



**Statement of ICJM on the reception of CHARLES CARDINAL BO
to the Myanmar junta CHIEF MIN AUNG HLAING
on the occasion of Christmas visit**

**Independent Catholics
For Justice In Myanmar**

We, the Catholic population is trembled with rage, terribly upset and saddened upon the meeting of Charles Cardinal Bo with Myanmar junta chief Min Aung Hlaing on 23 December 2021.

This meeting do not represent the Catholic Church and population in Myanmar as that against the stand of all the Catholics in Myanmar. ICJM seriously condemns Charles Cardinal Bo and that of those who has acknowledge the Myanmar junta by any reason of general interests.

This meeting itself exposed the disregard and insult to the people of Myanmar who have suffered murder, lawless seizures, tortures, and devastation of the Churches since in the beginning of the coup d'état.

As ICJM is the network standing for justice and peace, we absolutely oppose those who collaborate with the perpetrators and firmly stand with those who fight for justice and righteous.

“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1, NRSV)

Justice must prevail.

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