
LAOS ASEAN SUMMIT TO FOCUS ON MYANMAR CRISIS

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For the first time since the junta seized power three years ago, Myanmar will send a Foreign Ministry official to the summit. But that move has drawn criticism from some human rights groups, NGOs and opponents of the junta inside the country, who have said allowing Myanmar to participate legitimizes the regime.

ASEANs highest profile 2024 gathering is set for Oct. 8-11 in Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

Neither Myanmar's junta nor Laos Ministry of Foreign Affairs would name the junta's representative to the summit.

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