



# Students for Free Burma

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### SITUATION UPDATE: July 13, 2022

- **Political Developments**

- On July 08, the military junta [sentenced](#) U Hla Thein, the former chairman of the Union Election Commission (UEC), and two other UEC members to three years in prison. Having been detained since the coup, they [were charged](#) under Section 130(a) of the Penal Code for “alleged violations of electoral laws during the 2020 general election.”

- **Ground Situation**

- On July 10, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and other resistance groups [reportedly killed](#) around 35 junta troops in a nighttime raid in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region. A PDF member was killed and three others were injured.
- On July 07, a car [rammed](#) into a flash mob of 20 protesters in Yangon’s Hlaing Township. One person was injured and all other protesters fled the scene.
- On July 06, [the Pa-O National Organization](#) (PNO), a pro-junta militia, announced that at least seven adults from each village in its autonomous region would have to receive arms training and serve in the PNO.
- On July 05, pro-junta Pyu Saw Htee militia [shot and killed](#) two Indian citizens in Sagaing Region’s Tamu Township. The two victims were traders from the bordering town of Moreh, India, who [were visiting friends](#) in Tamu Township. Cross border trade has stalled and Moreh residents [demanded](#) “the culprits be identified and the bodies returned to India.”
- On July 02 and July 04, junta forces raided villages in Tabayin, Sagaing Region [forcing](#) around 5,000 residents to flee.

- **International Responses**

- From July 06-11, US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken spoke about the crisis in Burma during his trip to [Asia](#). He [stated](#) that he saw no “positive movement” from the junta and [urged](#) ASEAN nations to hold the junta accountable in fulfilling the ASEAN “Five-Point Consensus.” He also [met](#) with “young leaders from Burma” and said he would continue working with “the National Unity Government” and “other genuine representatives of the Burmese people.”

- **Business and Economy**

- On July 05, the military junta opened bidding for [six hydropower projects](#) throughout the country. These projects have long been opposed by local communities and civil society for the severe environmental damages, land grabs, and conflict they will bring.