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**H.E. Dr. Sasa Union Minister of the MOIC and Spokesperson of the
NUG welcomes new EU sanctions against individuals connected to
the military regime**

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H.E. Dr. Sasa, Union Minister of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Spokesperson of the National Unity Government of Myanmar greatly welcomes the third round of European Union targeted sanctions against individuals and military-controlled entities in Myanmar. This is another big step in ending the violence and death across the country. **The press release is as follows:**

“The Council today imposed sanctions on **8 individuals, 3 economic entities and the War Veterans Organisation** in relation to the military coup staged in Myanmar/Burma on 1 February 2021, and the ensuing repression against peaceful demonstrators. The EU's restrictive measures are largely aligned with those of major international partners.

The individuals targeted by sanctions include **ministers and deputy ministers**, as well as the **attorney general**, who are responsible for **undermining democracy and the rule of law** and for **serious human rights violations** in the country. The four entities are either **state-owned or controlled by** the Myanmar Armed Forces (**Tatmadaw**), contributing directly or indirectly to the military's revenues or activities.

By targeting the gems and timber sectors, these measures are aimed at restricting the junta's ability to profit from Myanmar's natural resources, while being crafted so as to avoid undue harm to the people of Myanmar.

Restrictive measures, which now apply to a total of 43 individuals and 6 entities, include an **asset freeze and a prohibition from making funds available** to the listed individuals and entities. Additionally, a travel ban applicable to listed persons prevents them from entering or transiting through EU territory.

Pre-existing EU restrictive measures also remain in place. These comprise an **embargo on arms and equipment** that can be used for internal repression, an **export ban on dual-use goods** for use by the military and border guard police, **export restrictions on equipment for monitoring communications** that could be used for internal repression, and a prohibition on military training for and military cooperation with the Tatmadaw.

The restrictive measures come in addition to the withholding of EU financial assistance directly going to the government and the freezing of all EU assistance that may be seen as legitimising the junta.

The EU remains a steadfast supporter of Myanmar/Burma's people and of the country's democratic transition.

The European Union continues to provide humanitarian assistance, in accordance with the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. In 2021, it allocated €20.5 million in humanitarian aid to address the immediate needs of displaced and conflict-affected communities in the country. It stands ready to cooperate with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance in this respect. The EU stresses the importance for Myanmar/Burma to ensure that all refugees, displaced persons and people in need have rapid, safe and unhindered access to humanitarian aid.

The relevant legal acts, including the names of the persons and entities concerned, have been published in the Official Journal."

H.E. Dr. Sasa stated:

"Today I would again like to thank the European Union for taking a lead and being an advocate and voice for the people of Myanmar, and imposing even stronger targeted sanctions against military junta linked personnel and entities. The EU is a steadfast supporter of our democratic transition, and I want to extend my most sincere thanks on behalf of the 54 million citizens of Myanmar for the continued support and solidarity of the European Union with the people of Myanmar.

I continue to appeal to all nations around the globe to join with us, and support us, the people and rightfully elected National Unity Government of Myanmar and help us end this cruel and unlawful military junta ('SAC') occupation. We especially urge all nations to completely cease engagement with the Military and all its entities, both directly and indirectly, and put yet tougher coordinated, targeted and more widespread sanctions both diplomatically and economically. Every moment that these tougher measures are delayed, more and more lives are lost, and thousands are displaced from their homes in Myanmar, losing everything they own. We need your help to stop this now, once and for all, and together build a true federal democratic union for ALL people of Myanmar.

Thank you for strongly standing with the 54 million brave people of Myanmar in this darkest time in the history of our nation. The recognition of our voice, and your support, will ensure that we remain as your faithful allies, friends, and economic partners for generations to come."

H.E. Dr. Sasa

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Read the full press release:

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/06/21/myanmar-burma-third-round-of-eu-sanctions-over-the-military-coup-and-subsequent-repression/>