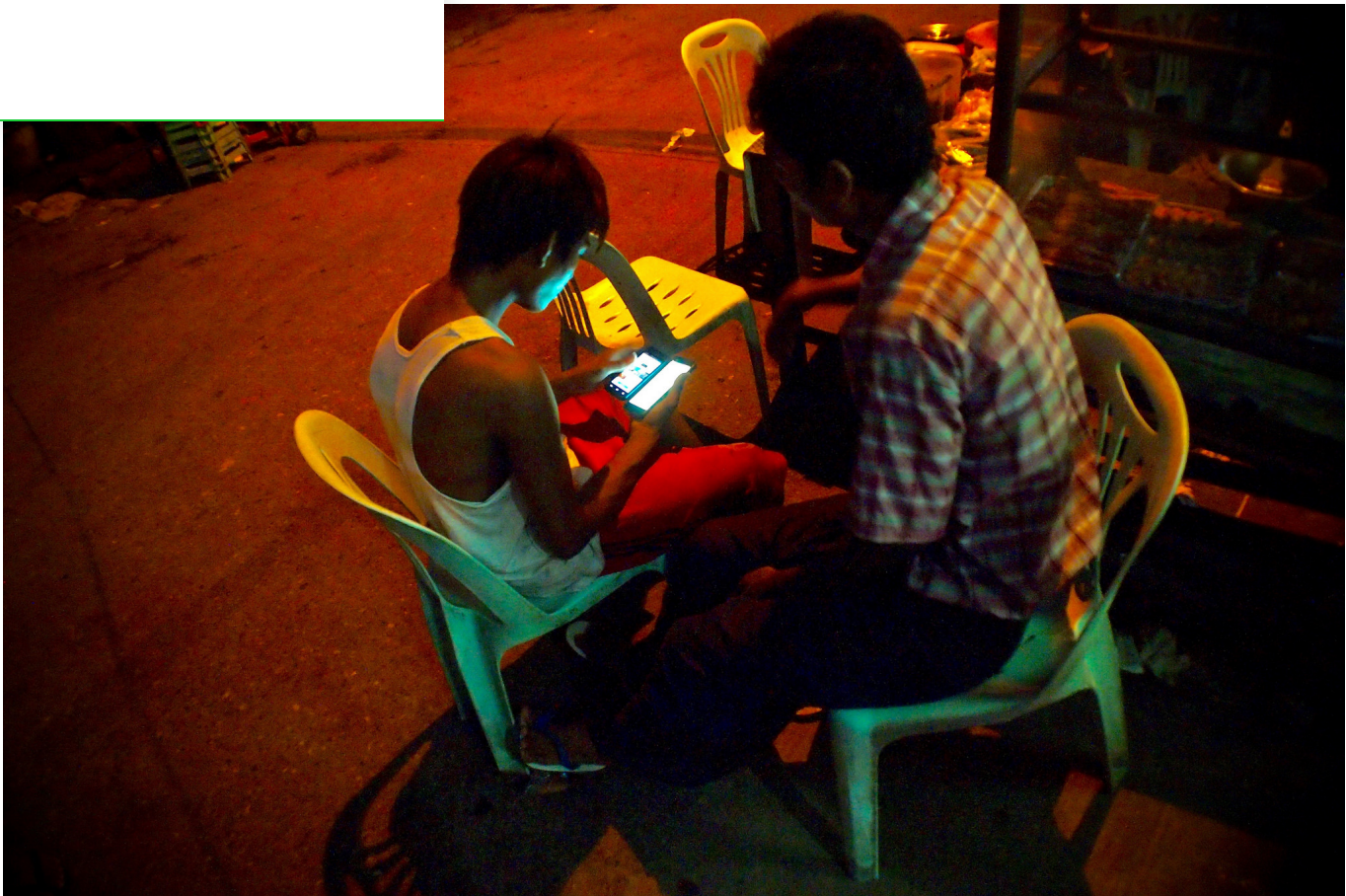


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Yangon smartphone users. Photo: Flickr / Remko Tanis



By Coconuts Yangon
Mar 29, 2017
11:56pm Yangon time

The number of internet users in Myanmar has jumped by 10 million over the past year, according to the latest figures from the Ministry of Transport and Communications acquired by [Eleven](#).

The ministry report states that there were roughly 36 million internet users last year, and that number has jumped to over 46 million this year (so far). Authorities estimate that about 89% of the population is now online.

The report also states that there were over 44 million land and mobile phones registered in the 2015-2016 economic year; as of the end of January this year, there are a total of 54 million registered phones.

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Screenshot from 'The PDF Game.'



By Coconuts Yangon

May 5, 2022

3:15pm Yangon time

The devs behind a mobile game that pits players against the Tatmadaw said this morning they have raised about MMK70 million (US\$38,000) since last month that will be donated to resistance forces.

The anonymous team behind third-person shooter *The PDF Game*, named for the so-called People's Defence Force fighting against the junta, said a surge in popularity had netted the equivalent of MMK14.5 million since May 1 alone, with more than 100,000 now playing the game.

In the game, which is playable in Burmese or English, players take the role of PDF soldiers fighting against the junta. Though it is a free download, players watch in-game ads that raise money for donation to the Spring Revolution.

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game that fill in as much ammunition as you need,” Aung missions.”

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ce yet of those funds being transferred to the PDF or tional Unity Government. In a recent post, the devs said it d money and then another two weeks to distribute the ges sent via social media as of publication time.



Screenshot from 'The PDF Game.'

The game was released on [Android](#) in March with an [iOS](#) version following late last month.

“Heroes vs Fascists” reads the game’s loading screen before prompting players to answer if they want to join the PDF.

Players can take on male or female soldiers and assign them nicknames. Then the game enters a training session, where the first 30-second add brings in-game ammunition and, of course, the money the dev team vows to donate.

From there, team leader Bo Toot Pe instructs players how to play the game inside a jungle setting. That’s when you can let blast on Tatmadaw soldiers while supporting the Spring Revolution without risking any real-life harm.

The devs told *Irrawaddy* that they plan to add more to the game.

“We get good input from the players,” one of the anonymous devs said. “The tips have made the game even better after a month. Although there are still some minor errors, there will be new missions next month.”

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NUG'S NUTS CRADLED BY 'BALL LIFTER' EXILE MEDIA: TAT SPOX

A family friendlier visual metaphor created online, at left. Tatmadaw tuggernut Gen. Zaw Min Tun, at right.

By [Coconuts Yangon](#)
Apr 29, 2022
10:25am Yangon time

Junta spokesperson Gen. Zaw Min Tun has blasted banned exiled media outlets as “ball lifters” for the civilian government in exile and dared them to ask his preferred questions.

Frustrated by an ability to control the narrative, the military mouthpiece tried to reverse an insult for junta supporters in comments to reporters in which he said seven media outlets including Myanmar Now, Khit Thit, and Irrawaddy, were boosting the National Unity Government, aka NUG.

He even had some hygiene tips for those he says are wrapped around anti-junta testicles.

“NUG’s ball-lifter media ... are they leprosy media?” he said. “If so, please wash your hands often, like the lyrics of the COVID-19 prevention song, and stay away from crowds.”

“Ball lifter” has come to be a sobriquet for those who support the military in return for some advantage.

He said reporters should instead be asking the NUG, which is led by lawmakers from ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi’s National League for Democracy, why it was soliciting so much money.

He mentioned Radio Free Asia, DVB TV News, The Irrawaddy, Mizzima, Myanmar Now and Khit Thit, whose media licenses were revoked two months after the 2021 coup.

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called Blood Allies, which has killed at least eight people in family members of those working for DVB, Mizzima, and

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