



**Dear Readers,**

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

**Earthquake in Myanmar**

**1. Declaration of a “state of emergency” in affected areas; access by relief organisations**

As has been widely reported, a powerful 7.7 [magnitude](#) earthquake hit central Myanmar on 28 March 2025 at around 12:51 in the afternoon.

In a sign of how dire the situation is, the chairman of the State Administration Council (“SAC”) [appealed](#) for international assistance.

According to the SAC’s Information Team (scroll down to [page 2](#)), “the National Disaster Management Committee declared a State of Emergency for the earthquake-affected areas in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, northeastern Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and Bago Region” under the [Natural Disaster Management Law](#).

The Natural Disaster Management Law does not provide for a “state of emergency”. What is probably meant is that the affected areas were declared “areas affected by a natural disaster” according to section 11 which theoretically means, among others, that there should be fewer bureaucratic hurdles for relief organisations to gain access. Such a declaration initially covers a period of 2 months (rule 26 (a) [Natural Disaster Management Rules](#)).

Registered associations (NGOs and INGOs) wishing to provide emergency assistance to an area declared an area affected by natural disaster must “obtain approval and cooperation from the local administration”, stating the quantity of funds and goods to be donated, the estimated value of these items, and the activities to be carried out (sections 27 (h), 28 (k) [Registration of Associations Law](#)).

International actors from abroad wishing to provide assistance must contact the ministry assigned by the National Committee as the point of contact for international communication (we suppose that this is the [Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement](#)) to request access to the disaster area; the ministry must then request permission from the National Committee (rule 42 (a) National Disaster Management Rules). Further procedures are specified in rules 42-51.



**2. Donations**

If you wish to donate, please reach out to us for contact details of organisations that we understand to be efficient, reliable and trustworthy.

**3. Disruptions of electricity supply, phone and internet connection**

In the areas hit by the earthquake, electricity supply and telephone and internet connection seem to be at least partly interrupted, in addition to the interruptions and cuts that were already in place previously, impeding the effort of news organisations to collect information and making it difficult to assess the entire impact of the earthquake.

There appear to be no casualties or damages in Yangon, but the region is largely without electricity, with electricity only being supplied “to pump up water” (see gray box below).

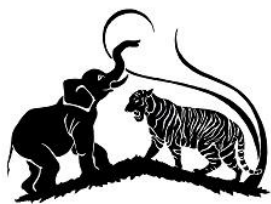
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**Appeal to the public**

1. Due to the earthquake that occurred today, 28.3.2025, at approximately 12:55, damage occurred to the power discharge components of power plants, substations and transmission lines that generate and transmit electricity into the power system.
2. Therefore, while the power system is unable to transmit and distribute electricity, efforts are being made to generate and supply power from the gas turbines in Yangon Region. Starting from 05:00 in the morning on 29.3.2025, it is possible to distribute power only for 4 hours within 24 hours per day in 6 groups to enable water pumping. We would like to respectfully inform the public that when the national grid is able to reconnect and resume power transmission, it will be possible to distribute power again as usual.

**Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation**

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### Update 30 March 2025:

YESC has in the meantime published the final power distribution plan in Yangon during the natural disaster due to the earthquake:

	5:00 to 9:00	9:00 to 13:00	13:00 to 17:00	17:00 to 21:00	21:00 to Next 1:00	Next 1:00 to 5:00
29.3.2025	A	B	C	D	E	F
30.3.2025	F	A	B	C	D	E
31.3.2025	E	F	A	B	C	D
1.4.2025	D	E	F	A	B	C
2.4.2025	C	D	E	F	A	B
3.4.2025	B	C	D	E	F	A
4.4.2025	A	B	C	D	E	F

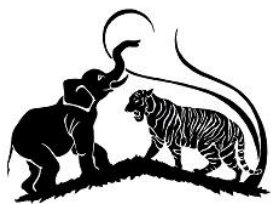
#### 4. Casualties and damages to the infrastructure

As of 2:00 pm on 29 March 2025, the SAC reported that more than 1,000 persons were killed and more than 2,300 were injured. These numbers are expected to continue to rise.

Independent media has so far, among others, reported the following major impacts. The reports certainly do not cover all casualties and damages, and not all reports may be accurate due to the difficulties in collecting information from the disaster area.

##### ▪ Update 30 March 2025:

Collapse of the air traffic control tower at the Nay Pyi Taw airport, killing 5 persons; collapse of several ministry buildings, among them those of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labour; fatalities include the MoL's permanent secretary and several MoFA officials. Six residences of military leaders and former military leaders, among them the SAC chairman, and the military headquarters and the presidential palace are severely damaged. Civil service staff quarters collapsed in Nay Pyi Taw and Tatkone, killing 230 persons; all staff quarters are uninhabitable.



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- 86 persons killed in Pyinmana (the old city next to the greenfield site on which Nay Pyi Taw was constructed) and approx. 500 persons injured in urgent need of medical treatment.
- Collapse of the Sinthay Lelway Dam in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw.
- Many buildings collapsed in the city of Mandalay, among them the U Hla Thein Temple which buried more than 80 monks, the Sky Villa Condo with many fatalities, the Aung Chan Aung Orthopedic Clinic, the high-rising Great Wall Hotel, the Myit Sone Hotel, as well as monasteries, the Palace wall, and historical pagodas. The airport suffered significant damage to its building and the runway and is expected to be closed for 3 months. The bridge leading to the airport collapsed.
- The Mandalay University building partly collapsed and caught fire. Furthermore, San Chaik Hmaw Auk Ward in the city of Mandalay burned to the ground.
- **Update 30 March 2025:** 4/5 of Thada-U Township, where Mandalay airport is located, is destroyed.
- 36 fatalities in Wundwin Township in Mandalay Region.
- **Update 30 March 2025:** Collapse of many buildings in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Region, killing 100 persons
- **Update 30 March 2025:** More than 100 fatalities in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region
- **Update 30 March 2025:** Destruction of 80% of the city of Sagaing, the city nearest to the epicentre, with 50 fatalities confirmed. Among the infrastructure destroyed is the entire fire department. The two bridges over the Irrawaddy connecting Sagaing and Mandalay are either destroyed or impassable, cutting off land communication.
- **Update 30 March 2025:** Much damage in the town of Mingun, Sagaing Region, with 20 SAC troops among the victims.
- More than 30 persons died in Nyaungshwe Township (Lake Inle) in Shan State. Collapse of a 3-floor hotel in Aungban.
- Collapse of a monastery in Taungoo Township in Bago Region, killing at least 5 refugees.
- Collapse of at least 50 mosques during Friday prayer, killing nearly 300 persons.



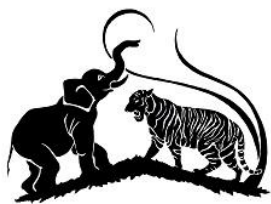
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- Everywhere, not enough equipment to search for and rescue survivors. People in affected areas are advised to stay outside for fear of aftershocks.
- **Update 30 March 2025:** Search and rescue teams have arrived from Mainland China, Hong Kong, India and Singapore and started digging for survivors in Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. Search and rescue teams have also arrived from Russia and Thailand. Other states and the EU have announced financial assistance and/or assistance in kind.

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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