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### SITUATION UPDATE: March 06, 2023

#### Political Development

- The NLD [expelled](#) four of its top officials including Phyto Min Thein, the former Chief Minister of the Yangon Region, from the party for aiding the junta.
- KNU began its Congress [without a representative](#) from Bridgade 5 of KNLA.
- The junta had sentenced over 4,500 people to prison since the coup began, In February 2023 alone, the junta sentenced [nearly 2,400 people](#) to prison.
- To bolster its recruitment and replenish its dwindling security forces, the junta is [targeting impoverished family members](#) of its existing armed forces with material incentives.
- As of February 28, 2023, [13 political parties](#) have registered to participate in the upcoming election.

#### Situation on the Ground

- As of March 03, 2023, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) [reported](#) that 3,085 individuals have been killed. AAPP also said that 19,982 individuals have been arrested and 16,120 individuals are still detained by the Burmese military since the coup.
- Junta troops [tortured and executed](#) a PDF member and 20 civilians including [two children who were beheaded](#) in Sagaing Region.
- Pro-junta USDP is arming its members with [sharpened bamboo sticks](#) to fight against PDFs.
- Naypyidaw-based PDF [bombed](#) the home of Mya Nyein, a senior official of USDP.
- Junta continues to [conduct its scorch-earth policy](#) in its latest raid and arson of Kone Ywar Village in the Sagaing Region.

#### International Response

- On March 02, 2023, the United States [added](#) three organizations in Burma to its trade blocklist, including the Ministry of Transport and Communications along with surveillance firms, Fisca Security and Naung Yoe Technologies.
- On March 01, 2023, Amnesty International [reported](#) identifying more companies involved in aviation fuel transactions with the military late last year. One such shipment was aboard oil tanker Prime V which sailed from Sikka port on November 22 and involved India's Reliance Industries and Japan's P&I Club.
- On March 01, 2023, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim [discussed](#) the Burma crisis with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Marcos [expressed](#) the need to enforce ASEAN's five-point consensus while Anwar said new methods should be pursued to persuade the junta in working with ASEAN.