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**Myanmar: Stand fast until 2 February following military takeover of power, declaration of state of emergency (Revised)**

**OVERVIEW**

**Level:** **Advisory**

**Location:** Myanmar

**Category:** Political unrest, Protest/Rally

**Active:** 31 Jan 2021 - 03 Feb 2021

**Last Updated: 01 Feb 2021 04:47 (GMT)**

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY				
Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Myanmar (Medium Risk)	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Staff in the country should stand fast **until 2 February** following the military takeover of power from civilian rule on 1 February. A one-year state of emergency has been declared in the country, with the military taking over the executive, legislative and judicial functions. Reports indicate a heightened presence of soldiers in major urban centres, including the capital Naypyitaw, Yangon (Yangon region) and Mandalay (Mandalay region). Telecommunication networks and airport operations have been disrupted.

## MORE DETAIL

The latest developments follow weeks of tensions between the government and the military, which has demanded investigations into allegedly fraudulent November 2020 elections that saw then-ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) party win a second term. The military on 30 January said it would not launch a coup over the election results, though earlier its spokesperson refused to discount the possibility of such a takeover.

The NLD on 1 February confirmed that former state counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, former president Win Myint and other leading party figures were detained during early-morning raids on the same day. General Min Aung Hlaing has since assumed power, while former vice-president Myint Swe has become the country's new president.

Protests by NLD supporters are possible in the coming days, especially in the ruling-party strongholds of Ayeyarwady, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Sagaing, Tanintharyi and Yangon regions. These may be met with a forcible response from the security forces, as well as counter-demonstrations by pro-military groups, particularly in Yangon, Naypyitaw and Patheingyi (Ayeyarwady region).

### *Communications*

Internet and telephone services in Naypyitaw has reportedly been suspended, while mobile internet services have also been cut off in Yangon. Although Wi-Fi and landline networks remain operational in Yangon, disruption is possible. Broadcast services have similarly been disrupted.

### *Transportation*

Reports indicate that the military has taken control of Yangon (RGN), Mandalay (MDL) and Naypyitaw (NYT) international airports. Unconfirmed reports suggest that domestic and international flights are cancelled. The status of border crossings to neighbouring Thailand, China and India remain unclear. However, earlier on 30 January, Myanmar extended restrictions on international flights as part of COVID-19 measures.

Movement within the country may be affected by short-notice road closures. Checkpoints are also likely at entry and exit points of major cities such as

Yangon, Naypyitaw and Mandalay. Movement within cities may be constrained by heightened security in some areas.

### *Essential supplies*

There have been unconfirmed reports of panic buying of supplies in some locations.

## WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

### *Inbound travellers*

- Defer all travel to Myanmar due to restrictions related to COVID-19. This assessment is made jointly by our medical and security professionals.

### *In-country employees*

- Stand fast until 2 February. Maintain regular contact with your manager and fellow in-country staff. Keep abreast of local developments by liaising with in-country sources, security networks and diplomatic missions, as well as by monitoring our Myanmar alerts.
- Expect heightened security on the streets and around government buildings, especially in Naypyitaw, Yangon and Mandalay. Follow all official directives.
- Anticipate prolonged disruption to telecommunications services. Maintain a list of emergency contacts, both electronic and on paper. Always keep copies with you. Register all contacts on your mobile phone. In case you do not have access to alternative means of communication, check your organisation's incident management protocol.
- Ensure ability to stand fast for at least one week with appropriate physical security measures, as well as access to secure accommodation, essential supplies (food, water and essential medication), fuel and communications devices. Ensure the ability to stand fast for longer in rural areas.

### *Advice for managers*

- Closely monitor developments and triggers which may require the enhancement of the current security arrangements. These include:
  - Notable protests by NLD supporters;
  - Nationwide communications blackout, including mobile, landline and Wi-Fi services;
  - Protests degenerating into riots, potentially involving looting or affecting the safety of civilians in main cities;
  - Actual or attempted attacks on a senior politician or military official;
  - Reports of targeting of foreigners for detention or arrest.
- Ensure staff in Myanmar are supported and able to stand fast with appropriate physical security measures. Staff should have access to secure accommodation, essential supplies (food, water and essential

medication), fuel and communications devices. Ensure the ability to stand fast for a period of at least one week, or longer in rural areas.

- Activate crisis management and business continuity plans (BCP). Ensure in-country staff are aware of BCP and emergency protocols, including communication procedures.
- Prepare for prolonged disruption to telecommunication services. Establish a communications protocol, including a cycle for regularly checking the status of in-country staff and the use of various modes of communication, as well as steps to be taken when communication is lost.
- Ensure relevant evacuation or escalation plans are ready to be implemented at short notice. Such plans should take into account COVID-19 restrictions and the likely need to have a negative result of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for commercial flights out of country. Arrangements should be made to have a PCR test when safe to do so in liaison with local providers.
- Reconfirm the capabilities of local security and logistics providers, including the ability to support ground transport and any manned guarding arrangements.

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