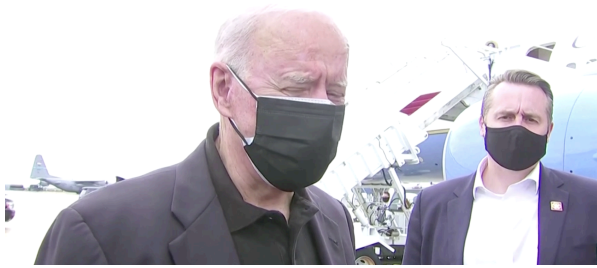




# Myanmar's coup draws fresh international rebuke

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Western figures including U.S. President Joe Biden condemned reports that Myanmar's armed forces opened fire at a funeral near Yangon on Sunday, as the country gathered to mourn at least 114 people killed in the bloodiest crackdown on protests since the coup began.

1. After Myanmar's military reportedly opened fire at a funeral, \_\_\_\_\_

2-1. That's on top of more than a hundred people killed over the weekend \_\_\_\_\_

2-2. since \_\_\_\_\_

3. According to news reports and witnesses, at least six children \_\_\_\_\_

4. In Yangon, mourners at the Sunday funeral service of a 20-year-old student \_\_\_\_\_

5. No casualties \_\_\_\_\_

6. Hours later, U.S. President Joe Biden \_\_\_\_\_

"It's terrible, it's absolutely outrageous. An awful lot of people have been killed totally unnecessarily."

7. The U.N. Special Rapporteur for Myanmar \_\_\_\_\_

8. He called for an isolation of the junta, cutting off its funding for oil and gas, \_\_\_\_\_

9. The E.U.'s top diplomat Josep Borrell called on Myanmar's generals \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Myanmar's junta took power on February 1st, while elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Foreign criticism and sanctions imposed by some Western nations \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Hundreds of people have died \_\_\_\_\_  
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### [Vocabulary]

- **condemnation**: a public statement in which someone criticizes someone or something severely
- *There was widespread condemnation of Saturday's killings.*
  - *The raids have drawn a strong condemnation from the United Nations Security Council.*
- **crackdown**: strong action that someone in authority takes to stop a particular activity; A crackdown is strong official action that is taken to punish people who break laws.
- *...anti-government unrest that ended with the violent army crackdown.*
  - *Police are launching a new crackdown on drug users.*
- **coup**: an occasion when a group of people takes control of a country, usually by means of military force
- *They were sentenced to death for their part in April's coup attempt.*
  - *There has been a series of military coups since the country gained independence.*
- **mourner**: someone who is at a funeral, especially a relative or close friend of the dead person
- *Body contact between mourners and dead relatives is a common way for Ebola to spread.*
  - *He outraged the family by insisting on taking the position of chief mourner at her funeral mass.*
- **flee**: to escape from a dangerous situation or place very quickly; If you flee from something or someone, or flee a person or thing, you escape from them.
- *He slammed the bedroom door behind him and fled.*
  - *He fled to Costa Rica to avoid military service.*
- **casualty**: a person who is injured or killed in a [war](#) or in an accident
- *Troops fired on demonstrators near the Royal Palace causing many casualties.*
  - *The number of casualties from Sunday's tsunami continues to rise.*
- **condemn**: to say publicly that you think someone or something is bad or wrong;

- *Political leaders united yesterday to condemn the latest wave of violence.*
- *He was widely condemned for his behavior after the match.*

□ **outrageous**: very shocking or unreasonable; If you describe something as outrageous, you are emphasizing that it is unacceptable or very shocking.

- *I must apologize for my outrageous behavior.*
- *Charges for local phone calls are particularly outrageous.*

□ **Special Rapporteur**: An individual who works on behalf of a regional or international organization and is charged with investigating, monitoring and recommending solutions to specific human rights problems.

- *Despite the obvious need, the European Union cannot even agree to appoint a special rapporteur to investigate human rights abuses in Tibet.*
- *In 2002, he was appointed the UN Special rapporteur on the Right to Health for a three-year term.*

□ **isolation**: a situation in which a country or group is alone and without support because other countries or groups stop dealing with it

- *Many deaf people have feelings of isolation and loneliness.*
- *He also talked briefly about the isolation he endured while in captivity.*

□ **junta**: a group of military officers that governs a country, usually without having been elected; A junta is a military government that has taken power by force, and not through elections.

- *The illegal military junta that rules through force and fear will yield to the power of justice.*
- *External pressure has forced the military junta to talk about democracy, and to return to the theme on a periodic basis.*

□ **access to**: permission to approach someone or something; the right to use someone or something

- *Can you get access to a computer?*
- *Free and fair access to books - to reading - is a right and one we should fight for.*

□ **Josep Borrell**: (born 24 April 1947) a Spanish politician, current High Representative of the European Union since 1 December 2019.

□ **stand down**: Of police or military, to cease being prepared to engage in a violent conflict

- *The Americans promptly stand down their forces.*
- *Forces on either side of the disputed territory are standing down after a peace treaty was signed this morning.*

□ **in detention**: in a prison or similar place

- *Dozens of protesters were held in detention for six hours.*

- *He was kept in detention by the police.*

□ **undisclosed**: not reported publicly

- *The details are undisclosed.*

- *They are now in hiding at an undisclosed address.*

□ **sway**: to influence or change someone's opinion; If you are swayed by someone or something, you are influenced by them.

- *...last minute efforts to sway the voters in tomorrow's local elections.*

- *Do not allow yourselves to be swayed by these arguments.*

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