

Myanmar in Pain

Many North students' home countries are at war; more than school on their minds.

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Not many people have heard about Myanmar, but many North High students are from Myanmar. Myanmar is known for its beaches and many beautiful temples. From an outsider's view, it is a beautiful place, but inside it not the best place to be in right now. In Myanmar the military is now back in charge and has started controlling the people. The military is trying to turn Myanmar into a dictatorship country.

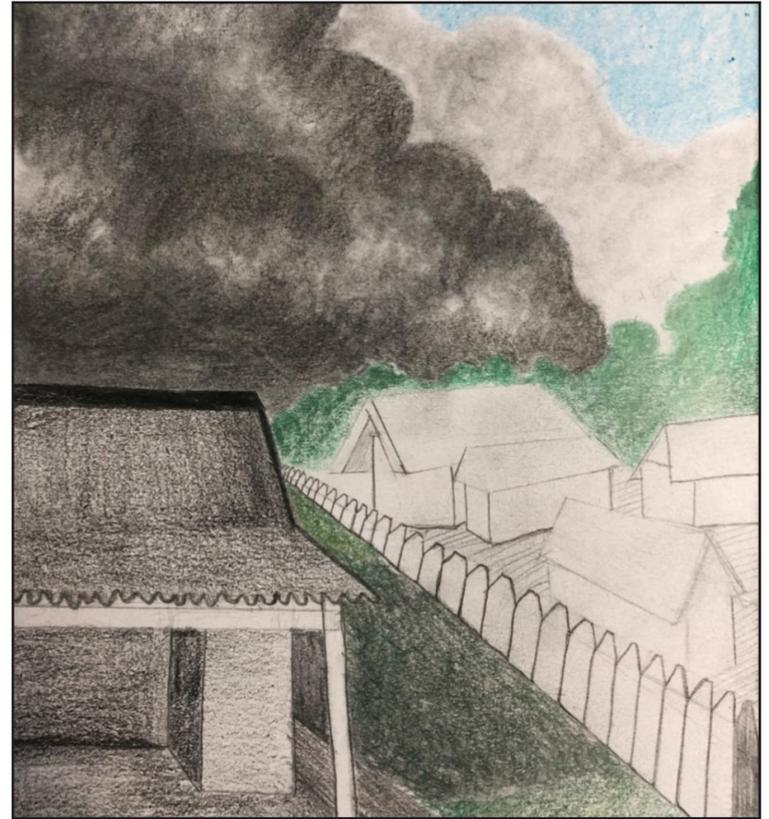
Not only did COVID affected the people greatly, but also the civil unrest and armed conflict. They have detained and deposed elected government officials. Many protests are happening, but many got hurt and killed for protesting.



Not only are the Burmese people affected by it, but also other ethnic group in Myanmar. Some of the main ethnic groups are the Karen, Shan, Mon, Chin, Kachin, Pwo Karen, and Karenni. Many of

This is one of the recent events that happened that we know of. Not only is this happening, but there are more that people outside Myanmar do not know of. I hope that the people of Myanmar can receive their freedom and a safe place where they don't have to worry about dying every day.

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Drawing is representation of a village being burned down in Myanmar.

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them have families in the US who are worried sick about them and how things are going. The people have been protesting but the military imposed restrictions, including curfews and limits to gatherings.

On March 27, thousands have been injured and more than 600 have died because of the army. The U.S. ambassador to Myanmar, Thomas Vajda, called the bloodshed across the county "horrifying."

They have used guns, water cannons, and more to disperse protesters. The military has killed and burned down many villages in Myanmar. Now Myanmar is on the verge of civil war. On September 18, the military rampaged through Chin's Thantlang township and destroyed 19 houses.

Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 25, they have burned down the entire village of Rialti and about 900 residents from seven villages fled to the deep forest to escape.

The Burmese military have tortured, killed, raped, and forced labor on the people whether they are a child or an adult. Many have lost hope of living.

Jojar Par Nil, freshman

Q: What ethnic group are you from in Myanmar?

A: I'm Pwo Karen.

Q: What was your family's reason for coming to America?

A: The reason was to live a better life and my father wanted to provide me with better education.

Q: Do you know what's going on in Myanmar right now?

A: Earlier this year the army take over the government, people are protesting the army and got hurt and killed. Not a very good place to be in right now.

Q: Do you have any family members back there?

A: Most of my family members other than my parents and brother are in Thailand.

Q: How do you feel about what's going on?

A: I feel very sad for my family member that are there and hope that the people can gain their independence and democracy.

Q: How does the war affect your family back there?

A: Some of my family fled to Thailand to get all the problems away.

Q: What effect does it have on your family here?

A: They feel very sad about what happened, and my parents can't contact the family there because of it.

Q: What are your thoughts on the people living there and the army?

A: I feel worried and scared for the people that are in Myanmar and hope that the army doesn't hurt anymore people.

Q: Do you plan on going back?

A: I have never gone back since I move to America, but I want to go back one day.

Q: What could solve what's happening in Myanmar right now?

A: Maybe if we can get other country involvement then this could end.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

A: People should care, but not many people know about it since it's not really mainstream. They're not a lot of publicity about the issue. I just want more people at North to know that this is happening and not only to people in Myanmar, but other places as well.



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Sup Ang, senior

Q: What ethnic group are you from in Myanmar?

A: I'm Chin.

Q: What was your family's reason for coming to America?

A: To have a better life.

Q: Do you know what's going on in Myanmar right now?

A: There is fighting and war between Burmese army and Chin people. The army did many bad things to people and killed random people.

Q: How do you feel about what's going on?

A: I feel sad seeing the people dying because the people haven't done anything wrong.

Q: Do you have any family members back there? Do you miss them?

A: I have an old grandmother from dad's side and parents' siblings. My family miss them, but can't talk because of network.

Q: What effect does it have on your family back in Myanmar?

A: They get worried and scared every time because they don't know when a war will break out.

Q: What effect does it have on your family here?

A: My family here are sad because there is nothing we can do to help them. We wish we could help by sending money but even now we can't because of the army.

Q: What is your feeling on the people living there?

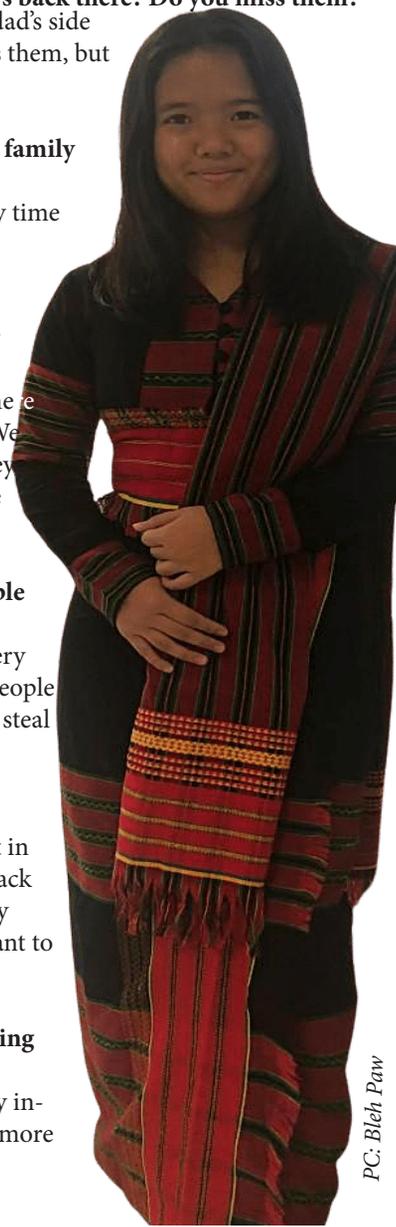
A: I'm scared for the people there, very scared. They also use organs of the people to make money and use little kids to steal and use drugs.

Q: Do you plan to go back?

A: I have never gone back since I got in America. I'm not sure about going back with all this mess, but maybe one day when everything is good, I would want to go back and visit.

Q: What could solve what's happening in Myanmar right now?

A: Maybe if we can get other country involvement and making the problem more known to the world.



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