

**Question for written answer E-001098/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Current situation in Myanmar

Following the coup of 1 February 2021, during which military troops detained civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and usurped the democratically elected government, thousands of people took to the streets of Nay Pyi Taw, the capital city of Myanmar, and other main cities such as Yangon and Mandalay.

Reuters has reported on the rising number of deaths of anti-government protesters, with two more protesters killed in the city of Mandalay, a week after the death of Mya Thwate Thwate Khaing.

Despite the warnings and bans imposed by the military junta, people are taking to the streets in protest against the coup and are calling for the restoration of democracy and the release of political prisoners.

1. What action has been taken so far to resolve the political tension and chaos unfolding in Myanmar?
2. If the military government continues its show of force and heavy-handed response, what measures are expected to be put in place to safeguard the people and stabilise the political system?