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The way forward: On Myanmar's political situation

The article at hand talks about the political turmoil Myanmar currently finds itself in, with the military dethroning the democratically elected government to capture power.

Since the time military organized a coup to rule Myanmar, the current situation has turned into a political and economic mess. But while the military generals thought they would be able to restore balance by using terror and force, the people of Myanmar had other ideas.

As the generals had no choice but to use brutality to curb the protests, the death toll keeps on rising in Myanmar. Also, many people have since crossed borders to come to India, forcing India to close the border.

Protests in Myanmar are not something we have seen for the first time. But while the military was able to suppress the protestors in the past, this has not been the case this time around.

The general public has remained defiant of the coup and the author believes the military needs to reinstate democracy in the country to restore peace.

Words to look out for

Quell:

- **Synonyms:** extinguish, crush, obliterate
- **Antonyms:** aid, assist, support
- **Word usage:** The pro-democracy protests were quelled in China.

Dissuade:

- **Synonyms:** discourage, deter, depress
- **Antonyms:** encourage, inspire, push
- **Word usage:** He was dissuaded to pursue cricket by his parents.

Defiant:

- **Synonyms:** rebellious, bold, insolent
- **Antonyms:** compliant, obedient, submissive
- **Word usage:** Bhagat Singh was defiant despite the oppression of British rule.

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Princess myth, updated: Meghan Markle refuses the fairy tale script that bleaches out her color

The article at hand talks about the raging issue of deeply rooted racism in the British Royal family. While the Brexit vote highlighted one aspect of how bifurcated the British society is, the author believes many such cases highlight the same.

Hence, the British Royal family should have been a torchbearer in guiding the British society out of the clutches of such mentality.

It was expected that Meghan Markle's wedding to Prince Harry would have opened the doors for acceptance of people of color in the upper echelons of society.

However, Meghan's shocking revelation regarding the presence of racism in the British Royal family shut the door to any progress made in this regard.

This event has been in the air for a while now and Meghan's interview is surely going to add fuel to the fire. But while the British Royal family will not be impacted much by this, the author believes accepting Meghan would have been a progressive step for the Monarchy.

Words to look out for

Traction:

- **Synonyms:** grip, drag, propulsion
- **Antonyms:** release, relinquishment
- **Word usage:** Barcelona's shocking loss in the Champions League gained much traction.

Impoverish:

- **Synonyms:** ruin, drain, weaken
- **Antonyms:** preserve, protect, save
- **Word usage:** The impoverished kid was looking for a meal.

Herald:

- **Synonyms:** advocator, proponent, backer
- **Antonyms:** adversary, enemy, opponent
- **Word usage:** Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a herald of progressive societal reforms.

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