

## **'Begged them not to shoot children': Nun kneels in front of Myanmar police to stop violence**

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*Sister Ann Roza pleaded with police not to harm protesters. (Source: Myitkyina News Journal via Sky News)*

**Yangon:** A nun went down on her knees in front of policemen in a northern Myanmar town and pleaded them to stop shooting protesters agitating against last month's coup.

Video showed Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng in a white robe and black habit kneeling on a street in the town of Myitkyina on Monday, speaking to two policemen who were also kneeling.

"I said, I don't want to see any trouble here and can't leave if police don't leave," she said. "I begged them not to shoot the children."

*A sit-in protest against the coup in Myanmar*

*Protesters react after riot police fired tear gas canisters*

Tawng and one of the policemen then touched their foreheads to the ground.

At least two protesters were killed by gunshots at the head and three others were injured in the town on Monday, witnesses said.

Tawng had also come between protesters and police lines late last month, pleading for peace, local media reported.

Over 60 people have been killed and more than 1,800 detained in the crackdown on protests against the Feb. 1 coup, an advocacy group has said.

Myanmar's military seized power in a bloodless coup on Monday, February 1, detaining democratically elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi as it imposed a one-year state of emergency.

The intervention ended a decade of civilian rule in Myanmar, with the military justifying its power grab by alleging fraud in the November elections that Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won in a landslide.

The coup sparked global condemnation, with the United States leading calls for democracy to be immediately restored.

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