

A Year After the Coup: Media in Myanmar

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Speaker Biographies



Soe Myint

Editor-in-chief, Mizzima News, Yangon, Myanmar, [@sm_mizzima](#)

Soe Myint has been working in the media field since 1992 in different capacities from reporting, managing and training. He was in exile for 24 years while the country was under military dictatorship. Together with Thin Thin Aung, he established Mizzima (derived from the Pali word for “middle” or “moderate”) in New Delhi, India in 1998. In January 2012, Mizzima was the first exile media to move back inside Myanmar, after the country opened up to democratic change.

Today, Mizzima Group includes Mizzima Media Co. Ltd., Mizzima Trading and Mizzima Media Publishing and Mizzima Foundation (a non-profit of Mizzima Group). Mizzima Media Co. Ltd. broadcasts Free-To-Air Digital Mizzima TV Channel, produces daily digital newspaper in Myanmar, a Mizzima Weekly in English, Mizzima websites in both Myanmar ([www.mizzimaburmese.com](#)) and English ([www.mizzima.com](#)) and Mizzima Application. Additionally, Mizzima media products such as SMS, Radio News, Video News and Images are also available on various digital platforms and mobile phones (OTT) in Myanmar. Mizzima maintains active cooperation with other national and international stakeholders in the media reform process in Myanmar.

Soe Myint’s publications include the 2003 release “Burma File: A Question of Democracy”, as well as numerous articles in various newspapers and magazines. He is a regular speaker and invited guest at national and international forums on media in Myanmar. **Soe Myint spoke at the EWC's 2014 International Media Conference in Yangon.**



Cape Diamond

Journalist and Film Producer, Myanmar, [@cape_diamond](#)

Cape Diamond is a multimedia journalist and award-winning documentary film producer based in Myanmar. During the Rohingya genocide, Cape worked for international media as the most contributed and reporting journalist on the crisis in Myanmar and mainly covering human rights, crisis and conflicts in Myanmar.

As a documentary producer, Cape’s works could be found on Al Jazeera, ABC News, CBS, etc. He’s contributed to the BAFTA Award-winning documentary Myanmar’s Killing Fields and New York Film Festival gold medal award winner The Rohingya Exodus.

His recent works can be found on CNN, Al Jazeera English, Sky News (U.K.), Channel 4 (U.K.), The L.A. Times, The Guardian and The Washington Post and Nikkei Asia.

Currently, Cape Diamond is covering the military coup in Myanmar for several international news outlets.



Aung Zaw

Editor-in-chief, The Irrawaddy, Yangon, Myanmar, [@IrrawaddyNews](#)

Aung Zaw is founder and Editor in Chief of the Irrawaddy online news publication. A former activist in the 1988 uprising, Aung Zaw founded The Irrawaddy in 1993 in Thailand in exile and he and his team covered Myanmar affairs for almost 30 years. The publication provided continuous coverage of events in Myanmar. Aung Zaw returned to Burma/Myanmar in 2012 and set up an office in Yangon. His articles appeared in New York Times, Foreign Policy, Asian Wall Street Journal, Time, Bangkok Post, and The Guardian. **Aung Zaw spoke at the EWC's 2014 International Media Conference in Yangon.**



Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd

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Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd is a Professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. She holds a Doctorate in Education from University of Southern California.

Dr. Byrd researches, publishes, and teaches in the areas of: US-Myanmar relations; security dynamics of Southeast Asia; linkages between the role of education, economic development, gender, private sector, and security in the Indo-Pacific region; and transformative adult learning/executive education; and organizational innovations. She has served as the Deputy Economic Advisor at U.S. Pacific Command in uniform prior to her position at DKI APCSS and worked in the private sector for sixteen years. Dr. Byrd is an Adjunct Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. She is currently serving on the Boards of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College in California and Women's LEAD in Myanmar.



Annalisa Burgos

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Annalisa Burgos is an international TV anchor and journalist with 20+ years of experience in news, business and lifestyle reporting in Asia, New York City, Washington, DC, and Los Angeles. Now a freelancer based in Honolulu, she teaches news reporting at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Before moving to Hawaii, she was anchor and managing editor for ABS-CBN News Channel in the Philippines, leading the network's international morning newscasts. She hosted a weekly "Food Diplomacy" series in which she dined with ambassadors while discussing bilateral ties and geopolitical issues.

Prior to Manila, Annalisa was an anchor/correspondent for Channel NewsAsia based in Singapore and hosted the regional morning show "First Look Asia". She also hosted a popular weekly series "What's Cooking," where she traveled across Asia covering food and dining trends.

Before moving to Asia, Annalisa was a New York-based anchor, reporter and editor for several major media companies, including HGTV, Forbes, CNBC and Bloomberg.

Born in Los Angeles, Annalisa graduated from UCLA and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.