

Statement on the release of the report of the State Administration Council (SAC)'s security forces' violation of women rights during conflict

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This is the joint press release statement by the Ministry of Women, Youths and Children Affairs and the Ministry of Human Rights Affairs on the report which highlights the situation of violence against women committed by security forces of the State Administration Council in the period of eighth months (up to September) since the beginning of coup in February 1.

Women of Myanmar are facing grave danger and violation of their rights under the military regime. The report aims to reveal the regime's oppression against women, to hold SAC accountable for its inhumane abuses and to promote and protect women rights.

The Ministry of Women, Youths and Children Affairs of the National Unity Government had documented cases of arbitrary detention, torture, murder, and sexual violence on women committed by security forces of SAC across the country in past eight months. The ministry had been able to collect information and document number of cases, including the brutal gang rape of a young mentally disabled woman by the SAC's security forces in Sagaing Region, the detention of a five-year-old girl in Mandalay and the physical abuse and torture of a detained woman in Ayerwaddy Region.

Furthermore, during the arbitrary detention, trial and imprisonment, female detainees and prisoners are found to have endured the threats in their daily lives as well as verbal and physical abuses. Many of these victims have been severely traumatised by the abuses and are not able to tell their experiences to others.

The report will be distributed to UN's rights bodies and international women rights' organisations. The Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs of the National Unity Government calls for all individuals and organisations to join hands to impose pressure on the SAC in order to protect and restore rights of women in Myanmar.

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