

Civil Society Statement on the so-called “Cyber Security Bill”

10 February 2021

We, the undersigned civil society organizations, reject the so-called “Cyber Security Bill” drafted by the current military regime, which has not been entrusted by the people with legislative power.

1. On 9 February 2021, the Ministry of Transport and Communications issued a directive enclosing the so-called “Cyber Security Bill” - which violates the principles of digital rights, privacy and other human rights - and circulated these documents to mobile operators and telecommunications license holders for comments.
2. Firstly, as this “bill” is not issued by an institution that has been entrusted with legislative power by the public to act accordingly, we do not accept this as a legitimate bill.
3. Secondly, the “bill” includes clauses which violate human rights including the rights to freedom of expression, data protection and privacy, and other democratic principles and human rights in the online space. As the “bill” is drafted by the current military regime to oppress those who are against its rule, and to restrict the mobilization and momentum of online resistance, we strongly condemn this action by the current military regime in accordance with our democratic principles.
4. The issuance of the “bill” is evidence that the military has not only attempted a coup d'état, but is also exercising undue legislative power unlawfully to oppress the public.
5. If this unlawful action by the current military regime is not denounced strongly in time, military oppression over the country will be long lived and we, the undersigned civil society organizations, strongly condemn this action by the current military regime and issue the following statements -
 1. We do not accept and we strongly condemn the military coup d'état and demand the current military regime to return the power to the public immediately without any exceptions.
 2. We do not accept, acknowledge or comply with this “bill” and directive as well as any other future “bills” that may be drafted by the current military regime in an attempt to oppress the people.

3. We strongly demand the current military regime to halt any undemocratic practices.

Signed by

1. Action Committee for Democratic Development (ACDD)
2. Action Group for Farmers Affair (AGFA - Mandalay)
3. Action Group for Farmers Affair (AGFA – Ayeyarwady)
4. Action Group for Farmers Affair (AGFA – Bago)
5. Action Group for Farmers Affair (AGFA – Magway)
6. Action Group for Farmers Affair (AGFA – Sagaing)
7. Ananda Data
8. Arakan CSO Network
9. Athan – Freedom of Expression Activist Organisation
10. Ayeyawady West Development Organization- AWDO (Magway Region)
11. Bandugavlar Civil Call(BCC)
12. Bee House
13. Chin Agency
14. Citizen Action for Transparency (ပွင့်လင်းမြင်သာလူထုလှုပ်ရှားမှုအဖွဲ့)
15. Civic Engagement Development Network
16. Civic Engagement Network for M2
17. COMREG Community Response Group
18. Digital Rights Collective
19. Diversity and Public Truth
20. Empower Youth Enlightenment (EYE)
21. Equality Myanmar
22. Farmers Network (ဝမ်းတွင်း)
23. Farmers and Land Rights Action Group
24. Farmers Development and Environmental Watch Group
25. Free Expression Myanmar (FEM)
26. Freedom and labor Action Group
27. FREELAND Organization Lashio
28. Future Star (မတ္တရာ)
29. Gender Equality Network
30. Genuine People's Servants – GPS
31. GOAL Organization

32. Golden Heart Organization
33. Green Justice Institute (GJI)
34. Helping Hands (Local Development Organization)
35. Hkumzup Development Committee
36. Htoi Gender and Development Foundation
37. Human Rights Defenders & Promoters (HRDP)
38. Human Rights Educators Network
39. Human Rights Foundation of Monland (HRFOM)
40. Justice For All (လူ့အခွင့်အရေး ကာကွယ်စောင့်ရှောက်ခြင်းနှင့် တရားမျှတမှု)
41. Justice Movement for Community Inlay
42. Kayah Earthrights Action Network (KEAN)
43. Kachin State Women Network
44. Kachin Women Union
45. Kachin Women's Association of Thailand (KWAT)
46. Kanaung Institute
47. Kanpetlet Land Development Organization
48. Karen Peace Support Network
49. Keng Tung Youth
50. KESAN Karen Environment and Social Action Network
51. Kyaukse Youth Network
52. Lamyang Farmers Network
53. Legal Knowledge Sharing Group
54. Let's Help Each Other
55. LAIN Technical Support Group
56. Mandalay Affairs Team
57. Mandalay Community Center
58. Mandalay Regional Youth Association (MRYA)
59. Mandalay Regional Youth Network
60. Mandalay Women Political Federation (MWPF - မန္တလေး)
61. Mann Thingaha (Gender GBV Team)
62. Maramagri Youth Network
63. MATA(Sagaing)
64. Matupi Women Association
65. Meiktila Youth Network
66. Minhla Youth Center
67. Myan ICT for Development Organisation (MIDO)
68. Myanmar Cultural Research Society (MCRS)

69. Myanmar Deaf Society
70. Myanmar Fifth Estate
71. Myanmar Independent Living Initiative
72. Myanmar Muslim Youth Association (Kachin State)
73. Myanmar People Alliance (Shan State)
74. National Network for Education Reform
75. Natural Green Alliance (သဘာဝစီမံ: သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး မိတ်ဖက် အင်အားစု)
76. Never End Tomorrow(NeT)
77. Ninggawn Institute (NI)
78. Northern Spectrum Youth Association
79. Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica
80. Open Development Foundation
81. Our Home
82. P.D.C.E (Peace, Development & Civic Engagement)
83. Paung Ku
84. Peace & Development Center (Meikhtila)
85. Peace Development Committee (မိတ္ထီလာ)
86. Pluralistic Society
87. Progressive Voice
88. Pwint Phyu Development Organisation
89. Pyi Gyi Khin
90. Second Tap Root (ဒုတိယရေသောက်မြစ်)
91. Shan MATA
92. Shan State Ethnic Youth Federation
93. Shan State Peace Task Force (သျှမ်းပြည်နယ်ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေးအလုပ်အဖွဲ့)
94. Shan Women Development Network
95. Shan Youth Yangon
96. Shwechinthae Social Service Group (Shwebo)
97. Socio- Economic & Gender Resource Institute
98. Southern Youth Development Organisation
99. SPACE
100. Spectrum Organization
101. Summer Shelter Library
102. Ta'ang Women's Organisation
103. Tai Youth Organization - TYO
104. TEN, Taunggyi Education Network
105. Thazi Youth Network

106. The Seagull: Human Rights, Peace & Development Pluralistic Society
107. TRI STAR
108. Triangle Women Support Group
109. TRY Organization
110. Uakthon Local Social Development Organization
111. Unity Arch Bridge Organization
112. Waingmaw CSO Network
113. White Marker Group
114. Win Peace
115. Women & Youth's Development Organization (WYDO)
116. Yi Ywal Yar Community Development
117. Youth Champion Network
118. Youth/29 Creative Society
119. စစ်ငြိမ်းပွင့် စဉ်ကူး
120. စစ်ငြိမ်းပွင့် မြစ်သား
121. စစ်ငြိမ်းပွင့် မိတ္ထီလာ
122. စစ်ငြိမ်းပွင့် သပိတ်ကျင်း
123. စစ်ငြိမ်းပွင့် သာစည်
124. ကျောက်ပန်းတောင်း လူငယ်ကွန်ယက်
125. စိမ်းရောင်စို (တံတားဦး)
126. စိမ်းရောင်စို Activities
127. တမာရိပ်
128. တောင်သမန်ကွန်ယက်
129. ဒို့တိုးတက်ရာ အစည်းအရုံး
130. ဒို့တောင်သူလယ်သမားအဖွဲ့
131. ဒို့မြေကွန်ရက်
132. ပျော်ဘွယ် လူငယ်ကွန်ယက်
133. ပွင့်ဖြူလယ်ယာမြေကွန်ရက် (မကွေးတိုင်း)
134. မဏ္ဍိမမေတ္တာ ရေလှူအသင်း (မိတ္ထီလာ)
135. မကွေးတိုင်းဒေသကြီးအရပ်ဘက်လူမှုအဖွဲ့အစည်းများ မဟာမိတ်အဖွဲ့
136. မင်းလတောင်သူအစုအဖွဲ့။
137. မတ္တရာ လူငယ်ကွန်ယက်
138. မန္တလေးတိုင်းဒေသကြီး လူငယ်ရေးရာကော်မတီ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များ
139. မြင်းခြံ နိုင်ကျည်းအဖွဲ့
140. မြင့်မြတ်ဧရာဝတီ လူငယ်လူမှုကွန်ယက်
141. မြေလတ်မျိုးဆက်အင်စတီကျု
142. မေမြို့ တောင်သူကွန်ယက်

143. ယုံကြည်ရာ အသိပညာပြန့်ပွားရေးအသင်း
144. ရွှေခြင်္သေ့တောင်သူကွန်ရက်(ရွှေဘိုခရိုင်)
145. ရွှေခြင်္သေ့အဖွဲ့ မြင်းခြံ
146. ရွှေမင်းသားဖောင်ဒေးရှင်း
147. ရွှေမင်းသား မသန်စွမ်း ဖောင်ဒေးရှင်း (မြန်မာ)
148. ရှစ်လေးလုံးသွေးသစ် (မိုးညှင်း)
149. လက်လှမ်းမှီရေးအဖွဲ့
150. လွတ်လပ်သောအရှိချင်အမျိုးသားများအင်အားစု
151. ဝိုင်းမော်မြို့နယ်လုံးဆိုင်ရာ သျှမ်းလူငယ်များစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်ရေးအဖွဲ့
152. ဝါးစိမ်းတောင်ကာကွယ်စောင့်ကြည့်ရေးကော်မတီ (WPWC)
153. သင့်မြတ်လိုသူများအဖွဲ့
154. သုခမိန်အင်စတီကျု
155. သုခမခရီးသည်အဖွဲ့
156. အမျိုးသမီးနိုင်ငံရေး အင်အားစု
157. အိမ်ယာမဲ့ပြည်သူများ အစည်းအရုံး
158. အောင်သာစည်အဖွဲ့
159. Justice Movement for Community Inlay
160. Farmers And Land Rights Action Group
161. Farmers Development and Environmental Watch Group