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THREAD: After seeing some twitter users raising their concerns, it's time for some additional explanatory information and points regarding Myanmar military that might come in handy in a few days. [1]
#WhatsHappeningInMyanmar

Along with saddening incidents in Mandalay this afternoon, allow me to recall past brutal atrocities conducted by armed forces and the generals who have been ruling the country for decades. [2]

During 1988 uprisings where huge demonstrations led by students and then followed quickly by hundreds of thousands of monks, children, doctors and common people against the military government, which led to the general strikes across the country. [3]

And later brutal crackdowns followed and thousands of deaths have been attributed to the military during the uprising.
Yes. Same military of today. The authorities back then put the figures only around 350 ppl killed. [4]

During 2007 uprising/saffron revolution,
the people got fed up with military gov and started a campaign of peaceful resistance led by Buddhist monks, later many arrested/detained, many brutally tortured in custody. Myanmar ppl still hold high respect for saffron rev monks [6]

UN records described 30- 40 monks and 50 - 70 civilians killed as well as 200 beaten.[165]
Democratic Voice of Burma puts the number of deaths at [138], basing their figure on a list compiled by the 88 Student Generation group in Myanmar.
Also by the same military. [7]

Also same military's 33rd Light Infantry Division is reportedly involved in the deadly crackdown in Mandalay this afternoon. Quite concerning as same division was involved in Inn Din massacre and other recent atrocities against #Rohingya. [8]

Myanmar military's Light Infantry Divisions 33, 77, 99 have been famed for their brutal counter-insurgency campaigns against Myanmar's many ethnic minorities for decades [9]

Many local news reports stating - 33 in Mandalay and soldiers with LID 77 badges have been spotted in Yangon since a week after the current coup, been moving around in both cities.[10]

Since the coup, international pressure has been tremendous and it should not be stopped as it might be one of the factors keeping the people safe.
One thing i have learned from past events that Myanmar military does not bluff, they actually proceed. [11]