ABC Executive Ministers Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021: 3pm EST via Zoom

<u>Brief Background Situations in Burma/Myanmar</u>

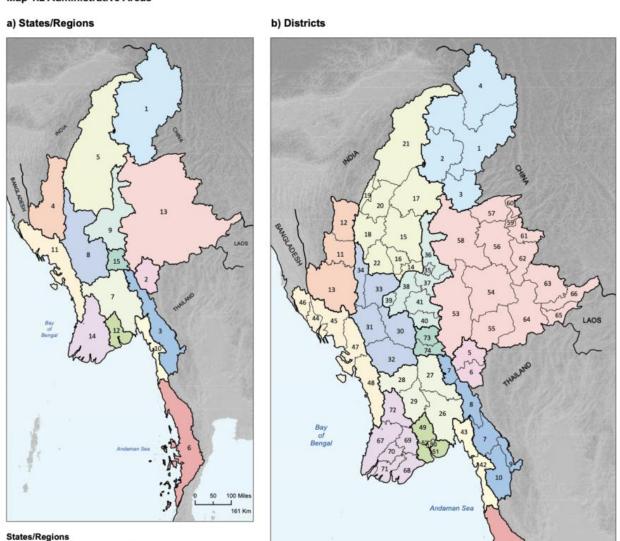Zo Tum Hmung, Executive Director

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Burma/Myanmar is in Southeast Asia bordering to China, India, Thailand, Bangladesh

Map 1.2 Administrative Areas

2014 Myanmar Census: 7 states and 7 regions
Total Populations: **51,486,253**

On Feb. 1, 2021, the military overthrew the democratically elected government

- November 8, 2015: National League for Democracy – NLD won the election (secured 86% seats)
- President: Win Myint
- State Counselor: Aung San Suu Kyi
- November 20, 2020: Burma's election was held. NLD won the elections again with a landslide victory (396 seats of 498)
- The military also known as Tatmadaw alleged voter fraud

- February 1, 2021: The military overthrew the government
- Tatmadaw arrested President Win Myint and Aung San Suu Kyi and others. They are being detained
- February 2, 2021: The military formed the State Administrative Council Myanmar (SAC) m- the military regime
- SAC Chairman: Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the military chief

Newly elected Members of Parliament formed the Committee and the Government

February 5, 2021: 20 MPs formed Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-CRPH)

March 21, 2021: The military regime declared CRPH to be illegal unlawful association under Under section 17(1) of the Unlawful Associations Act

CRPH formed the National Unity Government

- **President: U Win Myint**
- **Vice President: Duwa Lashi La**
- **State Counselor: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi**
- **Prime Minister: Mahn Winn Khaing Thann**
- **Cabinet Ministers --**

Civil Disobedient Movement taken place across the country in protesting against the military coup

AAPP 2021 Coup Daily Briefings

As of June 12, 2021,

- 862 people killed

- **4848 people under detention**

- Defense forces including People Defense Force were formed

Humanitarian situations in Burma/Myanmar UNHCR Regional Update: June 1, 2021

Refugees

- Since Feb 1, 2021: Refugees in neighboring countries: 12 000

- As of Dec. 31, 2020 refugees in neighboring countries: 980,000

 (Note: **867,000 Rohingyas in Bangladesh)**

Internally Displaced Peopple -IDPs

- Since Feb. 1, 2021: IDPs in Myanmar: 175,000

- As of Dec. 31, 2020 IDPs in Myanmar: 370,000

UNHCR: Forcibly Displaced people worldwide: 80 MILLION

Refugees

As of Mid-2020: 26.3 Million (in neighboring countries)

Internally Displaced Peopple -IDPs

As of end of 2019: 45.7

Refugee Definition

The [1951 Refugee Convention](#) is a key legal document and defines a refugee as:

"someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion."

Ethnic armed organizations taking arms against the military

- Karen National Union
- New Mon State Party
- Kachin Independence Organization
- Restoration Council of Shan State
- Shan State Progress Party
- Karenni National Progressive Party
- Ta'ang National Liberation Army

- United League of Arakan/Arakan Army
- Chin National Front
- Lahu Democratic Union
- Pa-O National Liberation Organization
- others

ADVOCACY: CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NEEDED
(To recognize the National Unity Gov't of Myanmar)

Meet/Write your senators and House of Representatives to pass a resolution

1. Recognize NUG and CRPH

(Not to recognize SAC)

2. Increase funds to support civil society movement and humanitarian assistance

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