

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

Applicant: Soe Thadar Bo

Submission Date: 2024-05-12T03:40:15UTC

Do you also want to apply for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture?: Yes
Part A.I. Information About You
1. Alien Registration Number(s) (A-Number) (if any): A-234332704
2. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):
3. USCIS Online Account Number (if any): 047402736976
4. Complete Last Name: Bo
5. First Name: Soe Thadar
6. Middle Name:
7. What other names have you used (include maiden name and aliases)?
8. Residence in the U.S. (where you physically reside)
Street Number and Name: 6034 BOOTH ST Apt. Number: City: ELMHURST State: NY ZIP Code: 11373-5526 Telephone Number: 929-643-3400
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8)
In Care of (if applicable): Telephone Number: 646-698-2775 Street Number and Name: 6034 BOOTH ST Apt. Number: City: ELMHURST State: NY ZIP Code: 11373-5526
10. Gender (Male, Female): Female
11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): married
12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 01-20-1998
13. City and Country of Birth: City: Yangon Country: MMR
14. Present Nationality (Citizenship): MMR
15. Nationality at Birth: MMR
16. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burma
17. Religion: Buddhist
18.a. I have never been in Immigration Court proceedings.: Yes
18.b. I am now in Immigration Court proceedings:
18.c. I am not now in Immigration Court proceedings, but I have been in the past:

19.a. When did you last leave your country? (mm/dd/yyyy): 02-06-2024

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 758287375A3

19.c. List each entry into the U.S. beginning with your most recent entry. List date (mm/dd/yyyy), place, and your status for each entry. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

Most Recent Entry Record:

Date of Entry: 02-07-2024

Place of Entry: NYC

Other Place of Entry:

Status: B2

Date Status Expires: 08-06-2024

Previous Entry Record(s):

20. What country issued your last passport or travel document?: MMR

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MH032155

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 01-29-2028

23. What is your native language (include dialect, if applicable)?: BUR

24. Are you fluent in English?: Yes

25. What other languages do you speak fluently?

Part A.II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

Your spouse

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any): A-234333071

2. Passport/ID Card Number (if any): MH032125

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-20-1994

4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):

5. Complete Last Name: Lin

6. First Name: Aung Tun

7. Middle Name:

8. Other names used (include maiden name and aliases)

9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy): 12-20-2022

10. Place of Marriage: No.89 133 Pansodan , Yangon

11. City and Country of Birth:

City: Yangon

Country: MMR

12. Nationality (Citizenship): MMR

13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burma

14. Gender (Male,Female): Male

15. Is this person in the U.S.? "Yes " (Complete Blocks 16 to 24). "No" (Specify location) : Yes

Spouse Location:

16. Place of last entry into the U.S.: NYC

Other Place of Last Entry:

17. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy): 02-07-2024

18. I-94 Number (if any): 758280766A3

19. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any): B2

20. What is your spouse's current status?: B2

21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy): 08-06-2024

22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings?: No
23. If previously in the U.S., date of previous arrival (mm/dd/yyyy):
24. If in the U.S., is your spouse to be included in this application?: Yes

Your Children. List all of your children, regardless of age, location, or marital status.

I have children: No

Total number of children:

Part A.III. Information About Your Background

1. List your last address where you lived before coming to the United States. If this is not the country where you fear persecution, also list the last address in the country where you fear persecution. (List Address, City/Town, Department, Province, or State and Country.)

Number and Street, Line 1 (Provide if Available): 1E Lal Yar Shwe Myay Street

Number and Street, Line 2 (Provide if Available): Tamwe

City/Town: Yangon

Department, Province, or State:

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11211

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 12

Dates: From (Year): 2022

Dates: To (Month): 02

Dates: To (Year): 2024

2. Provide the following information about your residences during the past 5 years. List your present address first.

Number and Street, Line 1: 1E Lal Yar Shwe Myay Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Tamwe

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11211

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 12

Dates: From (Year): 2022

Dates: To (Month): 02

Dates: To (Year): 2024

Number and Street, Line 1: 15 Maharswe Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Hlaing

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11051, 11052

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 03

Dates: From (Year): 2018

Dates:To(Month): 12

Dates:To(Year): 2022

Number and Street, Line 1: 307 A Hlaing Yadanar Mon Housing

Number and Street, Line 2: Bayint Naing

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11051, 11052

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 01

Dates:From(Year): 2010

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2018

Number and Street, Line 1: 47 J Insein Road

Number and Street, Line 2: Hlaing

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11051, 11052

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 01

Dates:From(Year): 1998

Dates:To(Month): 01

Dates:To(Year): 2010

3. Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent school that you attended.

Name of School: Dagon University

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: No 133 Min Ye Kyaw Swar Road

Apt. No.: East Dagon Township

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11421, 11422

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 04

Dates:From(Year): 2015

Dates:To(Month): 05

Dates:To(Year): 2022

Name of School: Strategy First University

Type of School: Private University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Panchan Tower, Dhammazedì Road

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11111

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 01

Dates:From(Year): 2015

Dates:To(Month): 01

Dates:To(Year): 2019

Name of School: Yangon Institute of Education

Type of School: Practicing High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: R49M 8GG Pyay Road

Apt. No.: Kamayut

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11041

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 01

Dates:From(Year): 2004

Dates:To(Month): 04

Dates:To(Year): 2014

4. Provide the following information about your employment during the past 5 years. List your present employment first.

Name and Address of Employer: Grab Myanmar Limited

Street Name and Number: 9/A Nat Mauk Yeik Tha Street

Apt. No.: Tamwe

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11211

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Merchant Operation Lead

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2020

Dates:To(Month): 02

Dates:To(Year): 2024

Name and Address of Employer: IKBZ Insurance Company

Street Name and Number: No. 53, Strand Square Building

Apt. No.: Merchant Road, Pabedan Township

City: Yangon
State:
ZIP Code:
Province:
Postal Code: 11142
Country: MMR
Your Occupation: Insurance Sales Associate
Dates:From(Month): 12
Dates:From(Year): 2019
Dates:To(Month): 05
Dates:To(Year): 2020

5. Provide the following information about your parents and siblings (brothers and sisters). Check the box if the person is deceased.

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Father
First Name: Aung
Last Name: Soe
Middle Name:
City/Town of Birth: Yangon
Country of Birth: MMR
Current Location: Yangon
Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother
First Name: Win Mar
Last Name: Lay
Middle Name:
City/Town of Birth: Yangon
Country of Birth: MMR
Current Location: Yangon
Deceased:

Part B. Information About Your Application

When answering the following questions about your asylum or other protection claim (withholding of removal under 241(b)(3) of the INA or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture), you must provide a detailed and specific account of the basis of your claim to asylum or other protection. To the best of your ability, provide specific dates, places, and descriptions about each event or action described. You must attach documents evidencing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum or other protection and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim. If this documentation is unavailable or you are not providing this documentation with your application, explain why in your responses to the following questions.

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1. Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on:

Race: Yes
Religion: Yes
Nationality: Yes
Political Opinion: Yes
Membership in a particular social group: Yes
Torture Convention: Yes

A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?:
Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail: 1. What happened; 2. When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred; 3. Who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and 4. Why you believe the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred.: My family, friends, and I have experienced harm, mistreatment, and threats. The incidents occurred from the military coup in February 2021 onwards, mainly in Yangon, Myanmar. The harm and threats were carried out by the military and police, who are under the control of the military government. These actions were directly related to our active participation in pro-democracy protests and movements, such as the Civil Disobedience Movement. The military and police targeted us because our activities represented a threat to their authority and control, aiming to suppress dissent and intimidate anyone involved in opposing the regime. This resulted in multiple arrests, physical assaults, and psychological intimidation, with the clear intent of deterring our participation in democratic activism.

B. Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?: Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail: 1. What harm or mistreatment you fear; 2. Who you believe would harm or mistreat you; and 3. Why you believe you would or could be harmed or mistreated.: I fear harm or mistreatment if I return to my home country, Myanmar. The harm I fear includes arrest, torture, and possibly death due to my past and ongoing political activism against the military regime. The primary perpetrators of this harm would be the Myanmar military and police, who operate under the military-controlled government. They have previously targeted me due to my involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement and participation in protests advocating for democracy. The military and police have a documented history of violently suppressing political dissent, and my high-profile activities have placed me at significant risk of further persecution. This is evidenced by past incidents of arrest and severe mistreatment both myself and my colleagues have experienced, indicating a clear and continued threat to my safety should I return.

2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: Yes

If "Yes," explain the circumstances and reasons for the action: I have been arrested, detained, and interrogated in Myanmar due to my political activities and involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement against the military regime. These incidents occurred multiple times, most notably in July 2022 and December 2022, when I was taken into custody by military forces and police. The reasons for these actions were my visible and active participation in protests advocating for democracy and my support for leaders and organizations opposing the military's rule. The government's intent was to suppress dissent, intimidate supporters of democracy, and dismantle networks of resistance by targeting activists like myself, thus preventing any organized opposition to their authority.

3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?: No

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.:

3.B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?:

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.:

4. Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?: Yes

If "Yes," explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted.: I am deeply afraid of being subjected to torture if I return to my home country, Myanmar. The torture I fear includes physical beatings, water torture, and psychological abuse, which I have already endured during previous detentions by the Myanmar military and police. These agencies have systematically used torture as a means to punish and extract information from individuals involved in pro-democracy movements and to instill fear within the community to suppress opposition. My active participation in protests and the Civil Disobedience Movement, along with my high-profile involvement in organizing resistance activities against the military regime, make me a prime target for such brutal tactics. The military's track record of harsh treatment towards detainees, particularly those involved in political activities opposing their authority, underscores the imminent and severe risk of torture I would face upon return.

Part C. Additional Information About Your Application

1. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal?: No

If "Yes," explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you were previously denied asylum by USCIS, an immigration judge, or the Board of Immigration Appeals, describe any change(s) in conditions in your country or your own personal circumstances since the date of the denial that may affect your eligibility for asylum.:

2.A. After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

2.B. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

3. Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.:

4. After you left the country where you were harmed or fear harm, did you return to that country?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trip(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of time you remained in that country for the visit(s).):

5. Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States?: No

If "Yes," explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. "Completing the Form," Part C.:

6. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: No

If "Yes," for each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. If you have been arrested in the United States, you must submit a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents.:

Part D. Your Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

WARNING: Applicants who are in the United States unlawfully are subject to removal if their asylum or withholding claims are not granted by an asylum officer or an immigration judge. Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis

for the institution of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings even if the application is later withdrawn. Applicants determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act. You may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised you to provide false information in your asylum application. If filing with USCIS, unexcused failure to appear for an appointment to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and your biographical information within the time allowed may result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Failure without good cause to provide DHS with biometrics or other biographical information while in removal proceedings may result in your application being found abandoned by the immigration judge. See sections 208(d)(5) (A) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d) and 1208.20.

Print your complete name: SOE THADAR BO

Write your name in your native alphabet:

Did your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assist you in completing this application?: No

If "Yes," list the name and relationship.

Did someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) prepare this application? (If "Yes," complete Part E.): Yes

Asylum applicants may be represented by counsel. Have you been provided with a list of persons who may be available to assist you, at little or no cost, with your asylum claim?: No

Signature Email Address: soethadarbo.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 05-12-2024

Electronic Filing Record

Part E. Declaration of Person Preparing Form, if Other Than Applicant, Spouse, Parent, or Child

I declare that I have prepared this application at the request of the person named in Part D, that the responses provided are based on all information of which I have knowledge, or which was provided to me by the applicant, and that the completed application was read to the applicant in his or her native language or a language he or she understands for verification before he or she signed the application in my presence. I am aware that the knowing placement of false information on the Form I-589 may also subject me to civil penalties under 8 U.S.C. 1324c and/or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1546(a).

Signature Of Preparer:

Date:

Complete Name of Preparer:

First Name: Ye Yint Myint

Last Name: Mo

Daytime Telephone Number: 646-698-2775

Address of Preparer

Street Number and Name: 60-34 Booth St

Apt. Number:

City: Elmhurst

State: NY

ZIP Code: 11373

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable):

Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any):

Evidence

Original File Name: Cover Letter_ Soe Thadar Bo.pdf

Category: Cover Letter

Original File Name: Statement_ Soe Thadar Bo.pdf

Category: Written Statements

Original File Name: 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Protest Civil Movement.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: BURMA Act 2021 Congress Paper.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Section 505 A News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: I94 - Soe Thadar Bo.pdf Category: I-94
Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate Notary.jpg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate Org.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation Transcript Org.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: NRC Notary - Soe Thandar Bo.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: NRC Org - Soe Thandar Bo.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: University Certificate Org.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Degree Notary .jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Transcript Notary.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Transcript Org.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Visa - Soe Thandar Bo.pdf Category: Visa
Original File Name: Photo.jpeg Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Passport.jpeg Category: Passport
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Notary - Soe Thandar Bo.pdf

Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Org - Soe Thandar Bo.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family Member List Notary.jpg Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Family Member List Org.jpeg Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Marrigae Certificate Org - Soe Thadar Bo.pdf Category: Marriage Certificate
Original File Name: Marriage Certificate Notary - Soe Thadar Bo.pdf Category: Marriage Certificate
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Notary - Soe Thadar Bo_s Husband.jpeg Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Org - Soe Thadar Bo_s Husband.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family Member List Notary - So Thadar Bo_s Husband.pdf Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Family Member List Org - Soe Thadar Bo_s Husband.pdf Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: I94 - So Thadar Bo_s Husband.pdf Category: I-94
Original File Name: NRC Back -Aung Tun Lin .jpeg Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: NRC Notary .jpeg Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: NRC Org Front.jpeg Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: Passport - Soe Thadar Bo_s Husband.pdf Category: Passport
Original File Name: Photo.jpeg Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: University Degree Notary.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Degree Org.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Visa - Soe Thadar Bo_s Husband.jpeg Category: Visa
Original File Name: Marriage Certificate Notary - Soe Thadar Bo.pdf Category: Marriage Certificate
Original File Name: Marrigae Certificate Org - Soe Thadar Bo.pdf Category: Marriage Certificate
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Original File Name: Section 505 A News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Preparer Signature.pdf Category: Preparer Signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum