



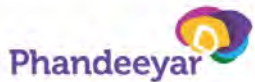
# MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

Protecting Your Rights on the Internet

#digitalrightsMM

18-19 January 2018, Phandeeyar: Myanmar Innovation Lab

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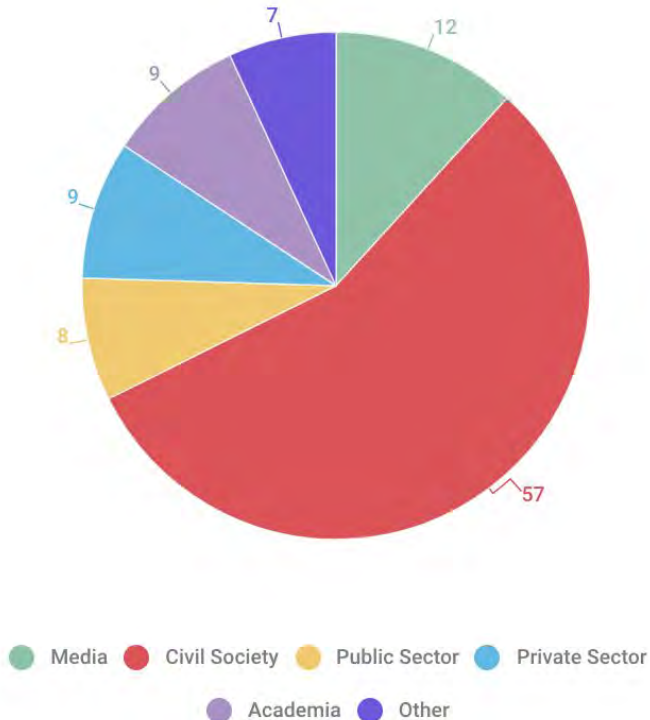


# OBJECTIVES

## Strengthen the #DigitalRightsMM Movement

- Collaboratively take stock of progress (or regressions) achieved in 2017
  - Support the joint identification of priorities and opportunities for engagement for 2018
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# ATTENDEES



- **138** key stakeholders: civil society, activists, lawyers, media, and government
- **77%** participants are newcomers
- **47%** Women participation

# AGENDA

Freedom of Expression	Privacy	Access	Beyond Myanmar
Too much freedom? The law	Guaranteeing User Privacy Legal Framework	Bridging the Digital Divide	AIM 2020 - ASEAN ICT Masterplan
Too much freedom? The practice	Guaranteeing user privacy Whose Responsibility?	Digital Revolution: Leaving no one behind	Feminist Principles of the Internet - A Global Initiative
The final frontier: Balancing new digital rights	Data Revolution: Opportunities and Challenges	Internet Governance: A Collective Endeavour	Initiatives to Combat Violence Online

Open Sessions

2017 - Rating Digital Rights

2018 - Looking Forward

## #DigitalRightsMM: Introduction to the movement



Yin Yadanar Thein  
Free Expression  
Myanmar



Wai Phyo Myint  
MCRB



Ei Myat Noe Khin  
Phandeeyar



Htaike Htaike Aung  
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Protecting Myanmar's Digital Rights

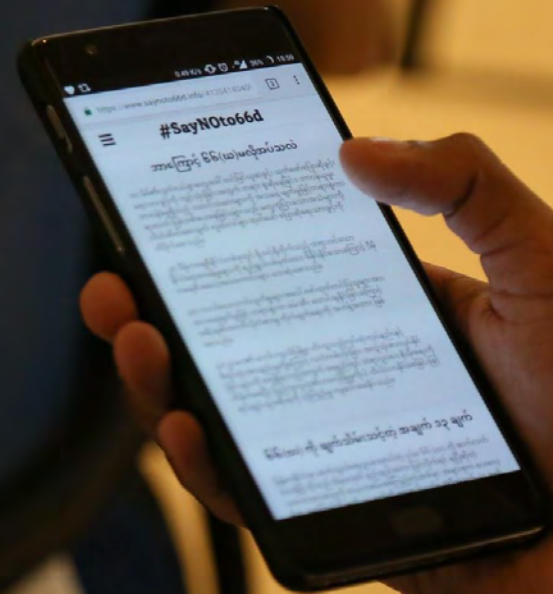
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# 2017 - RATING DIGITAL RIGHTS

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# Freedom of Expression





# FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

## Article 19

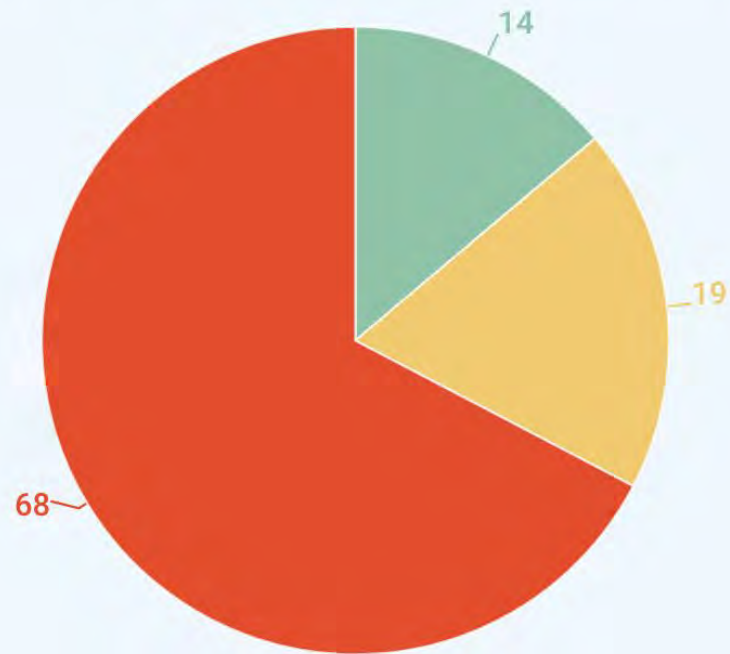
Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

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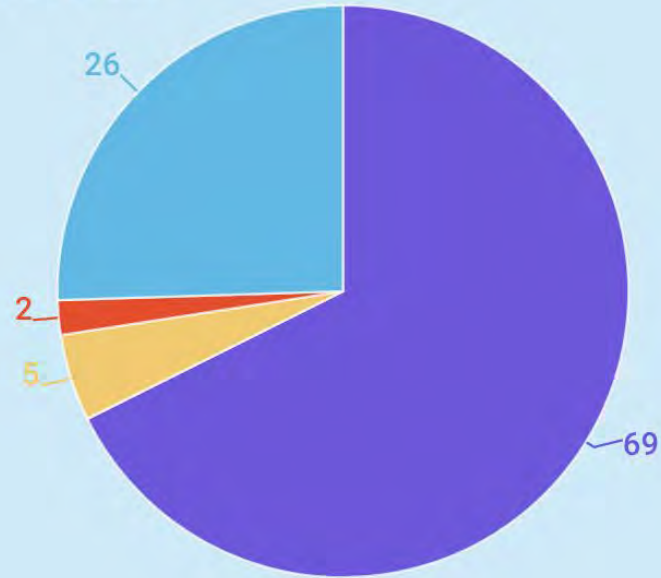


# Freedom of Expression in 2017



● Improved ● Stayed the same ● Got worse

# Priorities for government to address to ensure FoE online in 2018



- Change laws and policies
- Train government staff
- Regulate private sector
- Support public education campaigns

# Too much freedom? The law



Mon Ywa Aung Shin  
NLD



Ma Thida  
Info Digest



Min Jeong Kim  
UNESCO



Thein Than Oo  
Lawyer

# Too much freedom? The practice



Lut Latt Soe  
People's Age



Myat Thu  
Burma Monitor



Yingcheep  
iLaw Thailand



Sheen Handoo  
Facebook



# The Final Frontier : Balancing new digital rights

- ❖ Right to anonymity/encryption **vs.** Right to justice
  - ❖ Right to protest (direct action hacking) **vs.** Right to property
  - ❖ Right to access public spaces vs. Rights of intermediaries
  - ❖ Right to share **vs.** Right to copyright
  - ❖ Right to offend **vs.** Right to dignity
  - ❖ Right to opinion **vs.** Right to non-discrimination
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# Privacy





# RIGHT TO PRIVACY

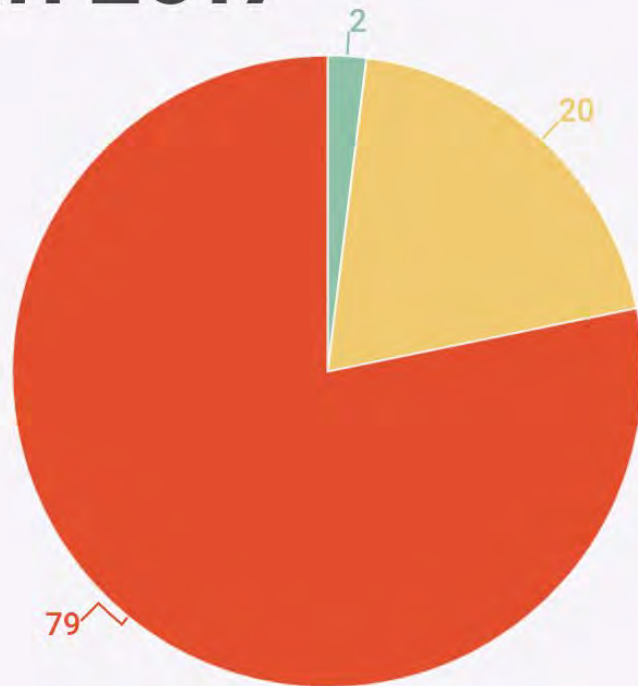
## Article 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

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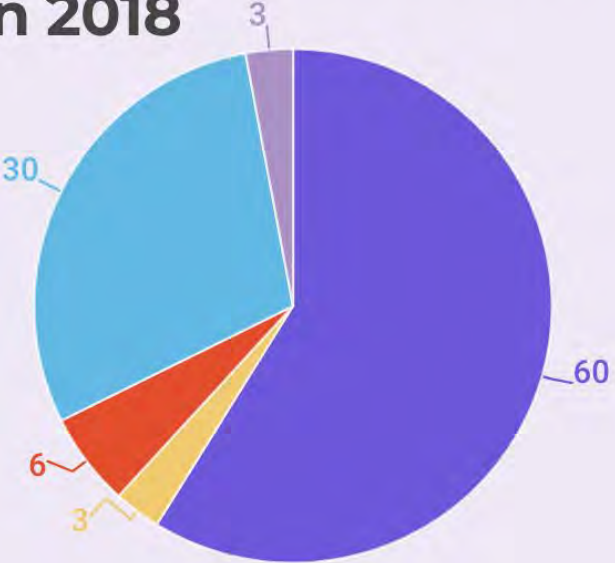


# Privacy in 2017



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# Priorities for government to address to ensure Privacy online in 2018



- Change laws and policies
- Train government staff
- Regulate private sector
- Support public education campaigns
- Other

# Guaranteeing User Privacy: The Legal Framework



Min Thu  
Telenor



Wai Phyo Myint  
MCRB



Nayanatra Ranganathan  
Internet Democracy



Nay Phone Latt  
MP of Yangon Regional  
Parliament



# Guaranteeing User Privacy: Whose Responsibility?



Ye Thura Thet  
Kernellix



Chris Nolan  
Former US ICT  
Council for Myanmar



Ei Myat Noe Khin  
Phandeeyar



# Data Revolution: Opportunity and Challenges



U Thaung Tin  
Former Deputy  
Minister of MOTC



Desarack Teso  
Microsoft



Myo Zin  
Omidyar Network



Joao Dutra  
Phandeeyar



# Access



Myanmar Digital Rights Forum 2018

important to remember that this does not mean just access to information on education, politics, religion etc. but also about sexuality, pleasure, consent etc. #digitrights18

Group photo after our #MyanmarDigitalRightsForum 2018. A group of people in a room.

Access to information and access to places where one can tell their stories are some ways in which persons with disabilities use tech and the cyberspace. #digitrights18

For access to be thought of from the very beginning, we need more persons with disabilities working in STEM, app development etc, and not just men, but also actively include women, queer persons etc. #digitrights18

Access needs to be a point of consideration from the development stages itself. If added as an afterthought, it's not always implementable and often too late. @emitev18 #digitrights18

General trends in #digitrights18 is #access is increasing, at the same time increased #censorship #persecution of citizens for online expression - @madelineearp @FreedomHouseDC #digitrights18

10 min



# EQUALITY OF ACCESS

## Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

## Article 21.2

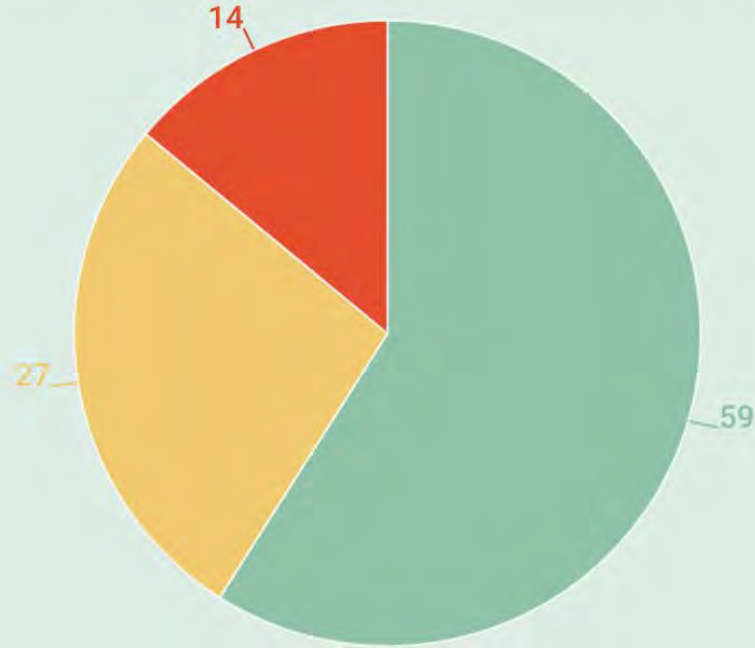
Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.

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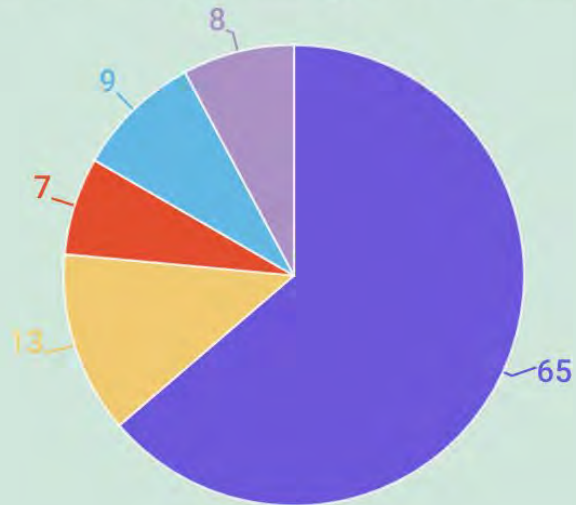
# Equality of Online Access in 2017



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# Priorities for government to address to promote greater equality of online access in 2018



- Change laws and policies
- Train government staff
- Regulate private sector
- Support public education campaigns
- Other



# Bridging the Digital Divide



Helani Galpaya  
LIRNEasia



Zar Chi Oo  
Researcher



Michael Suantak  
Chin Community Network



Yatanar Htun  
MIDO



# Digital Revolution: Leaving No One Behind



Ye Win  
iSchool



Smita Vanniyar  
Point of View (India)



Nyein Chan Ko Ko  
Phandeeyar



**WORKING TOGETHER**



# Internet Governance: Working Together



U Ye Htut  
MP of  
Amyotha Hluttaw



Maung Saungkha  
Research team for  
section 66(d)



Darli Thae Ko  
Protecting Committee for  
Myanmar Journalists



# Beyond Myanmar



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Linking regional & global discussions to Myanmar

Feminist Internet Principles | ASEAN ICT Masterplan



Nica Dumlao  
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@nicadoom



# Initiatives to Combat Violence Online



Smita Vanniyar  
Point of View



Hyra Basit  
Digital Rights Foundation



Tin Zar Aung  
Internews



Aung Myo Min  
Equality Myanmar



Sheen Handoo  
Facebook



# Open sessions

## MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

Protecting Your Rights on the Internet



Open Sessions (ED)  
10:30 - 11:00 PM

Challenges for Civil Activists

SOCIAL MEDIA & HATE SPEECH  
- Myanmar Study (2018)  
- Myanmar Study (2019)  
- Myanmar Study (2020)

DATA ANALYTICS & DEVELOPMENT  
- Myanmar Study (2018)  
- Myanmar Study (2019)  
- Myanmar Study (2020)

Secure Messaging for Activists & Journalists  
- Alternative Apps  
- More Secure  
- End-to-End Encryption (How / How Not / How to)

Male Speech and positive citizenship on social media

What is Digital Security?  
- Definition of digital security  
- Digital Security: How to protect your data  
- How to protect your data

Access to courts and legal aid  
- Myanmar Study (2018)  
- Myanmar Study (2019)  
- Myanmar Study (2020)

How to use social media for activism  
- Myanmar Study (2018)  
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Provide

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Media



Online Syndromes (Social Media:  
Hate Speech, Fake News)

Gayathry Venkiteswaran

Big Data Advocacy for  
Development

Helani Galpaya

Secure Messaging Apps for  
Activists and Journalists

MIDO

How the Internet Works

Nayanatara Ranganathan

What is Universal Service Fund?

Wai Phyo Myint,  
Htaike Htaike Aung

Access to Government Data

Soe Lin Htoot

Hate Speech and Positive  
Obligation of the Government  
and Measures

Zar Chi Oo

How Should State Protect  
Bloggers?

Ting Oo



# Freedom on the Net

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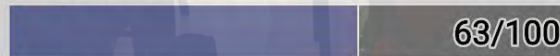
## Myanmar Country Profile

STATUS: **NOT FREE**

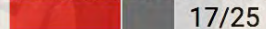


### Internet Freedom Scores

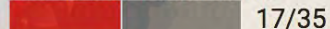
#### Overall Score



#### Obstacles to Access



#### Limits on Content



#### Violations of User Rights



(Freedom on the Net Score:  
0=Most Free, 100=Least Free)

### Quick Facts

Population: 52.9 million

Internet Penetration: 25.1 %

Social Media/ICT Apps  
Blocked: No

Political/Social Content  
Blocked: No

Bloggers/ICT Users Arrested: Yes

Press Freedom Status: Not Free

<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-net/2017/myanmar>



(5-8)  
CONNECTING A NETWORK  
White lines = nodes  
Pink lines = connections  
Submarine cables  
\* = countries


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# 2018 Looking Forward




# Freedom of Expression

- Adopting a right to information law that promotes digital information and protects digital rights
  - Repealing Article 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law
  - Improving people's digital literacy using both formal and informal methods, especially of MPs and judges.
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# Right to Privacy

- Adopting a data protection law that protects users' privacy and data online
  - Establishing a lawful interception framework
  - Improving people's awareness of the right to privacy.
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# Equality of Access

- Promoting e-gov, ensuring websites are accessible to all, in compliance with WCAG 2.0 (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines).
  - Supporting the Unicode Migration Plan
  - Supporting the implementation of initiatives to promote accessibility for persons with disabilities, women and ethnic communities.
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## Digital Rights Movement

Monthly Meetings | Shared Folder | Updates on digital rights issues

Mailing List: [digitalrightsmm@riseup.net](mailto:digitalrightsmm@riseup.net)

Mail to [khin@phandeeyar.org](mailto:khin@phandeeyar.org) to subscribe to the list.





## Action plans for 2018

### Regional MDRFs

(in Mandalay and Mawlamyine,  
Tentatively in May and June)

Focusing on:

- Cyber Crime
- Digital ID
- Hate Speech
- Accessibility


### Workshops on focused digital rights issues

(in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Mawlamyine)

Intensive workshop on each digital rights issues will be conducted for the parliamentarians, journalists, activists, lawyers, and civil society organizations.

### Recommendations letter

The recommendation letters of the details of the priorities of each pillar--Freedom of Expression, Privacy and Access--will be sent to the government.





**Annex**

# Media Coverage: Online & Print Coverage

No.	Date	Publication	Headline	Link	Language
1.	22 January 2018	The Myanmar Times [Online + Print]	Myanmar backslides on freedom of expression: digital rights stakeholders	<a href="https://www.mmtimes.com/news/myanmar-backslides-freedom-expression-digital-rights-stakeholders.html">https://www.mmtimes.com/news/myanmar-backslides-freedom-expression-digital-rights-stakeholders.html</a>	English
2.	30 January 2018	GlobalVoice [Online]	Myanmar Digital Activists Come Together to Protect People's Rights Online at #DigitalRightsMM	<a href="https://globalvoices.org/2018/01/30/myanmar-digital-activists-come-together-to-protect-peoples-rights-online-at-digitalrightsmm/">https://globalvoices.org/2018/01/30/myanmar-digital-activists-come-together-to-protect-peoples-rights-online-at-digitalrightsmm/</a>	English
3.	24 January 2018	The Irrawaddy [Online]	Forum Helps Netizens Fight for their Digital Rights	<a href="https://www.irrawaddy.com/in-person/forum-helps-netizens-fight-digital-rights.html">https://www.irrawaddy.com/in-person/forum-helps-netizens-fight-digital-rights.html</a>	English Myanmar
4.	19 January 2018	Frontier Myanmar [Online + Print]	Forum blames laws, policies for worsening online freedom	<a href="https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/forum-blames-laws-policies-for-worsening-online-freedom">https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/forum-blames-laws-policies-for-worsening-online-freedom</a>	English
5		MRTV-4 [Online]	ဒီဂျစ်တယ်နည်းပညာပိုင်းအရ လူမှုကွန်ရက်ပေါ်က ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်ပိုင်းထိခိုက်မှုဆိုင်ရာ ပြောဆိုဝေဖန်မှုတွေကို ကာကွယ်ဖို့ ဥပဒေအရန်ဆင့်နှေးနသေး	<a href="https://goo.gl/Jzr3Mh">https://goo.gl/Jzr3Mh</a>	Myanmar

Current Total Clips = 5



## Attendance list

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AAtOEqSWoJ1R3p0VSH2SetCMNWuRvBwzP0h6YR4lr4o/edit?usp=sharing>

