



Situation Room

**** COUP D'ETAT IN MYANMAR ****

Period under review: from 27 February 2021 to 2 March 2021.

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- On 27 February, Myanmar's United Nations ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun urged the organization to restore democracy in the country by any means necessary. The next day the military regime relieved him of his position.
- Arrests are being carried out against the journalists covering the pro-democracy protests.
- Death toll rises to 23 as Sunday's protests result in 18 more deaths. Meanwhile, Myanmar's military urges security forces not to use live ammunition. They are, however, allowed to fire at the protesters below the waist in case of self-protection. Additionally, fights ensue between supporters of the military regime and anti-coup protesters.
- ASEAN foreign ministers are preparing to hold talks with a representative of Myanmar's military on Tuesday in order to call for Aung San Suu Kyi's release and to encourage talks between the civilian leader and the military.
- In the US, President Biden's administration is preparing to impose new sanctions on those responsible for the recent killings of protesters.

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