



PRESS RELEASE

Visit of Union Foreign Minister H.E. Daw Zin Mar Aung to the Czech Republic

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The National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar expresses its sincere gratitude to the Czech Republic for hosting H.E. Daw Zin Mar Aung, Union Minister of Foreign Affairs, during her recent visit to the Czech Republic in September 2022. Minister Aung was accompanied by H.E. Aung Myo Min, Union Minister of Human Rights, and H.E. Linn Thant, the National Unity Government's Representative in the Czech Republic.

Foreign Minister Aung met with Czech dignitaries including **H.E. Jan Lipavský**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Ms. Markéta Pekarová Adamová**, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament, and **Senator Pavel Fisher**, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security. Minister Aung also visited the grave of late President Václav Havel to pay her respects to his commitment to democracy and his strong solidarity with Myanmar people.

The Czech Republic remains an ardent supporter of the National Unity Government and the people of Myanmar and was among the first countries to establish a representative office to deepen relations.

Minister Aung's discussions focused on the Myanmar people's significant achievements, including the historic convergence and alignment of people's movements, Ethnic Resistance Organizations (EROs), local communities, civil society and a broad coalition of political parties and representatives in opposition to the terrorist military junta. Revolutionary forces continue to claim growing

swathes of territorial control, made effective through the delivery of healthcare, humanitarian assistance, education and other public services.

Minister Aung conveyed that the National Unity Government, as the legitimate representative of the Myanmar people, continues to serve to the vision set out in the Federal Democracy Charter – a nation that is founded on peace, justice, equality, human rights, and the protection of minorities, and that adheres to the principles of international justice and accountability. This includes a commitment to the trust-based resolution of the decades-long grievances of ethnic communities drawing on lessons from previous peace processes, and to the voluntary, safe, and dignified repatriation of the Rohingya.

Minister Aung also addressed the unspeakable and escalating atrocities that the terrorist junta continues to direct against civilians, as well as the junta's weaponisation of humanitarian aid and its forced displacement of close to one million people. These extremes, which are deliberately aimed at sharpening the people's suffering, expose the junta's frustration at its failed coup.

Welcoming assurances from Foreign Minister Lipavský, Speaker Pekarová Adamová and Senator Fisher of the Czech Republic's unwavering support for Myanmar's democratic leaders, Minister Aung called on the nation to serve as a catalyst within the European Union for strengthened engagement with the National Unity Government.

Minister Aung conveyed her heartfelt thanks to the Czech people for their enduring support, while assuring them that the Myanmar people's rights-based revolution will prevail.
