



H.E. DR. SASA WELCOMES THE PASSAGE OF HR 5497 (THE BURMA BILL) THROUGH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF USA

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We are overjoyed to hear that H.R. 5497, the 'Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022' has passed the US House of Representatives. Although we were confident that Congress would see the moral right of the Myanmar people's fight against tyranny and oppression, and would take a stand to support us in our time of need, the progress of this bill is a great vindication for our long-suffering nation. A recognition from a major world power that the military's continued human rights abuses and illegal seizure of power is intolerable and must be ended. Furthermore, this bill recognizes the significant power that the international community has in curtailing the military's operations through punitive tools such as sanctions. Foreign sanctions and pressure are sorely needed to limit the junta's access to weapons, munitions, fuel, and other materials which they turn towards the destruction of their country, and extermination of their people.

This bill remains the most substantial legislative instrument put forth by any nation in the aid of Myanmar to date. Its passage will turn the tide against the already flagging and strained military, robbing them of the tools of war they so desperately need. Furthermore, the passage of this bill may see a wave of similar legislation from allies across the world, emboldened by America's principled and uncompromising defense of democracy. A tidal wave of support for the cause of peace, democracy, and inclusivity may well be legacy of this legislation.

We humbly and graciously thank the honorable men and women of the US House of Representatives for standing with Myanmar in this dire time, and we remain confident that their colleagues in the Senate will see the same self-evident truth and justice in this document. For the good of Myanmar, this bill must pass as soon as possible, and we wish the esteemed men and women of the US Senate Godspeed in considering and passing this invaluable act.

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Sincerely,

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