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Position Statement on violence shown towards the citizens of Myanmar

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Background

The military of Myanmar took control the country's democratic government in a coup d'état on 1 February 2021, arresting civilian leaders, shutting down the internet and stopping flights.

Since that time there has been reports of significant civilian protests with military retaliation.

AOA's Position Statement

AOA views with great concern and condemns in the strongest terms the violent (and now lethal) suppression of legitimate peaceful protests staged by the citizens of Myanmar in response to the recent military overthrow of the democratically elected government of Myanmar.

AOA expresses its concern and support not only for Myanmar's orthopaedic surgeons but all local medical staff and colleagues in Myanmar and appeals to the military not to harm or arrest them.