

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

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

Applicant: Zayar Linn Htet

Submission Date: 2024-05-20T01:08:21UTC

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): 2. U.S. Social Security Number (if any): 3. USCIS Online Account Number (if any):
4. Complete Last Name: Htet 5. First Name: Zayar Linn 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: 8746 134th Street Apt. Number: City: Richmond Hills State: NY ZIP Code: 11418 Telephone Number: 917-431-7278
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): Male 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 02-16-2001 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: Burmese 17. Religion: Buddhism
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): 09-01-2023

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 526309659A3

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: 09-02-2023

Place of Entry: NYC

Other Place of Entry:

Status: F1

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: MG978521

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12-12-2027

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?

BUR

Part A.II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

Your spouse

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

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

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

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

5. Complete Last Name:

6. First Name:

7. Middle Name:

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

9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy):

10. Place of Marriage:

11. City and Country of Birth:

City:

Country:

12. Nationality (Citizenship):

13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group:

14. Gender (Male,Female):

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

Spouse Location:

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

Other Place of Last Entry:

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

18. I-94 Number (if any):

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

20. What is your spouse's current status?:
21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy):
22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings?:
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?:

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): No 2418, Shwe Ingyin Street

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

City/Town: Pobba Thiri

Department, Province, or State: Nay Pyi Taw

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 15014

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 12

Dates: From (Year): 2020

Dates: To (Month): 09

Dates: To (Year): 2023

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

Number and Street, Line 1: 8746 134th Street

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Richmond Hills

Department or Province:

State: NY

Postal Code:

ZIP Code: 11373

Country: USA

Dates: From (Month): 09

Dates: From (Year): 2023

Dates: To (Month):

Dates: To (Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: No 2418, Shwe Ingyin Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Nawaday Quarter

City/Town: Pobba Thiri

Department or Province: Nay Pyi Taw

State:

Postal Code: 15014

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 12

Dates:From(Year): 2020

Dates:To(Month): 09

Dates:To(Year): 2023

Number and Street, Line 1: No 703, Thandar Ni Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Bawga Theiddhi Ward

City/Town: Zabu Thiri

Department or Province: Nay Pyi Taw

State:

Postal Code: 15011

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month):

Dates:From(Year): 2006

Dates:To(Month): 12

Dates:To(Year): 2020

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

Name of School: University of Computer Studies, Yangon

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: No. 4 Main Street 4, Orchid street

Apt. No.:

City: Shwe Pyi Thar

State:

ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon

Postal Code: 11411

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 12

Dates:From(Year): 2017

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2020

Name of School: B.E.H.S 5

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Yan Myo Thant Sin Road

Apt. No.:

City: ZaBuThiRi

State:

ZIP Code:

Province: Nay Pyi Taw

Postal Code: 15011

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2006

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2017

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

Name and Address of Employer: MEISTERKLASSE

Street Name and Number: 14 Jalan Singa, Singapore

Apt. No.:

City: Singapore

State:

ZIP Code:

Province: Singapore

Postal Code: 418103

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Content Designer

Dates:From(Month): 02

Dates:From(Year): 2023

Dates:To(Month): 08

Dates:To(Year): 2023

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: Thein Tun

Last Name: Aung

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Meiktila

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Nay Pyi Taw, Burma

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother

First Name: Myint Myint

Last Name: Maw

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Nyaunglebin

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Yangon, Myanmar

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Aye Chan Pwint

Last Name: Phyu

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Yangon

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Seoul, Korea

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.:** I have personally experienced harm and mistreatment. In December 2022, while visiting a friend in Yangon, Myanmar, military and police forces raided the house following a nearby explosion. They detained me without a warrant, suspecting my involvement due to my absence of identification. At the local police station, I was interrogated, beaten, and tortured with electric shocks to extract information about my activities and associates in the pro-democracy movement. This abuse was carried out by military police under the military-led government, motivated by my known opposition to the regime and my involvement in promoting democratic principles through my work and activism at the University of Computer Studies, Yangon.

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 genuinely fear harm or mistreatment if I return to Myanmar. I am particularly at risk of arrest, torture, and possible execution due to my active participation in pro-democracy movements and my prior experiences with torture by the military police in 2022. The primary threats come from the military government and its security forces, who have persistently targeted, arrested, and harmed activists like me to suppress political dissent and maintain their authoritarian control. Given my history and the military's ongoing brutal crackdown on similar dissenters, my return would likely result in severe persecution.

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: Yes, I have been arrested, detained, and interrogated in Myanmar. In December 2022, during a visit to a friend's home in Yangon, an explosion occurred nearby. Subsequently, the military and police raided the home, and I was wrongfully detained without a warrant. I was taken to a local police station where I was interrogated and tortured. The authorities accused me of being involved in anti-government activities due to my known participation in pro-democracy movements and my studies at the University of Computer Studies, Yangon, which is known for its student activism. The police subjected me to physical abuse and electric shocks to extract information and intimidate me. This incident is part of a broader pattern of persecution by the military government against anyone they perceive as opposing their rule.

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 afraid of being subjected to torture if I return to my home country, Myanmar. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical assault, electric shocks, and severe beatings, similar to what I endured during my detention in December 2022. Such methods are commonly used by the military and police to intimidate and extract information from detainees, particularly those involved in political activities against the regime. The military government, under which the police operate, has systematically used torture as a tool to silence and punish pro-democracy activists and dissidents. My previous involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement and other democratic initiatives makes me a prime target for such abuse, as the regime continues to clamp down on any form of opposition to uphold its power.

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: Zayar Linn Htet

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: zayarlinnhtet.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 05-20-2024

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: 6034 Booth Street

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_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Cover Letter
Original File Name: Statement_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Written Statements
Original File Name: JSTOR - Responding to the Myanmar Coup.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: UNHCR 1951 and 1962 protocol.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: USC Law.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: BURMA Act 2021 Congress Paper.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: CFR Law.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: CNN - Report.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Council on Foreign Relations - Regional Implications of Military Coup.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Duolingo English Test_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: I-20_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: I-20
Original File Name: I94_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: I-94
Original File Name: NRC_Notary_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: NRC_Original_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: Passport_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Passport
Original File Name: Visa_ Zayar Linn Htet.pdf

Category: Visa
Original File Name: Matriculation_Certificate_Original_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation_Transcript_Notary_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation_Transcript_Original_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation_Certificate_Notary_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Birth_Certificate_Notary_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Birth_Certificate_Original_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family_List_Notary_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Identification
Original File Name: Family_List_Original_Zayar Linn Htet.pdf Category: Other Identification
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: Free Expression Myanmar - 505A Act of Revenge.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Human Rights Watch - Erosion of Human Rights By Military Coup.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Human Rights Watch - Military Junta Blocking Lifesaving Aids.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Human Rights Watch - UN Security Council Denouncing Military_s Violations.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Human Rights Watch Report - Extrajudicial Killings.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: I_589PreparerDetails.jpg Category: Preparer signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum