

Civil Society in Post-Coup Myanmar

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Space for Civil Society in Post-coup Myanmar

The junta called State Administration Council (SAC) is imposing restrictions on civil society in Myanmar

A hard choice: either being coopted or cracked down

Most civil society groups are refusing to cooperate with the SAC

Actively participating in Spring Revolution through various channels and resistance forces. Some have become PDFs, some supporting NUG, some members of NUCC, some providing humanitarian assistance

Very resilient

Networking Impact

There are many issue-based and rights-based local organizations in Myanmar

In the last ten years of relative opening of political and civil space, civil society organizations attained opportunities to network and form partnership with regional and international networks

Sandhi Governance Institute is a member organization of ADRN network and EAI

Gained opportunities to share experience and learned from each other

Myanmar Context Very Different

The situation under SAC in Myanmar for civil society is very much different from other regional countries

There is no rule of law. If the soldiers cannot find the son who is accused of being PDF, his parents can be arrested and charged under law to send parents to prison. Villages were burned down, civilians killed.

Civil society under attack for supporting resistance movement

Regional and international networks must be creative to provide support to Myanmar civil society

Questions

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