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Myanmar: Military takes control



The story

The armed forces in Myanmar have carried out a coup, arresting Aung San Suu Kyi and other senior figures in the ruling party.

The military claims that the election she won in November was fraudulent and are imposing a state of emergency for one year.

Key words and phrases

coup

takeover of government by force

- The presence of soldiers on the streets indicated that there had been a coup.
- Supporters of the former president describe the opposition party's victory as a coup.

at a crossroads

at a point of change

- Stephanie's career is at a crossroads. Should she accept the promotion or leave the company for good?
- The trade talks are at a crossroads. No one knows which way they will go.

deals a killer blow

ends something suddenly and violently

- Covid has dealt a killer blow to some struggling businesses.
- Failing her exams dealt a killer blow to Larissa's dream of becoming a doctor.