

Statement regarding the internet cutoff in many townships in Sagaing Region and others areas, and recent events happening throughout the country

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1. Fascist Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) forcefully robbed the sovereign power of Myanmar since the coup on February 1. Many strong evidences show that they have been committing hideous crimes against humanity since then.
2. Fascist Myanmar military has intensified raids in cities and villages and arrested unlawfully, tortured and killed many innocent local people with no restraints. Moreover, evidences show that the military has increased their terrifying crimes and even set a whole village on fire time and again.
3. Fascist Myanmar military recently cuts off telephone lines and internet in many townships and areas around the country and also plans to cut off more areas; they are clearly violating the right to information. The unlawful arrests, tortures and killings of villagers under the “Area cleaning” program imply that the military regard the local people as enemy and the cities and villages as battle fields.
4. Fascist Myanmar military has launched offensive attacks in ethnic regions, committed crimes against humanity under the program of “Area cleaning”, and committed planned genocide on minority ethnic groups for decades. Reflection on the recent incidents happened around the country including Chin State, Sagaing Region and Yaw area indicate that the military is planning to commit similar crimes again across the country.
5. When the fascist military committed the hideous crimes against Rohingya and destroyed villages by setting them on fire, which caused hundreds of thousands of Rohingya to abandoned their homes and ran for their lives, and when the fascist military launched offensive attacks with disproportioned forces in ethnic regions, they had cut off the internet and telephone lines in those areas to cause news blackout on their crimes of setting villages on fire, arresting and torturing of villagers and killings the masses.
6. Fascist Myanmar military launched airstrikes on defenseless villages, set many villages on fire, killed mass number of villagers, and looted local people’s properties across the country especially in Chin State, Chindwin river delta area and Northwest plain region in Sagaing Region, and Yaw area in Magway Region under the “Area cleaning” program. Cutting off internet and telephone lines to create news blackout in these areas are the first step of their future plans on committing more crimes.

7. Fascist Myanmar military uses disproportionate forces in their offensive attacks in ethnic regions, Sagaing Region, Chindwin river delta region and Yaw region; these attacks will lead to major humanitarian crisis as millions of people will be forced to abandon their homes and villages and become Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
8. If we cannot prevent further crimes against humanity such as offensive attacks of the Myanmar military led by Min Aung Hlaing using disproportionate forces and brazen violations of international laws and human rights, the appalling stories like the recent Rohingya genocide incidents and violent repressions in ethnic regions will repeat across the country.
9. Thus, we urge all the stakeholders including National Unity Government (NUG), revolution forces, and Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) to formulate necessary plans and implement these effectively and promptly to help protect the lives of civilians.
10. Myanmar will be ungovernable by the military council led by Min Aung Hlaing and the military's violent repressions will spread instability to the neighboring countries and threaten the regional peace. Thus, to prevent the potential humanitarian crisis spreading to the regional countries as many civilians will flee to the neighboring countries to escape the unlawful repression of the fascist military, we earnestly request the international community including the United Nations, neighboring countries, and ASEAN to stop the fascist military's offensive attacks, to stop the military council administration and return to democracy, to be accountable for their crimes by pressuring the military council in all possible ways and by increasing the contact with the NUG, who represent the Myanmar people, and providing more effective support to the NUG.
11. Myanmar people will never accept the military council's governance and the people will keep on fighting against the military until we can put a stop to all the inhumane terrorism of fascist Myanmar military and end the military dictatorship. We will use all measures to make the fascist Myanmar military accountable for their crimes and to develop and instill federal democracy in Myanmar.

"The military dictatorship must end."

"With the unity and bravery of the people, we will move forward to federal democracy."

1. Monywa People's Protest Steering Committee

- 1 (a) All Burma Federation of Student Unions (Monywa District)
- 1 (b) Network Of University Students' Union - Monywa
- 1 (c) National League For Democracy - Monywa
- 1 (d) The 88 Generation Peace and Open Society - Monywa
- 1 (e) Thakin Kodaw Mhine Peace Network - Monywa
- 1 (f) Former Political Prisoners and New Generation Group - Monywa
- 1 (g) Civil Society Organizations and Coordination Committee - Monywa

2. Students' Union

- 2 (a) Kalay Technological University Students' Union
- 2 (b) Sagaing University Students' Union
- 2 (c) Kalay University Students' Union
- 2 (d) Sagaing Technological University Students' Union
- 2 (e) Monywa Nursing and Midwifery Training School Students' Union
- 2 (f) Kalay Nursing and Midwifery Training School Students' Union
- 2 (g) Shwebo Nursing Training School Students' Union
- 2 (h) Co – operative Sagaing University Students' Union
- 2 (i) University Of Computer Studies (Kalay) Students' Union
- 2 (j) Monywa University Students' Union
- 2 (k) Monywa University Of Economics Students' Union
- 2 (l) University Of Computer Studies (Monywa) Students' Union
- 2 (m) Monywa Technological University Students' Union
- 2 (n) Shwebo Technological University Students' Union
- 2 (o) Monywa Basic Education Students' Union - ABFSU
- 2 (p) Pale University Students' Union - - ABFSU
- 2 (q) Ayadaw University Students' Union - - ABFSU
- 2 (r) Chaung – U University Students' Union - - ABFSU

3. Youth Affairs Committees

- 3 (a) Sagaing Region Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (b) Monywa District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (c) Sagaing District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (d) Shwebo District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (e) Kanbalu District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (f) Kathar District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (g) Mawlaik District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (h) Yinmarbin District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (i) Hkamti District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (j) Tamu District Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (k) Kale Youth Affairs Committee
- 3 (l) Naga Self-Administered Youth Affairs Committee

4. Strike Committee & Forces

- 4 (a) Monywa – Amyint Road Strike Forces
- 4 (b) Yinmabin(Front) & Salingyi (North) Villages Strike Forces
- 4 (c) Latpaungtaung Strike Forces
- 4 (d) Monywa – Kyay Mone Road Strike Forces
- 4 (e) Northwest Strike Forces
- 4 (f) Sagaing Strike Forces
- 4 (g) Sagaing Strike Committee
- 4 (h) Ayadaw Revolutionary Forces

5. Fifty-three community-based organizations which have to hide for security reasons.