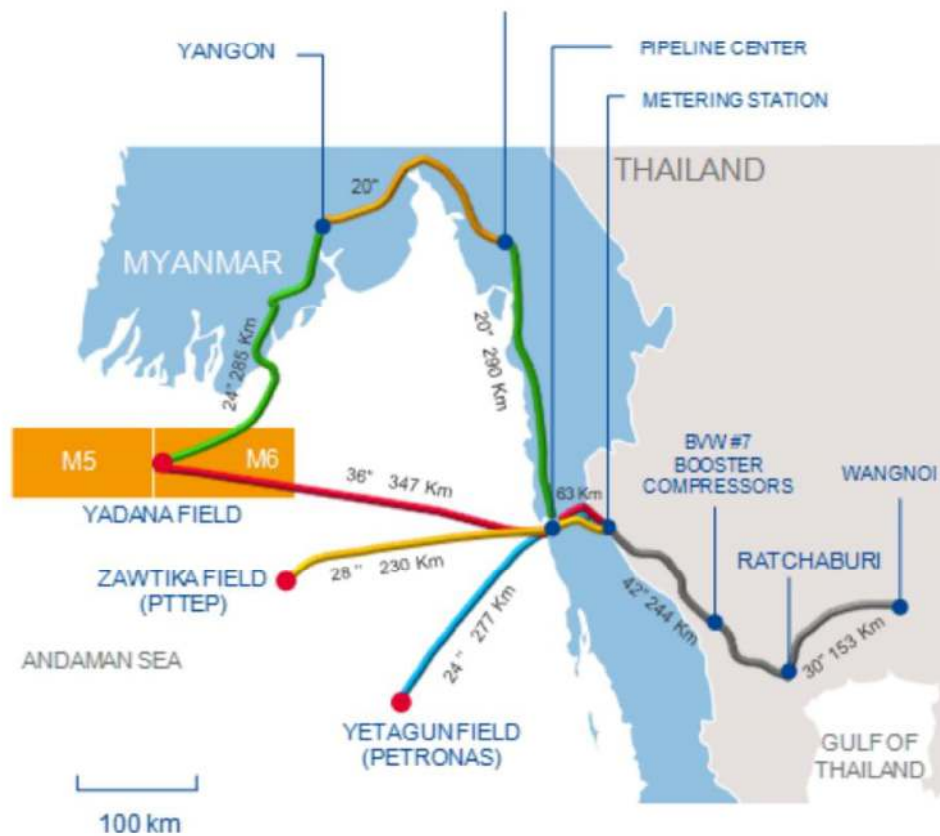


# Rights Groups Urge the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand to Investigate Thai Energy Firms' (PTT, PTTEP, Northern Gulf Petroleum) Links to Myanmar Junta's Human Rights Violations

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Map of Yadana project and other offshore gas fields in Myanmar. (Photo: TotalEnergies) Via Prachatai English

Blood Money Campaign (Myanmar/Burma) and Campaign for a New Myanmar filed a formal complaint letter on May 25, 2026, to Thailand's National Human Rights Commission, requesting an investigation into the transboundary human rights impacts of Thai oil and gas companies' operations in Myanmar.

The groups urge a probe into PTT, PTTEP, and Northern Gulf Petroleum's operations in Myanmar since the 2021 military coup attempt. These companies' revenues bolster the junta's capacity for human rights violations and atrocity crimes, breaching the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) and the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#). The Thai government must ensure compliance with international law, including the UN Guiding Principles, Thailand's National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, and, in light of its bid to join the OECD, the OECD Guidelines.

The illegitimate Myanmar military junta continues to seize power through force of arms against the people of Myanmar. Min Aung Hlaing, who orchestrated the coup and led the military junta, has now been appointed "President" by the military-controlled parliament following a sham election. While publicly and deceptively claiming a transition toward democracy, the junta continues to carry out mass killings of civilians, severe human rights violations, war crimes, and daily airstrikes.

Since the illegal coup attempt of 1 February 2021, nearly [93,000 people](#) have been killed and the junta has arbitrarily detained over 20,000 people, and conducted [7,201 airstrikes](#) killing [4,496 civilians](#), including pregnant women and newborn infants. Tanintharyi Region, through which the Yadana, Zawtika, and Yetagun gas pipelines run, has seen intensified conflict with thousands displaced and widespread human rights violations, including killings, arbitrary detention, and property destruction.



According to the Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica data, from February 2021 to April 2026, the Myanmar military junta carried out 253 airstrikes in the Tanintharyi Region, resulting in the deaths of 63 civilians and injuries to 138 others. In addition, within a four-month period from January to April 2026, there were up to 11 mass killing incidents, resulting in 76 deaths. In Yebyu Township - through which the gas pipeline from offshore Tanintharyi to Thailand passes - there were 7 airstrikes and 1 mass killing incident, resulting in the deaths of at least 6 civilians.

Thai companies PTT, PTTEP and Northern Gulf Petroleum generate more than \$1 billion annually for the junta, its largest legitimate source of foreign income that is facilitating the ongoing atrocities in Myanmar. At a time of escalating brutality, PTTEP is negotiating with the junta to increase production at the Yadana and Zawtika projects and to kickstart the new Aung Thein Kha project while ensuring the junta can avoid sanctions. Similarly, Northern Gulf Petroleum's subsidiary, Gulf Petroleum Myanmar, has recently signed an agreement with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) for the Min Ye Thu project.

The complainant calls on the Commission to conduct a formal investigation, gather evidence from affected communities and civil society, and reflect UN Special Rapporteur and OHCHR recommendations, including targeted sanctions on Myanmar gas revenues.

The complaint requests concrete measures for PTT, PTTEP, and Northern Gulf Petroleum, including placing gas revenues in escrow accounts, suspending new investment in Myanmar's gas sector, and responsibly disengaging where operations pose unavoidable human rights risks. The complaint also urges the Thai government to ensure these companies do not contribute further to the junta's atrocities by stopping payments to the junta, enforcing sanctions compliance, and enacting mandatory human rights due diligence laws.





Mulan of the Blood Money Campaign (BMC) said: " The military junta fully controls MOGE. Thailand's state-owned PTT company, its subsidiary, PTTEP, and privately-owned Thai company Northern Gulf Petroleum are providing millions of dollars in Thai baht payments to enable the Myanmar military junta's severe ongoing human rights violations every month. This constitutes financial complicity in the criminal junta's daily war crimes and mass killings of civilians. Communities along gas pipeline routes and people nationwide are facing severe human rights violations. These companies are breaching international business and human rights standards and jeopardise Thailand's plans for OECD ascension. Therefore, we request Thailand's National Human Rights Commission to investigate and stop these financial contributions to the junta's brutal crimes."

Keel Dietz, Senior Policy Advisor the Campaign for a New Myanmar (CNM) said: " The military junta needs hard currency to pay for the weapons and military supplies it uses to conduct its campaign of violence against the people of Myanmar. PTT, PTTEP, and NGP must do everything in their power to ensure that their operations do not fund the junta's barbarity. Revenues from Myanmar's gas fields belong to the people and not the military junta. The oil and gas companies must put that money in escrow for a future democratic government of the people of Burma. "



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**Blood Money Campaign (BMC)** is a collective of young social activists and students from diverse ethnic, minority, Persons with Disabilities (PWD), peace, education, research, IT and civic engagement backgrounds, united in the fight against the dictatorship of Myanmar's military junta and its oppression. We target the junta's foreign revenue streams to weaken its military power and hold accountable companies that continue to do business with the junta.

**Campaign for a New Myanmar (CNM)** is a collective of activists, policymakers, and diaspora dedicated to restoring democracy and human rights in Myanmar. CNM is a campaign of the International Campaign for the Rohingya, a 501c3 organization based in Washington, DC.

