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MYANMAR ANTI-COUP FORCES TARGET MANDALAY IN STRUGGLE TO OUST MILITARY

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Myanmars second-biggest city is beginning to feel like a city under siege. But while armed groups might be at the gates of Mandalay, most residents do not consider them the enemy.

Ive lived in Singu since I was born and weve never seen anything like this before, said Tun, a 47-year-old resident of a small town in the Mandalay region, roughly 80km (50 miles) north of the city. He asked to be identified by only part of his name for security reasons.

At first, most residents didnt flee from the town because we had no experience with war. When the fighting got more intense near the town, we understood we couldnt stay here.

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