Youth in Yangon unfurl a banner with the names of hundreds of civilians who have been murdered by the military. Photo: NTLA
The Art Of Defiance

In the face decades of military oppression, the people of Myanmar are constantly finding creative ways to express dissent. Household items are transforming into tools of resistance. People are shutting down streets by dropping bags of onions and rice; writing protest messages on tofu, and banging on pots and pans to unite with their neighbors after curfew.

Even though they risk their lives; painters, dancers, poets, and artists of all fields are creatively defying the military coup every day.

"They shoot in the head, but they don't know the revolution is in the heart."

- Khet Thi, a poet who was killed while detained by the Burmese military in May, 2021
Tofu sun drying near the village of Kan Kone, Myanmar spelling the phrase “We don’t want military dictator.”
Every evening at 8pm, people of all identities, ages and abilities in Myanmar bang on pots and pans to defy the military coup. This form protest draws on the tradition of making loud noises to drive away evil spirits.
Women guard their neighborhoods by hanging their htamein (skirt) over streets. This hindered misogynistic soldiers from passing due to their belief that walking below women’s undergarments will reduce a man’s power or ‘hpone.’

Support the #sisters2sisters campaign to end military violence against women in Myanmar!

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Punk Power

Punk communities in Myanmar are organizing to provide mutual aid for communities and fight fascism. Since the coup has multiplied community needs, Yangon Food Not Bombs has begun to give out community meals on the streets every day. The Rebel Riot Band has a punk album out on Bandcamp to raise funds for their mutual aid projects. Donate and download at:

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rise and resist
Fuck Fascist Military
Fuck The System

respect existence or expect resistance
SEA Solidarity

The three-finger salute has become iconic for the anti-coup movement in Myanmar. Inspired by the Hunger Games, the salute started to be used by pro-democracy protesters in Thailand. Three-finger salutes are now widely used by activists across Southeast Asia like the Milk Tea Alliance, a pro-democracy solidarity movement across Taiwan, Hong Kong, Myanmar, the Philippines, and beyond.
Channel Your Creativity Against The Coup in Myanmar

Join artists from around the world and make art in solidarity with the people of Myanmar. Use #threefingers to share your work or submit to:

threefingers.org