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## Myanmar military blocks Facebook after coup – 7th February, 2021

### Level 4

The military junta that overthrew Myanmar's government has blocked access to Facebook. It issued a statement saying Facebook would be halted in order to maintain "stability". The majority of people in Myanmar use the social media giant. The junta sees it as a threat. A civil disobedience page has started on Facebook that has over 200,000 followers. Human Rights Watch Asia said the junta sees Facebook as its Internet nemesis.

The junta seized power and declared a yearlong state of emergency. It alleges voter fraud in November's national election. The coup took place after tension between the military and the government. It arrested Aung San Suu Kyi, who is being held in detention at an undisclosed location. The military also arrested former president Win Myint. They charged him with violating coronavirus measures.

### Level 5

The military junta that overthrew Myanmar's government has blocked Facebook. It said Facebook would be stopped to maintain social "stability". Most people in Myanmar use the social media giant, and so the junta sees it as a threat to its rule. In the days after the coup, a civil disobedience page started on Facebook and attracted over 200,000 followers. Human Rights Watch Asia said the junta sees Facebook as its Internet nemesis because it's so dominant in Myanmar. It has also been hostile to the military. A Twitter user said there is "a ban on the Internet".

The junta seized power from the democratically elected government and declared a yearlong state of emergency. The coup took place after tension between the military and the government. The junta alleges massive voter fraud in November's national election. It has arrested Aung San Suu Kyi. She is now being held in detention at an undisclosed location. Authorities say she illegally imported six unregistered walkie-talkie radios. The military also arrested former president Win Myint. They charged him with violating coronavirus measures during the election.

### Level 6

The Tatmadaw, the military junta that overthrew Myanmar's government on February the 1st, has blocked access to Facebook. The Ministry of Communications issued a statement saying Facebook would be halted in order to maintain "stability". The social media giant is used by a majority of the population and the Tatmadaw sees it as a threat to its rule. In the days after the coup, a civil disobedience page that emerged on Facebook attracted over 200,000 followers. Human Rights Watch Asia said: "The Tatmadaw sees Facebook as its Internet nemesis because it's the dominant communication channel in the country and has been hostile to the military." A Twitter user said it was, "a ban on the Internet".

The Tatmadaw seized power from Myanmar's democratically elected civilian government. It immediately declared a yearlong state of emergency. The coup took place after days of tension between the military and the government. The Tatmadaw refused to accept the results of November's national election, alleging massive voter fraud. It has arrested former Minister of Foreign Affairs Aung San Suu Kyi, who is now being held in detention at an undisclosed location. Authorities filed charges against her for allegedly illegally importing six unregistered walkie-talkie radios. The military also arrested former president Win Myint. He is being charged with violating coronavirus containment measures during the election.