

# Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi on trial

Myanmar's ousted leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, is on trial on charges that many observers have criticised as an attempt by the military junta that deposed her to permanently exclude her from politics



■ **1988:** **Aung San Suu Kyi** emerges as face of pro-democracy movement in Myanmar during failed popular uprising against military rule

■ **1989-2010:** Spends 15 out of 21 years under house arrest

■ **2015:** Suu Kyi's **National League for Democracy (NLD)** wins landslide victory in general election

■ **2016:** Suu Kyi given official title of "state counsellor" – widely seen as Myanmar's de facto leader

■ **Nov 2020:** NLD wins second landslide election victory

■ **Feb 1, 2021**

Suu Kyi arrested in coup led by military chief **Min Aung Hlaing** (right), hours before start of new parliament session



**Suu Kyi subsequently charged with series of offences:**

■ Being in possession of illegally imported walkie-talkies. **Maximum prison term – three years**

■ Unlicensed use of communications equipment – **one year**

■ Two breaches of coronavirus regulations during 2020 election campaign – **three years each**

■ Spreading information that could cause public unrest – **three years**

■ Breaching official secrets act – **14 years**

■ Corruption – for allegedly misusing land belonging to charity foundation she chaired, and illegally accepting \$600,000 and 11kg worth of gold while in office – **15 years**

**If convicted, Suu Kyi could spend rest of her life in detention**