

# Citizen power reveals “What’s Happening in Myanmar”



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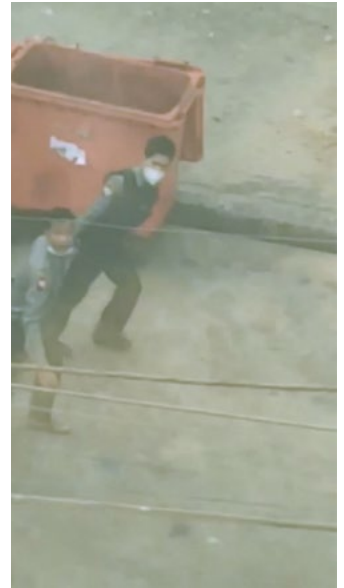
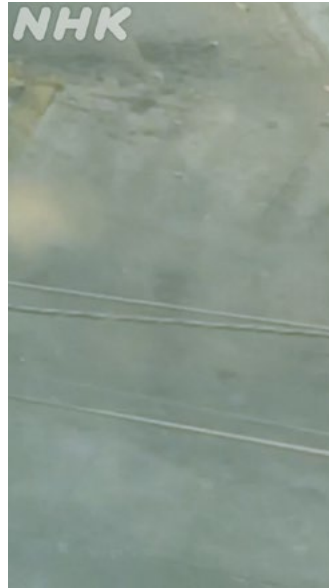
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**Abstract:** Since Myanmar’s military seized power on February 1, 2021, at least 1,000 people have been killed and over 8,000 others remain in detention. At NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) in Tokyo, the Myanmar News Team began covering the situation in Myanmar immediately after the coup. Numerous videos posted on social media by people in Myanmar offered vital insights into what was going on. In some cases, analysis of multiple videos and images using cutting edge technology has shed new light on aspects of the crackdown and civilian deaths. We put up a website to archive the citizens’ videos and show results of the investigation, as many videos have already been removed from digital platforms in response to the tightening military information control. Here is the NHK site, “What’s Happening in Myanmar” <https://www.nhk.or.jp/special/myanmar/en/>

In the lecture, an NHK Myanmar News Team member will introduce how NHK is building a new investigative journalism system in response to what's been happening in Myanmar, where many actual events are increasingly hidden from us.



**Bio:** Ayako Takada is Digital Development Director, Special Content Development Center at NHK. With more than 15 years of experience in TV, web content and writing at NHK she has covered 10 different countries including China, Japan, US and Myanmar, working on a diverse range of topics from live sports to political uprising. She has been a News Director in many programs including “Ohayou Nippon,” “Asa-ichi,” “News Watch 9” and “Kokusai Hodo.” She is a graduate from Kyoto University in Anthropology (BA and MA) and has been a visiting fellow at the Craig Newmark School of Journalism at CUNY and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University. You can see some more of Takada’s work here: <https://www.nhk.or.jp/gendai/comment/0018/> (Japanese)

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