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“Press Statement on Terrorist Military’s Excessive Use of Air Strikes and Artillery

Fire on Lat Yat Kone Village, Depayin Township”

On 16th September at around 1 pm, the terrorist military used its MI35 helicopter and Light Infantry 368 to fire upon a school within the grounds of a monastery in Lat Yat Kone Village in Depayin Township, Sagaing Region. The Attack lasted for about an hour. The army refused to hand over the bodies of six children who were killed and instead carried them away in jute bags. In addition, another child died later in Ye-Oo Hospital.

Six innocent civilians also died in the incident whose bodies were handed over the families. In total thirteen innocent civilians died, including seven children. Another twenty-one civilians, including school children, teachers, were taken away as ransom. Junta forces then torched the homes and buildings including animals in Lat Yat Kone Village and continued with the armed assault on nearby settlements. In so doing eighteen civilians from Nyaung Hla, Thit Tone, Moo Sone, Moo Khan, Nyaungyi Kone, Innpin and Lat Yat Kone villages within Depayin

Township were injured. This has resulted in the eastern part of Depayin Township sinking into a renewed state of emergency, forcing tens of thousands of villagers to abandon this area of conflict.

Data from National Unity Government's Ministry of Women, Youth & Children's Affairs has shown that from the start of the coup d'état on 1st February 2021 to date, the terrorist military council has killed 234 youths under 18 years of age, 363 youths have been illegally detained.

Since it illegally stole power, in a period of just over a year, the terrorist military council is found to have committed the following mass slaughter according to the available data sources.

- In July 2021, 40 people were killed in Taung Paut Village, Kyat Chaung Taw Taight village, Yin village, Kone Thar village in Kani Township, Sagaing Region.
- On December 7, 2021, 10 local people, including four children between the ages of 14 and 17, were killed in DonTaw Village, Sar Lingyi Township.
- On December 24, 2021, 49 people, including a child and two employees of Save the Children, were burned to death in Moso Village, Phruso Township
- On January 6, 2022, 11 people, including a journalist and a child, were abducted and killed in Mutupi Township, Chin State.
- On April 19, 2022, 9 men were burned to death Southern in the village of Peyin Taung, Southern Shan State
- On May 12, 2022, 28 people were burned to death in Mon Tine Pin Village, Ye U Township.

The National Unity Government has been systematically recording and gathering the evidence of every atrocious act that the terrorist military council has been committing, identifying those who have lost their lives and has been reporting this to international legal organisations and professional bodies in order to bring justice for victims in the future.

The relevant ministries of the National Unity Government have also been assuring the welfare of the families of those killed and the safety and security of eyewitnesses involved in these incidents. The NUG is in the process of urgently planning and drawing up a legal treatise so that those who were responsible and who took part in these brazen atrocious acts and killings face appropriate legal penalty and punishment its convicted. The NUG with its allies, the Ethnic Communities, together are urgently drawing up legal processes so that those who

have broken the law and committed crimes can be issued with warrants, arrested, and brought before the courts of law in liberated areas.

The United Nations and the international community are urged to take prompt, effective and serious measures regarding Myanmar to stop the brutality of the terrorist military led by Min Aung Hlaing, which is threatening peace, democracy and the human rights of every human race around the world.

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