

# International narcotics agenda behind Myanmar instability

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For the past month, the military government of Myanmar has been the focus of increasingly strident demonstrations, resulting in violent military crackdowns in recent days.

What must be noted is the [Bush administration's open support](#) for the dissidents, in conjunction with growing international (Western) support behind a coup attempt, and the likely parapolitical goals behind this agenda.

## **The demise of the Golden Triangle: bad for business**

According to a report by Thomas Fuller of the *International Herald Tribune*, the Golden Triangle has, in recent years, lost its prominence as a narco-region. In fact, the legendary Triangle now accounts for as little as 5% of world opium supply, according to some estimates.

### [Notorious Golden Triangle loses sway in opium trade](#)

Thomas Fuller, *International Herald Tribune*, September 11, 2007

Not surprisingly, the Golden Crescent and Afghanistan now under control of the US and its drug-intelligence proxies, is by far and away the world's number one opium supplier, as well as the top overall drug producing region, dwarfing Colombia and the Golden Triangle. (See <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=6178> )

In fact, the demise of the Golden Triangle in recent years can be traced to geostrategic developments that run counter to the agenda of international interests whose financial and banking system depends on the multi-billion dollar cash flows of the criminal drug trade.

As noted by Fuller:

1. The United Nations credits Myanmar's central government for leading opium eradication.
2. Militias with long-standing ties to the heroin business have also pushed eradication.
3. China has played a major role pressing opium growers to eradicate.
4. The Laotian government has led its own opium eradication campaign. Officials see the link between poverty and opium, and the fact that "it is mostly organized crime syndicates that profit".

These narco-developments, parallel with

- 1) [other financial and political reasons](#) why a new Myanmar government would be preferred,
- 2) a [fragile and teetering world economy](#) facing numerous financial bubbles and insolvency, and
- 3) continued failure to control either the Middle East or contain the rising political and economic power of China, cast a different light on the sudden burst of interest on the part of the Bush administration to back a coup or regime change in Myanmar.

The Bush administration, the epitome of criminal political power, does not support “human rights”. It will utilize every means, including overt military force, to protect geostrategic interests that depend on the world drug trade.

The revitalization of the Golden Triangle drug trade, and the installation or support for an openly pro-US regime in Myanmar, benefits Western financial interests. Any geostrategic foothold in Southeast Asia also benefits efforts to contain China.

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