
MYANMAR EMBRACES RUSSIAN ARMS TO OFFSET CHINA'S INFLUENCE

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The military convoys captured on television cameras in the early hours of Myanmar's latest coup reveal deepening ties between the country's military and "loyal friend" Moscow.

Many of the light armored vehicles on the streets were made in Russia. These imports are among a growing list of supplies that have deepened ties between Moscow's defense establishment and Myanmar's military, say researchers at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

By 2019, the most recent year for which data has been published, Myanmar's bill for Russian military assets totaled an estimated \$807 million for the decade, according to the institute.

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