



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 announced the announcement No:5/2021¹ on 13 June 2021 that the security forces of the military set fire to and destroyed both an ambulance and a supply of humanitarian aid near the base of Lwe Yin Mingalar hill in Western Moe Byae township, between Southern Shan and Karenni States. Eighty rice bags and medicines, and medical supplies were among the destroyed donations. These had been donated by people from all over the country for internally displaced people.

The military forces have been terrorising and arresting community organisations and individuals who have been providing aid and support to IDPs and those affected by the conflict. In addition to such violence and to arbitrary arrests, the military have plundered humanitarian aid and destroyed what they could not steal. They have also blocked transport routes. These unlawful acts of the military constitute a clear violation of Article 3 of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, dated 12 August 1949. These acts also violate the provisions of the Defence Services Act 1959 of Myanmar. The military completely ignores the United Nations call to ‘spare civilians and civilian infrastructure’ and ensure ‘safe and unhindered humanitarian access’, a demand laid out in the statement made on 21 May 2021.

We condemn in the strongest terms the egregious and savage acts of the military, blocking and destroying humanitarian assistance as well as harassing and capturing those who are working hard to help people in need.

We call on the United Nations and the international community to continue exerting pressure on the military to stop such atrocities without delay. The world must not look away while people in need are being treated with such contempt.

2. On 14 June 2021, the *Pyidaungsu Hluttaw* (Union Parliament) approved the Law² Amending the Public Debt Management Law (Third Amendment) proposed by the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment of the National Unity Government. Section 2(b) of the law is substituted with the following “Government means the National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and any successor government thereof”. For other amendments and additions, please follow the link below.
3. The National Unity Government welcomes the discussion on the Myanmar crisis at the 47th G7 Summit held in the United Kingdom, and the 2021 G7 Leaders’ Communiqué. The G7 has condemned the military coup in Myanmar and has called for the immediate release of those detained arbitrarily. We urge G7 leaders to build their support by more effective means. The people of Myanmar are waiting for fine words to become meaningful action.
4. NUG issued an announcement No:6/2021³ on 16th June 2021. The announcement stated that the terrorizing military is not a legitimate government. It seized power by force. Thus the courts under the military are not lawful institutions. The unlawful detentions of President U Win Myint, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and other leaders and their show trials constitute grave miscarriages of justice. We strongly condemn these trials. They are a disgrace to the country and a scandal to acceptable standards of international justice.
5. NUG issued an announcement No:7/2021⁴ on 17th June 2021. In the aforementioned announcement NUG denounced in strongest possible terms the burning down of Kinma village by the terrorist military council’s troops and terrorist police forces. And that NUG urged local, national and international stakeholders to continue recording these atrocities by the security forces as evidence of their crimes which is fundamental for charges to be made in future. That NUG, hand in hand with those taking part in the Spring Revolution will continue work towards achieving the goals set out in the 2021 Federal Charter by defeating the terrorist military council and building a new Federal Democratic Union under civilian rule where human rights and everlasting will prevail. NUG also vowed to do its best to achieve those goals.

6. The web pages for the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and the Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs were launched on 14 June 2021. They are accessible on <https://mohadm.nugmyanmar.org> and <https://mowyca.nugmyanmar.org> respectively. ⁵

7. Covid-19 situation in Myanmar is immensely concerning that the public must do all they can to prevent its further spread. The military council will fail to manage the pandemic with the lack of human resources, expertise, financial and moral capacity and the public support. The Union Minister Professor Zaw Wai Soe calls everyone from all walks of life in Myanmar to lead the prevention of the Covid-19 by stringently following the advice on preventative measures and isolation protocol of suspected cases published on the Ministry of Health Facebook page⁶ and the ministry's website⁷. No matter what the different strains of Covid-19, prevention is the most effective measure to conquer the disease.

8. The Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs urges the public to participate in the campaign, 14-19 June, to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (19 June).

For the Further information

1. <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/127859682768005>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/128550949365545>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/NUGmyanmar/posts/129758909244749>
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