



## Situation Room

### **\*\* COUP D'ETAT IN MYANMAR \*\***

**Period under review: from 3 March 2021 to 6 March 2021.**

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

### **Situation analysis recap:**

- At least 38 people died on Wednesday, according to the United Nations, when online images streamed out of Myanmar showing security forces firing into crowds and blood-covered bodies of protesters with bullet wounds in their heads.
- Undeterred by Wednesday's deaths, protesters made their way out on to the streets of Yangon and Mandalay. Residents said that five fighter jets had made low passes in formation over Mandalay in what appeared to be a show of military strength.
- The Singapore Government urges its citizens currently in Myanmar to leave the protest-riven country as soon as they can.
- On Friday, pursuant to the new Executive Order, issued by President Joe Biden, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of State, imposed sanctions on 10 individuals involved in the coup and three entities supporting the military apparatus.
- Hundreds of thousands of protesters blocked major roads across Myanmar on Saturday, including in the commercial hub of Yangon, as demonstrations continue against last month's coup. "We can't lose the momentum of the revolution," leading protester Ei Thinzar Maung wrote on Facebook.
- David Swanson, UN regional spokesman in Thailand called on the ASEAN member states to leverage Myanmar military junta to protect people's freedoms.

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