**Myanmar's military jet fuel supplies hit by latest US sanctions**

Jet fuel for Myanmar's armed forces has been targeted in the latest sanctions imposed by the United States on the country's military regime and crony businesses.

The US Treasury Department said on Friday that it had imposed sanctions on two people and six entities connected to Myanmar's military, who had enabled the regime's continuing atrocities.

Three sanctioned entities work in Myanmar's defence sector, specifically in the importation, storage and distribution of aviation fuel for the country's armed forces, the US Treasury said in a statement.

The sanctioned firms included: Sia Sun Group, which was previously sanctioned by Canada and the European Union, Asia Sun Trading Co Ltd, a company designated for sanctions by the UK earlier this year, and Cargo Link Petroleum Logistics Co Ltd, a transportation firm that distributes jet fuel to the military throughout Myanmar and was also designated by the UK earlier in the year, the Treasury said.

Two individuals were also sanctioned: Tun Min Latt, whom the treasury described as a close associate of the military regime's leader, and Tun Min Latt's wife, Win Min Soe, who is co-owner with her husband of the three business entities: Star Sapphire group of companies, Star Sapphire Trading Company Ltd, and Singapore-based Star Sapphire Group PTE Ltd.

The couple's firms were involved with importing"military arms and equipment, including drones and aircraft parts", and had also acted as an agent for China's arms manufacturer Norinco, which was already sanctioned by the US, the Treasury said. Tun Min Latt was arrested in Thailand in September on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering, it added.

"Burma's military regime continues to inflict pain and suffering on its own people," Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson said in a statement, referring to the country by its previous name.