

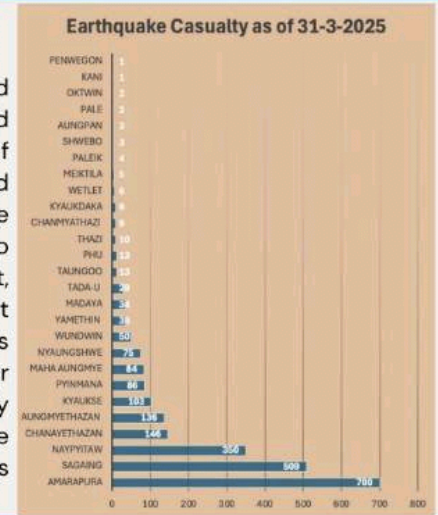


# Situation Report (3) on the Impacts of A Very Severe Earthquake in Sagaing

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## Summary

In the areas controlled by the National Unity Government (NUG), earthquake rescue and emergency response operations are being carried out, and the production roads, bridges, and electrical poles that need urgent restoration are being repaired with the extensive efforts. As of the evening of March 31, the confirmed death toll from the earthquake has risen up to 2,418, and many people are still missing. International rescue teams have undertaken search and rescue operations in some areas of Naypyidaw and Mandalay cities only, limiting many other regions to receive effective SAR operations. Still, many challenges including electricity, internet, transportation, and security risks persist in the areas where timely response is of paramount importance. Moreover, with the potential low pressure area formed in the Bay of Bengal this week, there will be a likelihood of heavy rain in many parts of the country, which could further complicate the insufficiency of temporary shelters for those whose houses are severely damaged by the recent earthquake. In addition, shortages of goods, fuel, and high prices pose significant challenges in providing essential goods to the communities in the earthquake-hits regions.



### 01 Earthquake Relief and Emergency Response

The Emergency Operation Coordination Committee (EOCC) of the NUG met with the Local Administrative Organizations of the earthquake-devastated areas yesterday to assess emergency needs of the respective areas and coordinate the necessary actions. In the areas controlled by the NUG, earthquake rescue and emergency response teams, consisting of defense, administrative, and local security units, are being mobilized and deployed. Search and rescue operations, the relocation of people from riverbank areas, providing drinking water, and setting up temporary shelters for earthquake victims, clearing debris from destroyed monasteries, meditation halls, pagodas, and houses are underway. Financial assistance and healthcare services are being provided to the deceased and injured individuals from the affected areas. Moreover, the teams make extensive efforts to repair the damaged production roads and bridges from earthquake-hit areas.



### 02 Emergency Food

Humanitarian aid is being provided to earthquake-hits victims, including rice reserved by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance and packets of meal. Due to the closure of the Sagaing-Mandalay road, the deterioration of river-crossing bridges and roads, local trade is nearly stopped, leading to shortages of goods, petroleum and price rises. Due to the military's intense scrutiny on ships and cargo trucks, and the closure of passage, food supply cannot be refilled, and there may be a potential food shortage in the impacted areas.

### 03 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

In some townships of Mandalay and Sagaing Regions, liquefaction, groundwater contamination, blockage of water sources, and discoloration of water caused by this severe earthquake, resulted in difficulties to obtain drinking and domestic water for the communities. In Sagaing township, the lack of clean water has caused some cases of diarrhea and related diseases.

### 04 Temporary Shelter

During previous disasters, the monasteries, religious buildings, and schools could accommodate the disaster affected people and now they can no longer provide a shelter for earthquake-victims. In areas like Sagaing, Mandalay, and Bago, it is impossible for the displaced people to return to their homes due to the fissures and liquefaction resulted from the earthquake. Because of frequent aftershocks, those whose houses were damaged and those whose houses remained intact have to sleep in roadsides and open fields. Therefore, there is an urgent need for temporary tents and tarpaulins.

### 05 Satefy and Security

Particularly, in Sagaing and Bago, search and rescue organizations have faced difficulties due to the requirement of obtaining permission from military's controlled groups and restrictions on access. Therefore, the life-saving aid cannot reach out to the earthquake-affected populations. In the aftermath of the earthquake, some areas in Mandalay region, rescue organizations have faced security risks due to the artillery shelling by the military.

- Water supplies
- Food
- Medicines
- Temporary tents, tarpaulin and ground sheets
- Construction kits
- Water purifying tablets and powder
- Fuel
- Sanitary napkins
- Household Kits
- Gas stoves
- Solar lamps

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