



# MYANMAR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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# TOPIC:

## MYANMAR SPRING REVOLUTION

Welcome to Myanmar Spring Revolution where we are working to make democracy more than just a dream for this troubled nation! After a decade of forward progress to a more democratic government, the Tatmadaw military junta had a successful coup and overthrew the ruling party, the National League for Democracy, in 2021 on the charges of election fraud. Following this, they have exercised their power and attempted to quell all protests and forms of resistance against their military rule. This assault on democracy has taken the form of everything from censorship to armed conflicts, resulting in the death of over 3,000 resistance members. In conjunction with the years of built-up tense relations between the nations ruling parties and ethnic minorities, this issue has billowed into a nationwide crisis with implications on the international stage.

Since gaining independence from Great Britain in 1948, Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, has been plagued by military rule stifling most attempts at civic involvement or parliamentary policies. The country saw some success from 2011 to 2021 with the introduction of a partial parliamentary democracy and the creation of a multi-party election allowing for the National League for Democracy (NLD) led by Aung San Suu Kyi to win. Despite this, however, the military still held much control and influence behind the scenes, and their efforts to displace and kill ethnic minorities, particularly the Rohingya of the Rakhine State.

This topic stands out among others as it touches on a political and humanitarian crisis often overlooked, especially in the Western world, but impacting a nation and millions of people suffering from a history of unjust military rule. From the junta's driven mission against ethnic minorities, passionate opposition to democratic rule, and irreverent disregard of the nation's wellbeing, over 50 million people are suffering in all facets of life.

This committee is a present-day crisis, meaning we will start debate at the time of conference, March 2024, and we will take into account the actions that happen in the conflict from the publishing of this summary and the synopsis until then. Delegates are encouraged and expected to stay up to date with the conflict in addition to research on the content represented in the synopsis. Representing individuals in the National Unity Government and related organizations, delegates will fight for democracy against the Tatmadaw in the Myanmar Spring Revolution in hopes to rebuild Myanmar lest it become a failed state.

To understand the scope of this issue, one must consider the history of military rule in the nation in conjunction with the developments in recent years and the humanitarian crises facing the nation for years now. This committee will explore the power of a united populus and the will of people for democracy, forcing delegates to understand what democracy constitutes and the steps to create it.



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