



British Embassy  
Yangon

Message from the British Ambassador

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Dear all,

The last few days have continued to be very difficult. I know that many people, including Embassy staff, have been alarmed and frightened by the gangs of thugs roaming the streets this weekend.

The situation in Yangon remains tense, and the increased presence of security forces is worrying. The military has continued to restrict rights and freedoms, with overnight internet blackouts, new powers to detain people without court order, and the issuing of arrest warrants for MPs and others.

The situation is concerning and there is a risk that violence could escalate. If you have concerns for your safety, then our advice is that you may want to consider leaving Myanmar by commercial means.

We are not advising all British Nationals to leave the country at this stage. You are best placed to make any decisions based on your own personal circumstances. There are still commercial flights available although they are subject to change at short notice.

To enter the UK you are required to provide proof of a negative COVID test. Some commercial COVID testing has now resumed in Yangon. If you are not able to access this and you need to leave the country urgently, you may still be able to enter the UK. Please see our travel advice for further information.

The Visa Application Centre remains closed. If you are a British National in Myanmar without a valid passport, then the embassy can issue emergency travel documents. Please email [yangon.consular@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:yangon.consular@fcdo.gov.uk). If you have a direct family member who is non-British and requires a visa to travel with you, please email [YangonBritfamilyvisas@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:YangonBritfamilyvisas@fcdo.gov.uk) for assistance.

For those of you who remain in Myanmar, our advice is to stay home where possible, and to avoid crowds if you need to go out to collect essential provisions.

In my last message I said that we don't maintain a formal register of UK citizens. That is true, but I recognise that many of you have chosen to give us your contact details – for which thanks. If you haven't done so and you would like us to have your details, please send them to [Yangon.Consular@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:Yangon.Consular@fcdo.gov.uk)

Please continue to check our travel advice for the latest situation. We review it constantly and update it frequently.

The UK continues to work hard through diplomatic channels to improve the situation; and the Embassy remains fully staffed (albeit working remotely) so that we can continue to provide all our services as normal.

Please stay safe.

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