



Republic of the Union of Myanmar

National Unity Government

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**Weekly Press Release (16/2021)**

**24 September 2021**

1. The Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar reported recent violations of human rights in Sagaing and Magwe Divisions to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on 19 September 2021. The report described the ruthless clearance operations in Sagaing and Magwe Divisions in July, August and September 2021 by the Military by means of state terrorism, murder, massacre, torture and extrajudicial arrests and detentions. The UNHRC was urged by the ministry for an immediate arms embargo on Myanmar, derecognition of international military ties with Myanmar, immediate cessation of violation of human rights in Myanmar, a judicial action on these injustices through international criminal laws and procedures such as the International Criminal Court, and humanitarian aids for Myanmar citizens including people of Sagaing and Magwe Divisions who have been subjected to these atrocities.

2. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the 2021 Union Revenue and Taxation Law prepared, with the following objectives, by the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment.

The following are the objectives of the 2021 Union Revenue and Taxation Law.

i) Ratification of the 2021 Union Revenue and Taxation Law before 1 October 2021

ii) Collection of the tax on the charitable funds raised for the deposition of the Myanmar Military through the same rates as people who pay tax

iii) Determination of a tax rate appropriate to the time and situation, which will not impose a financial burden on people, with a view to a firm unity with people for an expeditious victory of the Spring Revolution

iv) The National Unity Government's expenditure to be funded formally and systematically from the tax revenue levied by the Government

3. The ministerial meeting on The Responsibility to Protect and the Role of Women and Girls in Atrocity Prevention was held on 20 September 2021. The Myanmar Ambassador to the United Nations U Kyaw Moe Tun addressed that collaboration with and support from international communities were crucial for prevention of sexual and gender-based violations in Myanmar and criminal culpability of the offenders. He urged international communities and the United Nations Security Council to stop the Myanmar Military's ritual to ignore these offences. He quoted UN reports and said that sexual and gender-based violence in Myanmar was a hallmark of the Myanmar Military's operations. These violations were used with the intent to intimidate, terrorise and punish the civilian population and as a tactic of war. For these past and present sexual and gender-based violations, the National Unity Government will continue to collaborate with the International Criminal Court, the United Nations Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar and other international human rights courts and tribunals, to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings.