

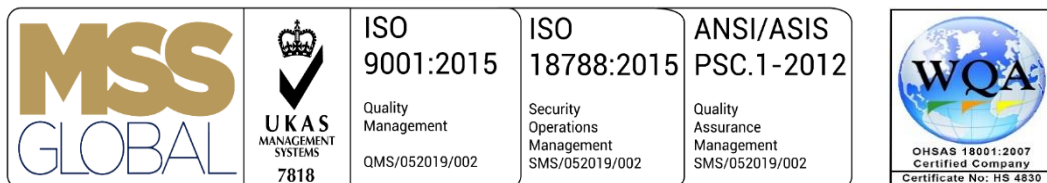
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Weekly Security Review

Safety and Security Highlights for Clients Operating in
Myanmar

Dates covered: 2 - 8 April 2020



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SITUATION UPDATE

In the area of Northern Rakhine and Southern Chin State: Tatmadaw and AA troops clashes are still ongoing in most of the Northern Rakhine and Southern Chin areas. Tatmadaw used air supports in attacks to the area where AA are trying to settle the posts, stations and recruiting. Unconfirmed sources said that AA troops used to stay and mixed together with normal villagers or civilians in most of the villages around in Rakhine. Moreover, native Arakanese would be happy to support AA as well. After the AA troops has been announced as Terrorist group, Tatmadaw launched more attacks to their positions and arrested suspicious people who has links with AA. During the clash days within this reporting period, both sides had fatalities and injuries but the numbers cannot be confirmed.

Union Election Commission granted and announced on 2nd April: There was an announcement of notification released from Union Election Commission expressed as “Wa National Party” has been permitted to register as a political party. Wa National Party will be one of the strong ethnic party in Myanmar. This party will participate in their area for coming 2020 poll. Wa area (UWSA controlled area) has no experience in 2015 poll because of the unstable situation which occurred within these years. Now for the present years, no major clashes occurred within the area and they have better relation with both Myanmar Government and Tatmadaw. This participation is a good step for the Nationwide cease fire agreements and Peace process in future.

INTERNAL CONFLICT

1. Clashes between Tatmadaw and AA in Rakhine and Chin State; The area between Northern Rakhine and Southern Chin state had severe clashes within this reporting period. The flashing points within this report are as below -

1. Incidents occurred on 3rd April, in the outskirt area of Kyauktaw town, the Tatmadaw patrol column was attacked by 3 IEDs near Ramaung bridge site in Kyauktaw township area – NFD.
2. Another two Incidents occurred on 3rd April, in the area of Let We Sar village, Ponnagyun township and near Phar Pyo village in Minbya township areas – NFD.
3. Incident occurred on 4th April, AA troops attacked the Tatmadaw column in the area of Pauk Taw Pyin village, Ponnagyun township area. Initially, some deaths and injuries were caused on Tatmadaw side, resulting in Tatmadaw fighting back with air support on AA later. Some death bodies were found after AA retreated – NFD.
4. Incident occurred on 5th April, AA troops approached and tried to conduct an attack to a Military regiment situated in Kyauktaw town. The first engagement started with the security outpost of that regiment and two AA were killed. All are retreated – NFD.
5. Severe Incidents occurred on 6th April, Tatmadaw attacked included calling in Air support to AA troops, hidden in the wood, northwest 1 km away from Phet Kya village, Ponnagyun township and clashes occurred near the area of Cahy Yar Taw village, Rathedaung township area – NFD.

6. Incidents occurred on 7th April, severe fighting continued in the same area of Phet Kya village, Ponnagyun township and in the area of Laung Kadu village Paletwa township, Chain state – NFD.
7. Incident occurred on 8th April, in the area of Nan Chaung Wa village, Ponnagyun township area. Tatmadaw used air support attacks to AA in that area and reported some villagers were killed due to the bombing to the village – NFD.



The points on the map showed where the clashes occurred in Rakhine and Chin States

2. Seizures of ARSA troops temporary posts, foods and gears: It was reported that Tatmadaw received information from villagers that ARSA troop and movements were seen in some area in Northern Rakhine State. Tatmadaw conducted area clearance operation in these suspicious areas and found out that a temporary post built by ARSA at 7000 meters away from Ponnagyun town on 5th April. They seized some food storage and gears used by ARSA troops in. Another post found on 7th April in Kha Maung Seik village area where food storages and clothing of ARSA were seized. Tatmadaw also

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found some confirmed documents in this post related to AA and ARSA in relation with plan attacks to Tatmadaw – NFD.



Foods and documents seized at ARSA temporary camp via Military blog

Assessment for Clashes in the Area

Tatmadaw troops are now conducting area clearance operations supporting with Air force and Artillery in the area of Northern Rakhine and Southern Chin States. On the other hand, Tatmadaw and Security forces were trying to dig out the AA troops staying with villagers in the villages and also for finding out the AA supporters after the announcement had been published that AA is a Terrorist Group. However, AA have developed strong relation with their supporters and villagers for many years. So, the clashes could be ongoing and become more severe during the coming months.

The ARSA troops movements and activities were frequently seen in the Northern Area of Rakhine. ARSA troops conducted coordinated attacks to Military and Police stations in 2016, resulting in many fatalities and Injuries on both. So, this ARSA troop movements reappear in this area can be considered that the risks turned to be higher level.

SOCIAL STABILITY

No Report had been received for major protest within this reporting period.

TRANSPORTATION

1. **3rd April 2020 – Ayarwaddy Region:** Vehicle accident occurred on Kanyin Lay village, Yekyi township area resulting 2 death who ride on Motorbike.
2. **4th April 2020 – Bago Region:** Vehicle accident occurred on Yangon – Pyay road mile post near 103/3. The vehicle turned over and resulted in one person dead and ten people injured.
3. **4th April 2020 – Yangon Region:** A bus loaded with passengers crushed the guard rails of Tadalay overhead bridge in Mayangone township. It drove over the bridge and then dropped to the ground where some houses were situated. Reports mention 12 people were injured.

CRIME

1. **3rd April 2020 – 4 AA privates arrested in Rakhine:** According to the information received by Security forces, implemented searches and raids to the suspected

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village, Tha Yet Kone village, Kyauktaw township area, found out 4 AA privates who stayed in that village. They were arrested together with stored equipment for AA troops such as Foods, Medicines, Donated goods from NGOs and INGOs, as well as accessories for IEDs. All were seized.

2. **3rd April 2020 - 2 AA supporters were arrested in Chin State:** Security forces interrogated the above arrested privates found out that another 2 who lived in Tharon Aing village, Paletwa township were involved in support for AA. According to this information, these 2 supporters including 1 female were arrested with proof documents on that day.
3. **4th April 2020 – 9 AA privates were arrested in Rakhine:** Information received that some AA privates were staying in the Kan Date village, Ann township. The security forces conducted raided and searched that village and arrested 4 AA privates together with documented gears. According to the investigation on these arrestees, found out that another 5 supporters were living in Sarr Pyin village, Taungup township and they were arrested by local security forces.
4. **4th April 2020 – AA armed-men arrested one villager in Rakhine:** In the late evening on that day, 4 AA armed men wearing with Myanmar Police Uniforms came to a villager in Gee Phyu Taung village, Taungup township, arrested and brought him away without any reason. The villager was once a soldier from Tatmadaw.
5. **5th April 2020 - AA troops attack a civilian vehicle with IED and firearms in Rakhine:** A civilian vehicle going from Sittwe to Aung Mingalar village, Maungtaw township, was attacked by IEDs and shot by firearms by 4 AA armed men near Kyee Kan Pyin (South) village. The driver made his escape but the vehicle was destroyed.
6. **3rd April 2020 – Drugs seized in Mandalay:** Narcotic Police seized hundreds of stimulant pills in a house in Mahar Aung Mayay township and then arrested 2 persons who were involved with these drug trafficking.
7. **4th April 2020 – Bulks of stimulant pills seized in Shan North:** While the Tatmadaw troops were conducting area clearance operations in Kutkai township area, they found 10,350,000 stimulant pills and production accessories stored in two different houses in Lwe Hkan village.

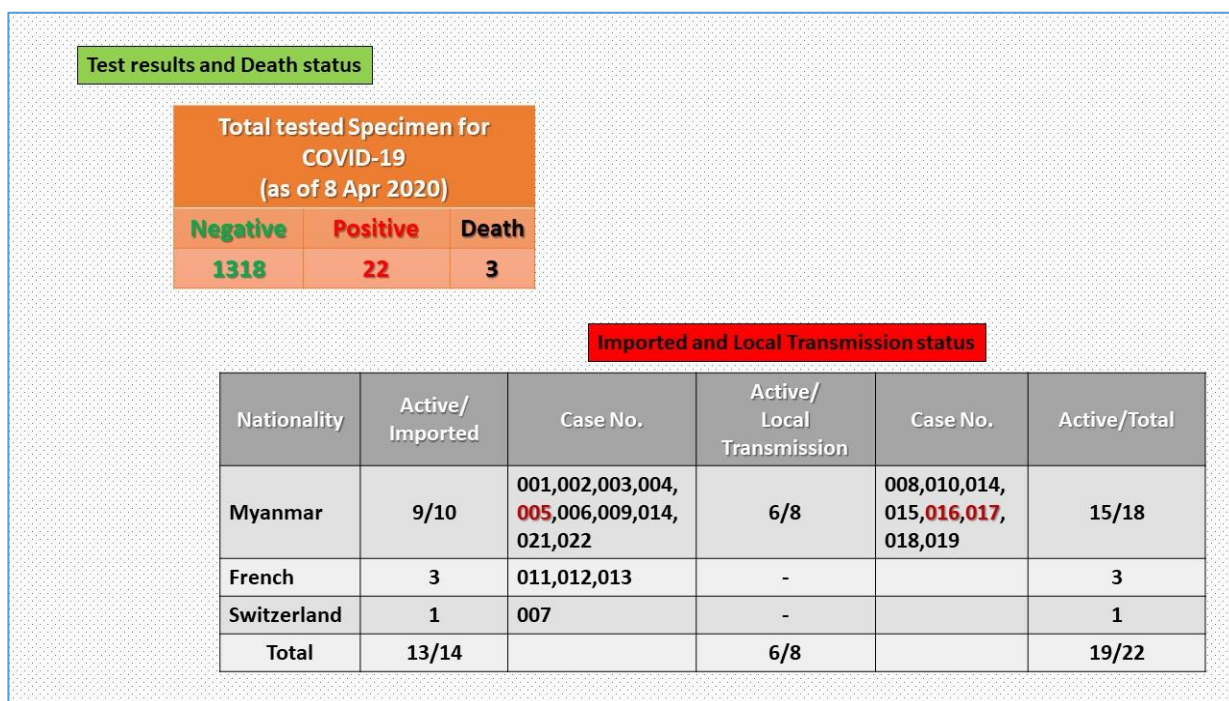
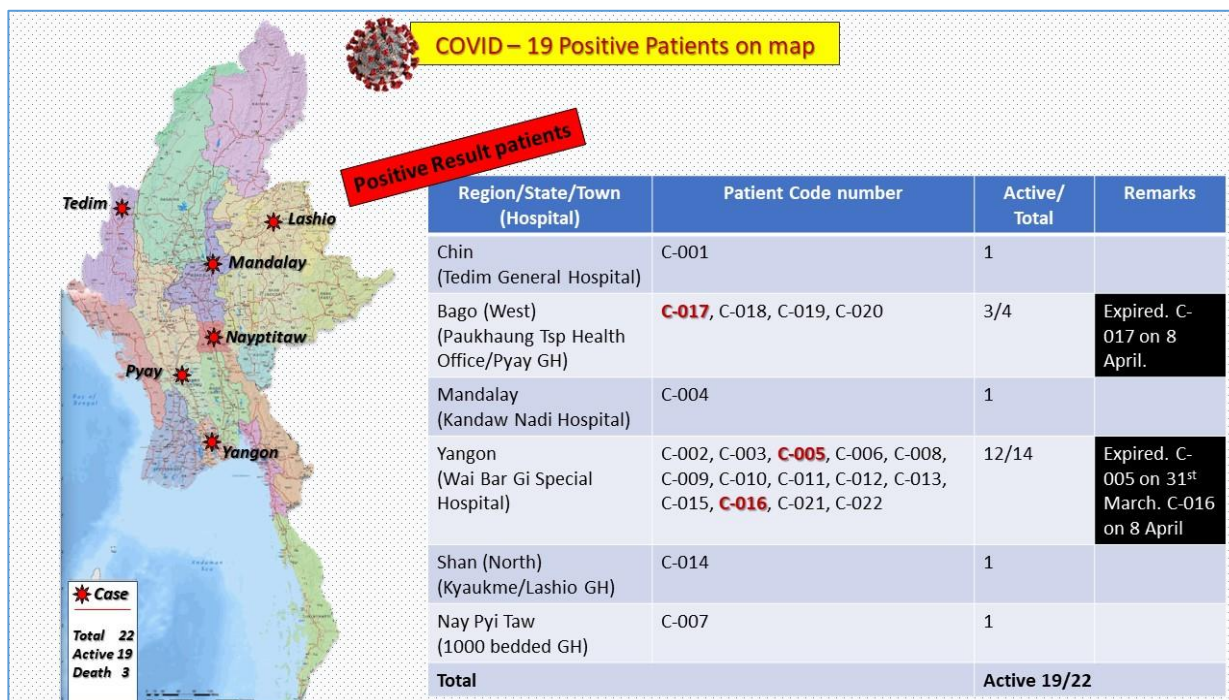
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Earthquakes in Myanmar: One earthquake within this reporting period. A slight earthquake of 4.0 M with its epicentre inside Myanmar Lat Long, depth 10 km, 48 miles Northwest of Myitkyina, Kachin State, recorded at 00:05:32 Hrs on 3rd April 2020. No damage and injuries were reported.

Fire Broke-Outs:

1. **2nd April 2020 – Shan State:** One started from a bush fire near Mong Twin Taung Paw village, Mongsat township and spread into the village. Due to this fire, 32 houses and one primary school were burnt down.
2. **3rd April 2020 – Yangon:** Fire broke out in Taung Thu Know ward, Insein township, reported that 3 houses were burnt down.

Health Hazards: Communicable Diseases, COVID – 2019 update situation in Myanmar, MoHS official released on 8th April 2020, 8:00 pm, is as follow-



- Confirmed – 22, Active - 19
- Laboratory Result Negative – 1318
- Death among Lab Confirmed – 3

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To date, 22 confirmed cases of COVID – 19 reported in Myanmar. They are hospitalized as below hospitals-

- ❖ Tedim General Hospital, Chin State – 1
- ❖ Waibargi Hospital, Yangon – 14, Active 12
- ❖ Kandawnadi Hospital, Mandalay – 1
- ❖ 1000 bedded Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital – 1
- ❖ Lashio General Hospital – 1
- ❖ Pyay General Hospital – 4, Active 3

Recommendations and Advice for the Public

Basic protective measures

- Wash your hands frequently: Regular and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Maintain social distancing: Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth:
- Practice respiratory hygiene: Make sure if the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early: Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.
- Stay informed and follow advise given by your healthcare provider: Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Protection measures for persons who are in or have recently visited (past 14 days) areas where COVID-19 is spreading

- Follow the guidance outline above.
- Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and slight runny nose, until you recover.
- If you develop fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek advice promptly as this may be due to a respiratory infection or other serious condition. Call in advance and tell your provider of any recent travel or contact with travelers.

RISK REGISTER

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STATE/REGION		Internal Conflict ¹	Protest and Demonstrations ²	Road Traffic Accidents ³	Crime ⁴	Health ⁵	Infrastructure	Environmental Hazard
1	Kachin	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
2	Kayah	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
3	Kayin	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
4	Chin	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
5	Sagaing	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
6	Tanintharyi	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
7	Bago (East)	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
8	Bago (West)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
9	Magway	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
10	Mandalay	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
11	Mon	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
12	Rakhine	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
13	Yangon	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH
14	Shan (South)	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
15	Shan (North)	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
16	Shan (East)	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
17	Ayeyarwady	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
18	Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW	LOW

Notes for Mitigation (Key notes for reducing the Risks)

- 1
 - **Avoid** all but essential travel to Rakhine and Shan state.

- 2
 - **Avoid** all known areas of planned events.
 - **Report** any suspicious activities to respective Security Focal Point.
 - **Ensure** drivers are fully briefed and plan appropriate secondary/alternative routes.
 - **Do not** associate yourself with the demonstration – Keep your distance - Do not take photographs.

- 3
 - **Always** use well trained experienced drivers, and vehicles that meet the minimum set of safety standards.
 - **Continued** assessment of competence and training of all drivers (if possible).
 - **Continued** assessment of road condition(s).
 - **Avoid** speeding.

- 4
 - **Take** normal precautions of not carrying large amounts of cash, taking extra care when approaching or leaving a bank, money changer, or ATM.
 - **Ostentatious** displays of wealth in a public setting should be avoided in order to further lower the risk of being targeted by criminal elements.

- 5
 - **Avoid** close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
 - **Frequently** hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
 - **Avoid** unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
 - **People** with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
 - **Follow** the guidelines from Health Ministry and WHO.
 - **Make** sure to understand the BCP for all staffs and employees.

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