



H.E. Dr Sasa, Union Minister of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Spokesperson of the National Unity Government of Myanmar welcomes with deepest gratitude the response of the world leaders of the G7 Summit

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I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the world leaders of the G7 summit for discussing the Myanmar crisis. I welcome their official statement, which follows:

“We condemn in the strongest terms the military coup in Myanmar, and the violence committed by Myanmar’s security forces, and we call for the immediate release of those detained arbitrarily. We pledge our support to those advocating peacefully for a stable and inclusive democracy. Recalling ASEAN’s central role, we welcome its Five Point Consensus and urge swift implementation. We reiterate our commitment to ensuring that neither development assistance nor the sale of arms will benefit the military and urge businesses to exercise due diligence in their trade and investment in the same vein. We reaffirm G7 unity on pursuing additional measures should they prove necessary. We are also deeply concerned by the humanitarian situation, call for unfettered humanitarian access to vulnerable and displaced populations, support the Humanitarian Response Plan, and encourage others to contribute.”

I express my deep appreciation to the G7 leaders for standing in solidarity with the people of Myanmar in their struggle for freedom and democracy since the violent military coup in February 2021. I thank especially the Rt. Honorable Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, for his confirmation of receiving my urgent appeal and for ensuring that the plight of the people of Myanmar made it onto the G7 agenda.

I also express my utmost gratitude to the G7 for their tireless efforts in coordinating targeted sanctions against key tatmadaw personnel and military junta-linked companies and enterprises such as MEHL and MEC. I appreciate the strong leadership role the G7 leaders have taken in the United Nations on behalf of the people of Myanmar, and for recognizing the CRPH and National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG) as an important voice and democratically-elected representation of the people of Myanmar – we represent the voices of 54 million innocent civilians of Myanmar; and we stand for freedom, unity, solidarity and a true federal democracy.

The cruel and ruthless military junta forces have killed nearly 900 innocent civilians, including 72 children. They have illegally arrested and detained nearly 6000 civilians,

including state counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and President U Win Myint. Over 2000 civilians are currently evading illegal arrest warrants, including myself. I have been charged with 'high treason' by the junta for standing up for the people of Myanmar during this darkest time. These brutal junta forces attack and destroy the churches and schools ruthlessly, whilst systematically engaging in torturing and intimidating children, teachers, nurses, doctors, Monks, Pastors, journalists and innocent people across Myanmar. They employ the use of battlefield and unconventional weapons against unarmed and innocent civilians. The occupation of Myanmar by this ruthless junta is paralyzing the country and turning Myanmar into a failed state, where tens of thousands of people have been displaced and food insecurity is sharply rising.

I thank the G7 leaders for making it clear that the current state of affairs in Myanmar will not be normalized nor legitimized, for there is nothing normal or legitimate about taking power by the barrel of a gun. There is nothing normal about stealing the freedom and democracy of the citizens of Myanmar with violence and bloodshed. There is nothing normal about the prospect of over half the population of Myanmar dropping below the poverty line in less than a year, with an estimated 6.4 million citizens facing starvation by the end of October 2021. There is nothing normal about kidnapping innocent citizens in the middle of the night and torturing them to death. Nothing can justify and nothing can legitimize these acts of terrorism, atrocities and war crimes committed daily by the military junta.

I welcome the G7 leaders' statement regarding ASEAN's Five Point Consensus on Myanmar. The results of this statement, and ASEAN's Consensus, will be determined by swift action. We therefore appeal to the G7 and wider international community to seize this once-in-a-century opportunity to bring freedom and democracy to Myanmar by engaging, recognizing, legitimizing, supporting, respecting and upholding the will of the brave people of Myanmar, and their sole, legitimate and democratically-elected legal representative, the National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG).

The military junta is using a four-cut policy against the people of Myanmar: cutting off food supplies; cutting off medical supplies and care; cutting off communications; and cutting off support. We therefore urge the facilitation and provision of immediate humanitarian aid through the people's representative, the NUG, and through the many CBOs, CSOs, NGOs, INGOs and UN agencies under international humanitarian law, with clear coordination and cooperation guidelines. Humanitarian aid must include the provision of Covid-19 vaccinations and support for online education for millions of Myanmar children.

Without strong and swift action from the G7 and wider international community, the violence perpetrated by the brutal military junta in Myanmar will escalate, which could result in a full-blown civil war and yet another genocide. To prevent further bloodshed, we urge world leaders to (1) impose more robust and targeted sanctions against the military junta, including state-owned enterprises to limit streams of revenue and cashflow (2) establish a total arms embargo

against the military junta (3) establish a no-fly zone above the skies of Myanmar. The immediate implementation of these three urgent priorities is essential for peace, freedom, stability and a federal democracy in Myanmar. As time is no longer on our side, we must take action now, before more innocent lives and livelihoods are senselessly lost.

The brave people of Myanmar have imposed harsh national sanctions themselves by refusing to work for the military junta and by boycotting products made or imported by the junta and its cronies. Millions of people are joining this home-grown strike and boycott every day. The peaceful Civil Disobedience Movement (known as CDM), which indeed is more powerful than any acts of aggression and terrorism of the junta, is supported by millions of brave Myanmar people, both from the public and private sectors. We all know that we have no future under the brutal military junta, which brings only pain and suffering by violently inflicting death and destruction against the people and their livelihoods. The people of Myanmar have risen up to say 'enough is enough', for we all know that these hardships of sanctions are but temporary and for the short-term.

Our common goal is federal democracy that will give us freedom, stability and peace and this will only be brought with the total eradication of the cancer of military dictatorship, once and for all, from the scarlet soil of our blood-bathed land; and replaced with a true Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar, where the rights of the people – regardless of race, culture, gender, ethnicity and religion – will be respected, protected and promoted equally. This is the future that the 54 million people of Myanmar so much desire. This is what they are struggling and giving their lives for, and they thoroughly deserve the help and support of the international community to arrive at this new reality sooner, rather than later.

Thank you once again!

Sincerely,

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