



Republic of the Union of Myanmar

National Unity Government

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1. The National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar established the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, and the Ministry of Electricity and Energy. The Union Ministers for respective ministries are appointed and approved by the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH).ⁱ
2. On 7 June 2021, the National Unity Government made an announcement (3/2021)ⁱⁱ on counter-terrorism and the designation of domestic terrorist organisations. The main points of the announcement are as follows:

The *Tatmadaw* (the Armed Forces of Myanmar) and affiliated organisations have

- killed more than 800 civilians by using lethal force
- detained more than 5,000 people unlawfully, with evidence indicating that detainees are tortured and abused sexually
- pushed the financial system of the country to the brink of collapse, causing an economic downturn threatening the assets and welfare of the people
- neglected food security, which could bring hunger to between 1 and 3 million people
- brought the healthcare system to its knees by wantonly abandoning the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP).
- carried out large-scale money laundering operations.

Therefore, the National Unity Government has now designated the *Tatmadaw* (the Armed Forces of Myanmar) and affiliated organisations as domestic terrorist organisations under Section 3, Counter-Terrorism Law of Myanmar. According to the Counter-Terrorism Law of Myanmar, “criminal actions intended to commit an act of terrorism involves serious violence against the public and damage to property.”

3. The National Unity Government made a statement (4/2021)ⁱⁱⁱ regarding non-participants of the CDM (Civil Disobedience Movement) on 8 June 2021. The NUG commends the revolutionary heroes engaging in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). A list of those who do not participate in the CDM and bully, threaten and coerce those taking part in the campaign has been created. The lists of non-participants and participants of the CDM are updated carefully. Legal proceedings and fair trials will be based on this information once a democratic federal union is established upon the demise of the military dictatorship.
4. The official web page of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration has been launched. A reporting channel is provided there for victims of crimes against humanity committed by the regime. Reports with sufficient evidence can be submitted through this channel so that those responsible are brought to justice. Crimes against humanity will be prevented in the future, and the processes for transitional justice implemented.^{iv}
5. On 8 June 2021, the Ministry of Labour of the National Unity Government made a statement (1/2021)^v related to civil servants participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). The statement denounced the junta’s oppressive actions against the civil servants engaging in the CDM movement. The subservient authorities of the junta unfairly issued a series of notifications stating that absent employees are suspended temporarily from 15 February 2021 under Article 171 of the Civil Service Personnel Rules due to their participation in the CDM. Some employees received letters asking them to repay two months’ salary in advance paid by the previous government. Others have been asked to pay fines on the grounds that they have not fulfilled the length of the contract agreed at the beginning of the employment. The junta threatened that the employees who do not repay salary advances and fines would be prosecuted in line with existing laws.

The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment has announced twice that civil servants do not need to repay these loans. The ministry denounces the actions of the junta that are not in conformity with Civil Service Law and Civil Service Personnel Rules. The ministry confirmed that the civil servants participating in the CDM do not need to repay the loans and fines.

6. On 8 June 2021, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy issued a notification (1/2021)^{vi} regarding electricity bills. The ministry reaffirmed the announcement made by the CRPH on 18 March 2021 that (a) domestic electricity costs and service charges for all units would be waived and (b) the collection of business electricity costs and service charges for all units would be suspended temporarily.

The ministry has instructed the employees of the Electricity Supply Enterprise (ESE), the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC), the Mandalay Electricity Supply Corporation (MESOC) and the franchises to stop collecting electricity charges and threatening people. Further, it has instructed them to maintain supply despite non-payments. The ministry has made clear that those who do not follow the instruction will be prosecuted by the Civil Servant Law, the Public Interest Protection Law, and Article 122 and Article 124 of the Penal Code for High Treason. Franchisees are also warned that they may risk being included in the blacklist.

7. Daw Zin Mar Aung, the Union Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, sent an open letter to the Foreign Minister of the Republic of China. In the letter, she protested the Chinese embassy's statement referring to Min Aung Hlaing as the 'leader' of Myanmar. Min Aung Hlaing is not a legitimate head of the state. The National Unity Government welcomes the opportunity to engage positively with China and with ASEAN – the future belongs to the people of Myanmar and their elected government, and not to the corrupt and criminal military.
8. Dr Sasa, the Union Minister for the Ministry of International Cooperation, has sent a letter on behalf of NUG to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and requested him to share this letter with other world leaders. The letter called on the world leaders at the G7 summit, 11-13 June 2021, to discuss the Myanmar crisis. The NUG also called on the British parliament to

debate the outcomes of the G7 meeting. Mahn Win Khaing Than, the Prime Minister of the National Unity Government, has also sent a message to the G7 leaders.

9. The British Minister has allocated £28 million in humanitarian aid for health, education, food and shelter for the people of Myanmar under the military dictatorship after considering the matters presented by Dr Sasa, the Union Minister for the Ministry of International Cooperation, to the British parliament on 13 March 2021. The NUG is also grateful for the letter signed by six British cross-party parliamentarians calling on the UK government to recognize the NUG as the legitimate government.
10. Dr Zaw Wai Soe, the Union Minister for the Ministry of Health of the National Unity Government, said that the military junta would not be able to control the third wave of COVID-19. He is recommending to all people that the best and most effective response to the failure of the military to provide basic care is to isolate at home^{vii} and to inform and help each other by following prevention and control guidance^{viii} individually.
11. The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management provided about 47 million kyats in humanitarian aid to regions and states this week. The ministry is also leading and planning to continue delivering humanitarian aid to Chin State and Karenni State.

For further information

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