

Myanmar Buys Diesel Fuel From Russia, Junta Chief Says

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Myanmar's junta chief Min Aung Hlaing (L) with Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia. [Kremlin.ru](https://kremlin.ru)

Myanmar has begun buying petroleum products from Russia and is expecting the delivery of diesel fuel in the coming days, the Southeast Asian country's military leader [said](#) Wednesday.

Senior general Min Aung Hlaing shared the news on his second visit to Russia in less than two months as both isolated countries seek to deepen ties in the face of international sanctions.

“Deliveries of petroleum products from Russia to Myanmar are already underway successfully,” Min Aung Hlaing told Russia's state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

“We will receive the first shipment of diesel fuel from Russia in a few days,” he said, noting that Myanmar is ready to pay for supplies in Russian rubles.

“Whatever currency the Russian side accepts, that's what we'll pay. This makes it much easier for us because there are a lot of restrictions on receiving and transferring in other

currencies,” Min Aung Hlaing said.

Min Aung Hlaing reportedly agreed to import petrol from Russia during his [last trip to Russia](#) in July.

Myanmar has resorted to fuel oil imports after petrol prices surged and the country was hit by shortages.

Russia is meanwhile seeking new export destinations for its energy exports amid Western sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine.

Russia is a major ally and arms supplier of the Myanmar military.

The Kremlin said Wednesday that Min Aung Hlaing [met](#) President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of Russia’s Eastern Economic Forum in the port city of Vladivostok.

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