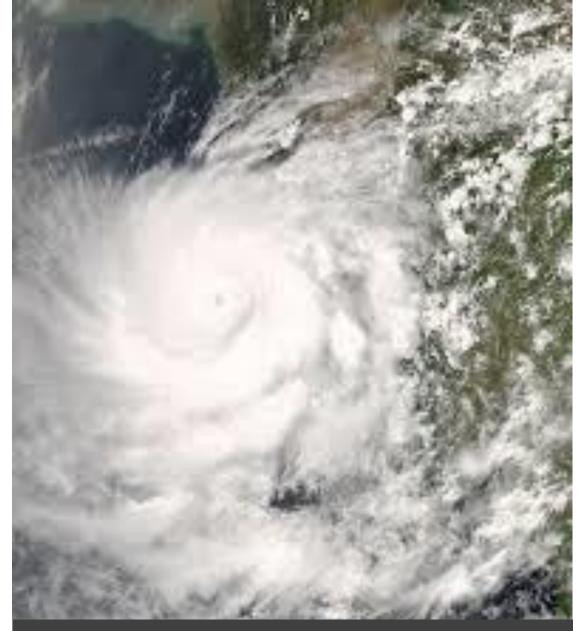
# Health Care in Danger Myanmar

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### Nargis cyclone May 2008 Irrawaddy delta region



Nargis Cyclone aftermath – 2.4 million people affected. 200,000 died including health care personnel. Health care facilities destroyed. Disruptions in health care.





 Isolated attacks on doctors by disgruntled patients
 Assault on doctors by petty criminals or drug users
 Isolated rare events
 Common nowadays – attacks on doctors, clinics, hospitals on social media – destroys reputation



### Health care in danger ICRC

•Deliberate attacks on health care facilities and health care personnel

•Violence against the wounded and sick

•Violence against medical vehicles

One of the most serious humanitarian challenges in the world today

•Spawned by wars and armed conflicts





Myanmar •52 million people •130 ethnic races •Eight major races



1948 January 4<sup>th</sup> Myanmar's independence from British

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The Panlong Agreement 1947 - Promise of formation of federal system of government

1962 – Military coup d'etat

Smoldering unrest which was already present continued and grew among the ethnic people – sporadic armed conflicts.

### Bursts of civil unrests



### **8-8-88** Nation-wide people's revolution Demonstrators in front of Yangon General Hospital

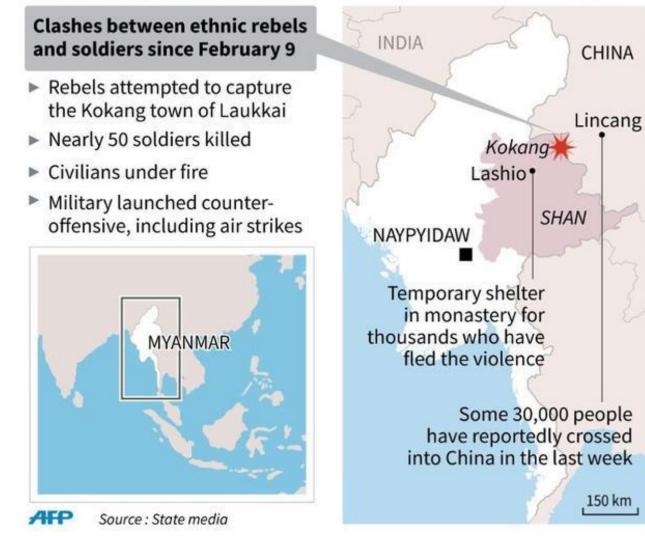
Armed conflicts continued especially in border areas
Very rare reports of deliberate attacks on health care facilities or health personnel
Occasional reports of doctors being kidnapped
Refugees and disruption of health services
Improvised health care systems locally

Many attempts for truce with armed ethnic groups – short lived

### 2015

### **Myanmar clashes**

State of emergency was declared Tuesday in conflict-torn border region





### Two shot in first ever attack on Red Cross in Myanmar The Straits Times Feb 17 2015

Volunteers of Myanmar Red Cross organisation carry wounded volunteer Moe Kyaw, 45, as the war victims fleeing from Laukkai sit on the truck after vehicles of rescue convoy were attacked by Kokang rebels near self-administered Kokang capital Laukkai, northern Shan State, Myanmar, on Feb 17, 2015.

# How has Health Care in Danger been addressed in Myanmar

ICRC in Myanmar workshops to raise awareness and to prompt action – NGO's, INGO's, government, ethnic groups
 Red Cross emblem law
 Myanmar Red Cross – education programmes to emphasize its neutrality and that it is not government

### **Myanmar Medical Association**

Maintains strict neutrality, non-political, independent status
 Information, education for medical personnel, advocacy
 To report

□Not to use red cross emblems in clinics

Operates clinics and mobile medical services and provide humanitarian assistance in areas close to conflict zones

### Health as a bridge to peace



Healthcare workers have undeniably and increasingly served as frontline responders in mitigating the fallout of conflicts. (Source: ICRC)

## Health as Bridge for Peace (HBP)

The role of physicians and other health workers in the preservation and promotion of peace is the most significant factor for the attainment of health for all" World Health Assembly, Resolution 34.38, 1981



### New government peace process

### 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016



**Union Peace Conference-**



## Peace is the only answer



" Allwe are saying isgive peace a chance. "

John Lennon



# No violence against health care Peace for all Health for all