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YANGON, Myanmar - Myanmar's military government Wednesday detained dozens of supporters of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, the BBC reported.

The arrests in Yangon, formerly Rangoon, came after the groups had prayer vigils for their leader who has been kept under house arrest for more than 11 years.

The report said the military rulers would review Suu Kyi's case this month but were expected to extend the Nobel Peace Prize laureate's detention despite a letter from more than 50 former world leaders urging her immediate release.

In the latest crackdown, the report said some of these arrested in the past two days had been released while others were still being held.

Many of the protesters are members of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

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