## **Department of Homeland Security**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**U.S. Department of Justice** 

**Executive Office for Immigration Review** 

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

OMB No. 1615-0067; Expires 06/30/2026

**Applicant:** Zar Zar Moe

Submission Date: 2024-04-21T18:50:47UTC

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: Moe
- 5. First Name: Zar Zar
- 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: 3927 65TH PL

Apt. Number: City: WOODSIDE

State: NY

**ZIP Code:** 11377-3780

Telephone Number: 929-262-8298

## 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): single
- 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 02/08/2000
- 13. City and Country of Birth:

**City:** Taunggyi **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): 07/28/2023

**Last Left Your Country Other:** 

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 465112396A3

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: 07/28/2023

Place of Entry:

Other Place of Entry:

Status: F1

Date Status Expires: 03/27/2027

#### **Previous Entry Record(s):**

- 20. What country issued your last passport or travel document?: MMR
- **21. Passport/Travel Document Number:** MF756123
- 22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 03/27/2027
- 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?

## 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): 32/122 Aung Thu Kha Street, Aye Thar Yar

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

City/Town: Taunggyi

Department, Province, or State: Shan State

State: Zip Code:

Postal Code: 06101 Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 04 Dates: From (Year): 2020 Dates: To (Month): 07 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: 3927 65th PL

Number and Street, Line 2: City/Town: Woodside Department or Province:

State: NY
Postal Code:
ZIP Code: 11377
Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 07 Dates:From(Year): 2023 Dates:To(Month): Dates:To(Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: 32/122 Aung Thu Kha Street, Aye Thar Yar

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Taunggyi

**Department or Province:** Shan State

State:

Postal Code: 06101

ZIP Code: Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 04
Dates:From(Year): 2020

Dates:To(Month): 07
Dates:To(Year): 2023

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

Name of School: Yangon Technological University

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Gyogone InSein Township

Apt. No.: City: Yangon State: ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11101 Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 12 Dates:From(Year): 2016 Dates:To(Month): 03 Dates:To(Year): 2020

Name of School: Family Private High School, Mahlaing

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Hospital Street Mahlaing Township

Apt. No.: City: Mandalay

State: ZIP Code: Province:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2015

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2016

Postal Code: 10072

Name of School: BEHS 2 Aye Thar Yar

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Aye Thiri Street Ayetharyar Township

Apt. No.: City: Taunggyi

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Shan State Postal Code: 06101 Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2011 Dates:To(Month): 03 Dates:To(Year): 2014

Name of School: BEHS 5 Taunggyi
Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: E Circular Road Mingalar Oo QTR

Apt. No.: City: Taunggyi

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Shan State
Postal Code: 06101
Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06 Dates:From(Year): 2010 Dates:To(Month): 03 Dates:To(Year): 2011

Name of School: BEPS 12 Taunggyi Type of School: Primary School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Mya Kan Tar St

Apt. No.: City: Taunggyi

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Shan State
Postal Code: 06101
Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06
Dates:From(Year): 2006
Dates:To(Month): 03
Dates:To(Year): 2010

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

## 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: Myo Last Name: Khaing Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Nay Pyi Daw

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: 32 122 Aung Thu Kha St Aye Thar Yar

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother

First Name: Moe

**Last Name:** Moe **Middle Name:** 

City/Town of Birth: Taunggyi
Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: 32 122 Aung Thu Kha St Aye Thar Yar

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Khaing Hnin

Last Name: Wai Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Taunggyi Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: 32 122 Aung Thu Kha St Aye Thar Yar

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Zwe Htet Last Name: Paing Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Taunggyi
Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: 32 122 Aung Thu Kha St Aye Thar Yar

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.

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 experienced harm and threats in the past. On February 22, 2021, during the 22222 Protests against Myanmar's military regime, I was aggressively seized by military officials, physically abused, and subsequently detained. This violent response from the military was due to my active role in leading a youth group in peaceful protests advocating for democracy and opposing the military takeover. The military targeted me specifically to suppress dissent and instill fear among protestors, reflecting their broader strategy to maintain control through intimidation and violence.

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 significant harm or mistreatment if I return to my home country. The specific dangers I anticipate include arrest, torture, and possible execution by the military and police forces due to my previous involvement in pro-democracy protests and my visible opposition to the military-led government. The military, having demonstrated a brutal crackdown on dissenters, is likely to target me again to quash any potential resistance and maintain their authoritarian grip. This fear is grounded in my past experiences of violent persecution during the protests, and the ongoing aggressive stance of the military against political activists like myself.

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. On February 22, 2021, during a significant pro-democracy protest, I was forcibly taken by military officials due to my active participation and leadership in the demonstration against the military regime. I was held in a detention center where I faced both physical and psychological abuse aimed at suppressing my political activism and discouraging further participation in such movements. The military's actions were part of a broader effort to stifle dissent and maintain control following their coup, which overturned a democratically elected government.

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 am returned to my home country, Myanmar. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical abuse, such as beatings and the use of electric shocks, psychological abuse, and possibly worse forms of torture, all of which are methods historically employed by the Myanmar military and police to intimidate and punish dissidents. These acts would likely be inflicted by the military forces or the police, specifically because of my previous involvement in pro-democracy activities and my role in organizing and leading protests against the military regime. The military's motive for such torture would be to extract information, coerce compliance, or deter others from engaging in similar oppositional activities.

#### 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: Zar Zar Moe

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: zarzarmoe.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 04/21/2024

**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\_ Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: Cover Letter

Original File Name: Statement\_ Zar Zar Moe.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: 120 - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: I-20

Original File Name: 194 - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: I-94

Original File Name: Passport - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: Passport

Original File Name: Visa - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: Visa

Original File Name: Acceptance Letter - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

**Category:** Other Education Documents

Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate Notary - Zar Zar Moe.jpg

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Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate Original - Zar Zar Moe.jpg

**Category:** Other Education Documents

Original File Name: Matriculation Transcript Notary - Zar Zar Moe.jpg

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Category: Foreign Identification Documents

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Original File Name: Birth Certificate Notary - Zar Zar Moe-1.pdf

Category: Birth Records

Original File Name: Birth Certificate Org - Zar Zar Moe.jpg

Category: Birth Records

Original File Name: Family Household Notary - Zar Zar Moe.pdf

Category: Other Identification

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# Supplement B, Form I-589

Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum