
ASEAN TO DEDICATE TWO MEETINGS TO MYANMAR CONFLICT NEXT WEEK, CHIEF SAYS

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Asean will hold two meetings specifically on the civil war in army-ruled Myanmar ahead of its summit next week, the blocs secretary-general said on May 21, in a bid to advance its faltering peace effort.

The 10-member South-east Asian grouping has repeatedly called for a halt in hostilities between rebels and the ruling junta that have displaced an estimated 3½ million people since the military overthrew the elected civilian government of Ms Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021.

Aseans peace proposal that same year, the Five Point Consensus, which calls for an end to violence and dialogue between warring groups, has made barely any progress, resulting in Myanmar's ruling generals being barred from its summits.

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