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## Weekly Security Review

Safety and Security Highlights for Clients Operating in  
Myanmar

Dates covered: 15 Feb - 20 Feb 2020

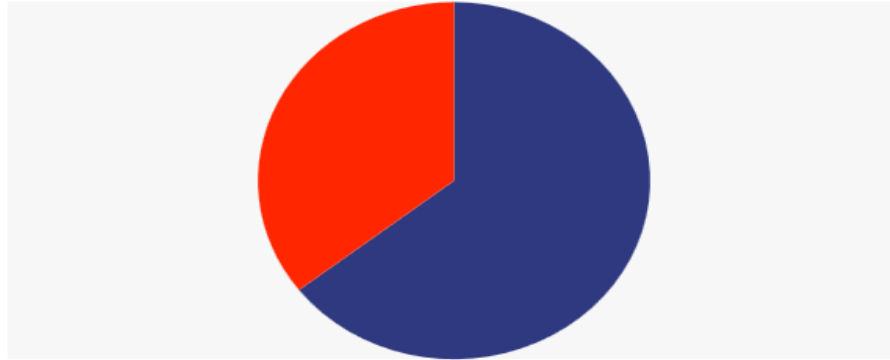


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### Situation update

Myanmar Military (Tatmadaw) and Arakan Army (AA) - Ongoing fighting in 4 out of 5 districts in Rakhine state, and continued clashes in Mindat district, Chin State. Approximately 110 people have been killed and over 200 injured by artillery shells, landmines and gunfire in Rakhine State's Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, Rathedaung, Mrauk-U, Myebon, Ponnagyun and Minbya townships and Chin State's Paletwa township during fighting between the Tatmadaw and the AA since January 2019.

■ Injured ■ Died



Source: Counts from The Irrawaddy, parliamentarians and local relief groups. • Data as of Feb. 18, 2020.

### Internal Conflict

**14<sup>th</sup> until 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Rakhine State:** Local authorities confirmed armed clashes continued sporadically near Ra Maung suspension bridge, approximately 4 miles Minbya township (Tsp). No further details (NFD).



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## COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE

### Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) / Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 - Rakhine State:** One person died after a landmine was detonated in the vicinity of (IVO) Phar pwe village, Minbya Tsp,

### SOCIAL STABILITY

#### Conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine State escalating amid information blackout.

The killing and displacement of civilians in Rakhine State due to fighting between the Tatmadaw and the AA, has worsened amid an information blackout. Daily fighting using heavy weapons and helicopters has occurred since the government imposed a three-month suspension of mobile internet services in several townships in Rakhine and Chin States in early February. In the last 10 days, up to 1,100 people have been displaced, including 600 from one village. Since the conflict broke out in December 2018, the total number of people forced to flee their homes has reportedly reached over 100,000. Humanitarian access in Rakhine State remains heavily restricted with eight out of 17 townships off limits to most aid groups. The internet shutdown has added to the difficulty of getting crucial information about conflict casualties and humanitarian needs.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 – Rakhine

More than 100 local civil society organizations urged the government on Monday to restore internet access, shut down on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb in five townships. Last June, 2019, the government shut down internet access in Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Myebon, Minbya, Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships in Rakhine and Paletwa in Chin. The shutdown lasted for 242 days. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, the government restored internet access to Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Rathedaung and Myebon townships, but shut it down again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month. The organizations vowed to continue fighting for the restoration of internet and to protect and care for children, women and civilians in accordance with local law and international law.

### TRANSPORTATION

**15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 - Shan State:** Four people were killed and 14 injured in a road traffic accident (RTA) near Minenam village, Minenaung Tsp. NFD

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 - Shan State:** Two people were killed in a RTA near Lashio Tsp. NFD

### CRIME

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 - East Shan (E):** Police raided the home of a Thai National male and arrested him on charges of handling counterfeit documents. Police also seized ammunition and a firearm (pistol) during the raid. NFD

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## COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE Environmental Hazards

The country is exposed to earthquakes due to its geographical location within the Alpine Belt, which is noted to be the most seismically active zone in the world with multiple damaging earthquakes and volcanic eruptions having occurred here. Myanmar is besieged by a series of faults, of which the Sagaing fault is the longest, trending north to south across the central part of the country. Yangon City is about 30 kilometers west of the Sagaing fault. History suggests that earthquakes have had grim consequences on lives, social assets, and physical systems in the region. A person in Asia-Pacific is five times more likely to be hit by a natural disaster than someone living in other regions.

Throughout this report period, five (5) earthquakes were recorded. No reports of damage to infrastructure. No reports of casualties.



- 1. Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 - (Issued at 09:30 hour M.S.T.);** A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.2) Richter Scale occurred at latitude 19.07°N, longitude 96.43°E, depth (12) kilometers, about (9) miles north of Taungoo, Bago (E) Region. Recorded at 08:25:38hrs M.S.T on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
- 2. Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Issued at 15:00 hour M.S.T.);** A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale occurred at latitude 22.55°N, longitude 93.60°E, depth (27) kilometers, about (6) miles South of Hakha, Chin State. Recorded at 14:42:19hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

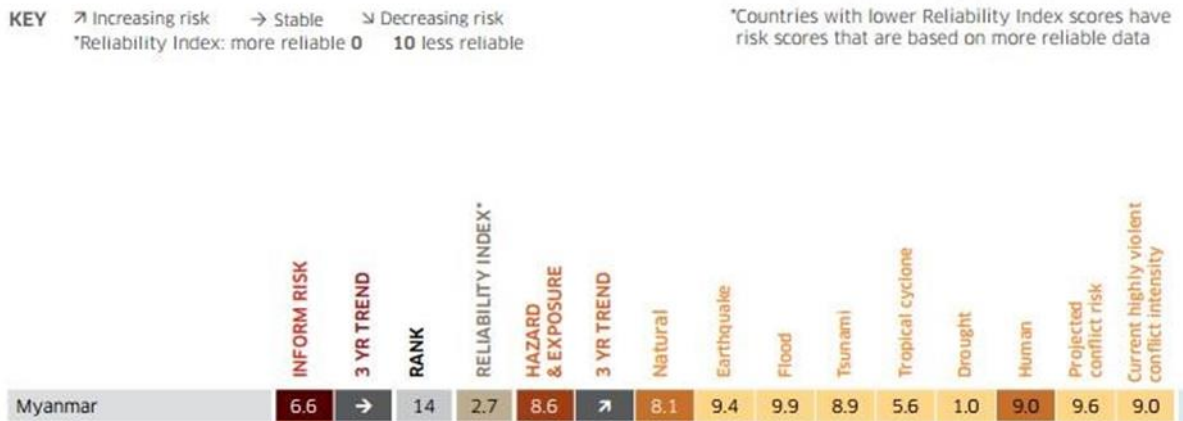
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3. **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 15, 2020 (Issued at 06:45 hour M.S.T.);** A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.7) Richter Scale occurred at latitude 21.61°N, longitude 93.47°E, depth (60) kilometers, about (71) miles south-southwest of Hakha, Chin State. Recorded at 05:58:55hrs M.S.T on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
4. **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Issued at 02:00 hour M.S.T.);** A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.5) Richter Scale occurred at latitude 20.45°N, longitude 93.48°E, depth (17) kilometers, about (45) miles northeast of Sittwe, Rakhine State. Recorded at 01:16:59hrs M.S.T on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
5. **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Issued at 21:45hours M.S.T.);** A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.4) Richter Scale occurred at latitude 24.97°N, longitude 94.85°E, depth (35) kilometers, about (61) miles northeast of Tamu, Chin State. Recorded at 21:05:27hrs M.S.T on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

*Table shows the results of the INFORM Global Risk Index 2019 to the component level.*



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## Health Hazards

### Communicable Diseases: COVID – 2019 update situation

**As of 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020: MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):** Accelerating the measures on monitoring, prevention and controlling of COVID-19, the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) continued to monitor and the results are as below-

- Total Persons Under Investigation (PUI)/Suspected - 37
- Person Under Investigation (PUI) - 35
- Suspected - 2
- Confirmed - 0
- Laboratory Result Negative - 28
- Laboratory Result Pending - 9
- Discharged from Hospital – 26
- 59 students who came back from Wuhan on February 2 were allowed to go back to their homes on 16<sup>th</sup> February after 14 days of quarantines has been finished at Mandalay's Kandawnadi Hospital.

Currently, NHL runs lab tests on samples from patients for signs of COVID-19 together with WHO's designated laboratory and they both have produced consistent results. Thus, NHL will begin running independent lab tests on 20 February.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

During previous outbreaks due to other coronavirus (Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), human-to-human transmission occurred through droplets, contact and fomites, suggesting that the transmission mode of the COVID-19 can be similar.

The basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections include the following:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoiding 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).

To date, no confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Myanmar

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**RISK REGISTER**

Risks in Myanmar for as of 20th February 2020

STATE/REGION	Internal Conflict <sup>1</sup>	Protest And Demonstrations <sup>2</sup>	Road Traffic Accident <sup>3</sup>	Crime <sup>4</sup>	Health <sup>5</sup>	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	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
4 Chin	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
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	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW
11 Mon	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
12 Rakhine	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
13 Yangon	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW
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	LOW	LOW	LOW

**Notes**

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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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).

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