

Myanmar's ruling military declares a ceasefire in civil war to facilitate quake relief - Los Angeles Times

Myanmar's military rulers declare ceasefire as quake deaths top 3,000 - Los Angeles Times

BANGKOK — Myanmar's ruling military declared a temporary ceasefire in the country's civil war Wednesday to facilitate relief efforts after a magnitude 7.7 earthquake that has killed more than 3,000 people. The surprise announcement by military leaders who also head the unelected government came late Wednesday on state television MRTV, which said the halt in fighting would run until April 22 to show compassion for people affected by Friday's quake. In the area of Inle Lake, a popular tourist destination northeast of the capital, many people died when homes built on wooden stilts in the water collapsed in the earthquake, the state-run newspaper Global New Light of Myanmar reported.