

Victims of violent crackdowns

What Matters No. 2

Following the February 1 military coup d'état, Myanmar has seen widespread mass protests across the country. Because of the violent crackdown by the security forces of the coup council, till now (March 4, 2021), there have been over fifty casualties. Many were also injured and human rights violation of massive human dignity violation have been widespread in the country. The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) recorded the personal details of the 49 victims at the moment (March 4, 2021) while there could be many more being left out on the list.

Why does it matter?

By studying the number of casualties and the remaining dead bodies and body parts of the victims because of the violent crackdowns, it can be justified whether the security forces of the coup council abided by the internationally agreed rules, regulations and standards in dealing with the mass protests from the perspectives of human rights and transitional justice. Thus, it does matter to study the data collected and recorded by the AAPP.

According to the AAPP records, most of the victims of the violent crackdowns were adolescents between the age range of fourteen to twenty. Moreover, there were at least ten casualties because of deliberate headshot, as well as deaths due to the cruel beating of the head. According to the confirmed data by gender, there were forty-two male and six female casualties because of the overuse of force by the security forces. By region, the number of casualties in Yangon and Mandalay topped the list and Sagaing Region followed third place.

What to study together

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) has recorded data related to those arrested in connection with the protests that followed the military coup; number and cause of death; how the security personnel have dealt with mass protests; and reports on violations of human rights and dignity. Daily logs are also available on the AAPP website and Facebook pages. Information can also be sent to AAPP for those who are not yet on the list.

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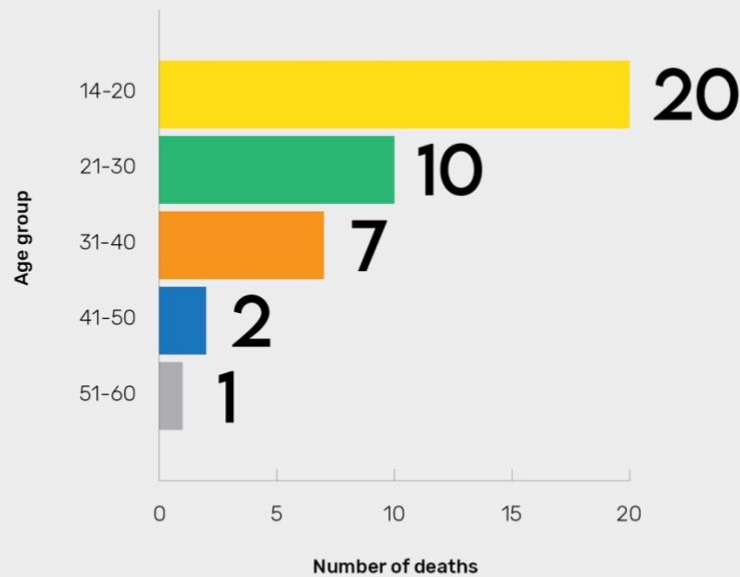
■ **Death Toll**

50+

During the mass protests between February 1 to March 4, 2021, there had been more than 50 deaths of civilians caused by the Coup Council's violent crackdowns on the protestors. As of March 4, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) reported 49 identifiable deaths while the United Nations described 54 deaths. Therefore, many more deaths and injuries could be left out from this analysis.

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■ **Death Toll by Age Group**



From February 1 to March 4, 2021, among the death tolls (over 50 civilians) caused by the Coup Council's violent crackdowns on the protestors, 40 deaths were identified. From the analysis on the identified deaths, it is noted that the adolescents' group between the ages of 14 to 20 has the highest number of deaths compared with the other age groups (21-30 age group, 31-40 age group, 41-50 age group and 51-60 age group).

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■ **Victims of Headshots**

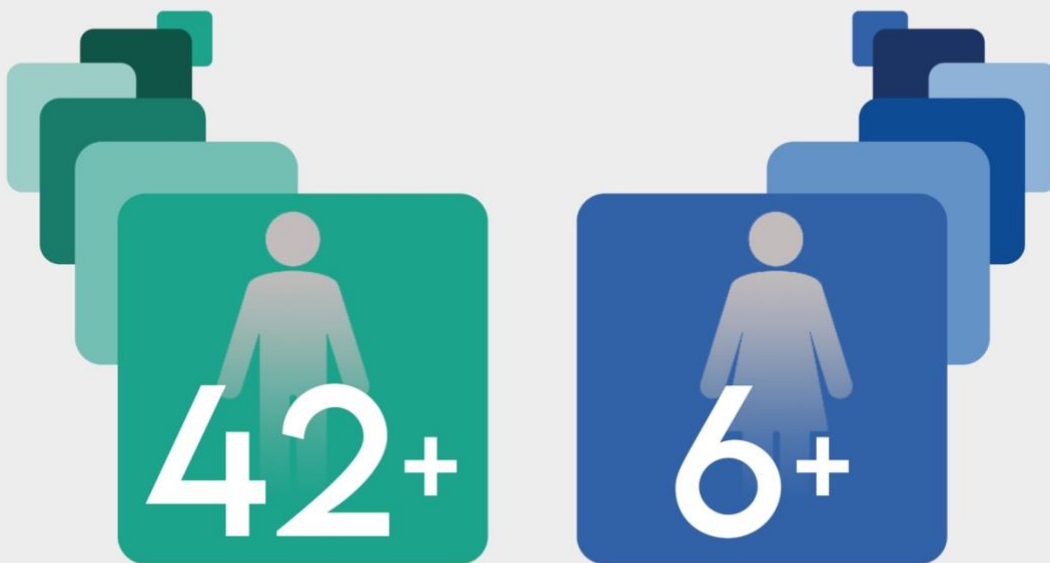
10+

From February 1 to March 4, 2021, among the death tolls (over 50 civilians) caused by the Coup Council's violent crackdowns on the protestors, at least 10 victims were due to the deliberate headshots. According to the records of the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) on the headshots victims, one is from Naypyidaw, four is from Yangon Region, two is from Sagaing Region, two is from Mandalay Region and one is from Magway Region.

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■ **Number of Deaths by Gender**

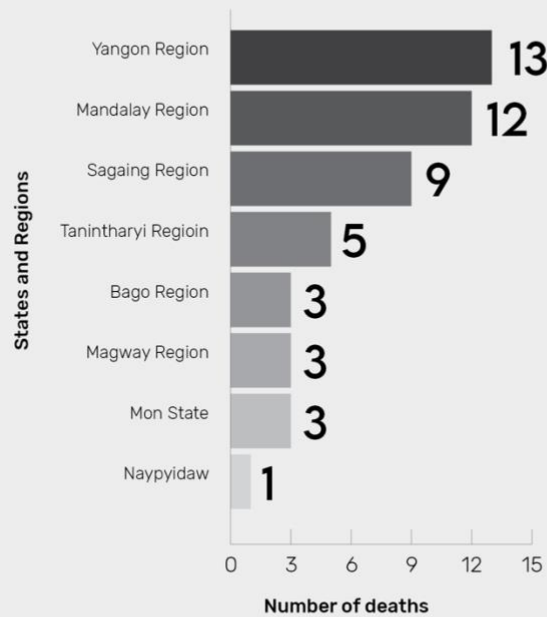


From February 1 to March 4, 2021, among the death tolls (over 50 civilians) caused by the Coup Council's violent crackdowns on the protestors, among the identifiable 48 deaths, 42 were male, and six were female.

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■ States and Regions



YANGON AND MANDALAY TOPPED THE DEATH LIST

From February 1 to March 4, 2021, the chart shows the death tolls (over 50 civilians) by region caused by the Coup Council's violent crackdowns on the protestors. The list may not be exhaustive. According to the confirmed records as of March 4, Yangon and Mandalay regions topped the death list.

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