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## **MYANMAR'S MILITARY REGIME EXTENDS STATE OF EMERGENCY BY 6 MONTHS AS CIVIL WAR RAGES**

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The military regime that seized power in Myanmar 3 1/2 years ago extended a state of emergency in the civil war-racked country for another six months, saying Wednesday it needs time to prepare for long-promised elections.

The state of emergency was initially declared when troops ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi on Feb. 1, 2021, arresting her and members of her National League for Democracy party.

The emergency decree empowers the military to assume all government functions, giving the head of the ruling military council, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, legislative, judicial and executive powers.

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