largest protest against the coup since the Saffron Revolution in 2007, killing 500 anti-coup protesters as of March 30, 2021.

The tension between anti-coup protesters and military junta officers continued to escalate since the military seized power on February 01 of 2021. After a week of peaceful demonstration against the military coup last month, military officers mobilized brutal force to put the crackdown that led to the demise of 500 people, including children.



They charged rubber bullets, water cannon, live ammunition, and a gunshot to disperse the protesters that rally across Myanmar.

“500 people have given up their lives and thousands have been arrested and millions have protested. This is all to show that despite all the challenges and sacrifices they will have to make in terms of their income and economy, people are more fearful, people despise a military dictatorship, and that is so strong that even if the economy collapses, we are willing to accept the

cost of it.” An anonymous Myanmar activist said in an interview.

It was the largest protest against the coup since the Saffron Revolution in 2007, when thousands of monks rose against the military rulers. General Min stated that the failure of the government led him to impose a coup d'état.

“The authorities failed to take responsibility. That is why the military had to declare a state of emergency, to take care of the democratic system according to the 2008 constitution, and now we are doing our duty to the country”

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said in his first speech after the coup took control of the nation on February 01, 2021.

It was also under his command that the State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint, and other democratic leaders were put in detention. The democratic leader was accused of fraud during last year’s electoral campaign followed by the issue of illegal possession of walkie-talkies and violation of the country’s official secret acts.

To date, thousands of people are tortured, assaulted, and detained. Many of these people are young protesters who lost their lives hoping to abolish the military regime ruling their land for decades.



Mya Thwe Thwe was the first person to be killed