

Feminist Movement in Myanmar Call for Action¹

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We, associated with the Feminist Movement in Myanmar, are not a homogenous group and are guided by the principles of feminism, nonviolent social transformation and diversity that underpin the international human rights framework and democracy. We strive to ensure rural and urban poor women, girls, persons of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, people with disabilities, Internally Displaced Persons in Myanmar are visible in key socio-political spaces and that we are able demand the conditions that are needed to fully enjoy our universal human rights in our multiple identities.

We are from communities, families that have been historically discriminated, traumatized, impoverished against for decades by patriarchal and colonized systems such as the militarization resulting in most of us who carry the intergenerational trauma of oppression and existence in this persistent state of vulnerability. Vulnerability is political and a reflection of power imbalance that must be exposed wherever exists and eliminated by addressing its root causes and drivers.

The recent coup d'état in Myanmar is nothing new for us but it is a roll back militarization that is entrenched patriarchy. This in fact is one major driver of our vulnerability linking with sexism, misogyny, racism, ethnic conflict and nationwide multiple forms of violence will be epidemic if not halt on time.

We make this call for action to the coup, international communities and anyone who committed and envisioned to feminist values, human rights and democracy to stand with us and use this as a platform to support our collective non-hierarchy feminist agenda beyond the coup d'état.

We make a call, in particular to **Tatmadaw and security mandated Myanmar Police Force**

¹ The consolidated virtual consultation have been conveyed on 16 and 22 February 2021 with additional formal and informal consultations, particularly to IDPs and constituencies where there is very limited internet speed to join the meetings

1. *Tatmadaw*² must be under democratically elected Government of Myanmar immediately by abolishing “undemocratically arranged State Administration Council”
2. Abolish un-gendered sensitive 2008 constitution which opposed CEDAW, CRC, CRPD” which Myanmar is a signatory member State
3. Release all detained political prisoners, Government employees who join the *#CivilDisobedienceMovement*, and all persons who reject the coup d'état immediately and unconditionally
4. Stop Myanmar Police Force’s brutality and violence, and urge them to accountable for “justice” for not managing peaceful demonstrators with “non-lethal response”, “forcing some boys for burning civilian residents and using prisoners from illegitimate amnesty”, “arresting women demonstrators without assistance of female police”, “assaulting female reporters” and among others
5. Restore “4G internet connection 24 hours” for ensuring our freedom of information and withdraw the recent cyber law drafted by the coup which threaten our “privacy” and a colonized digitalization imposed by China

To International communities, in particular to **feminist communities, alliance**

6. Support formation of inclusive, “ad hoc interim” platform for addressing the country’s democratic crisis which reserves the principle of founding a “Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar”
7. Facilitate international and independent feminist journalism to observe the unfinished nationwide general strike
8. Advocate international donor communities to provide continuous humanitarian assistance to IDPs and facilitate a dignify, participatory return to their homeland
9. Advocate UN Security Council and member States to take into account Myanmar’s political and democratic crisis only on the basis of human rights and democracy
10. Advocate to redirect the international commitment for COVID-19 immunization under democratic channels as well as urge to suspend all development grants and loans across all sovereign and non-sovereign windows, in particular to International Financial Institutions and among others
11. Stand in solidarity with us for further dismantling sexist, discriminatory sarcasm during the general strike and beyond in light of fulfilling our enjoyment of universal human rights

² State Military is called *Tatmadaw* တပ်မတော်

Endorsed by

1. Aung Lan Phyu Women-Paletwa
2. Chin Women Organization-Hakha
3. Future SaLwin Organization
4. Future Women Association
5. Hakha Thar Nu Bu
6. Kachin Women Peace Network
7. Kayaw Women Association
8. Kuki Women's Human Rights Organization
9. Latsi Nu Women Agency
10. Mandalar Yaung Sin
11. Matupi Women Organization
12. Men Ri Hei
13. Myanmar Independent Living Initiative
14. Ninu (Women in Action Group)
15. Rainbow Alliance
16. Rezua Women Organization
17. Sami Chin Women Organization
18. Save and Care Organization of Women in Border Area
19. Shan Women Journalists Organization
20. Tavoyan Women Union
21. Women for Women Foundation
22. Organization name not to be mentioned -1
23. Organization name not to be mentioned -2
24. Organization name not to be mentioned -3
25. Organization name not to be mentioned -4
26. Organization name not to be mentioned -5
27. Organization name not to be mentioned -6
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29. Organization name not to be mentioned -8
30. Ban Thitsar
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