



A Statement Condemning the Hpakant Massacre

Kachin Alliance strongly condemns the coup regime's air strike in A Nang Pa, Hpakant on October 23, 2022 around 8:30 PM local time. The air strike targeted a public cultural event commemorating the founding of the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), and killed scores of civilians, including Kachin artists, businessmen and local elders, and local KIO leaders, and injured many more.

In the aftermath of the massacre, families were scrambling to obtain news about their loved ones due a prolonged internet blackout in Hpakant. We are also concerned to learn the report of blocking of medical access to victims of massacre.

We are extremely saddened by the loss and suffering of innocent lives. We pay tribute to the commitment and sacrifices of those who were slayed in this brutal and deliberate attack. Our sincerest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

The coup regime, its leader Min Aung Hlaing, and their collaborators will be held responsible for this heinous crime. Peace in Burma is not possible without the annihilation of this coup regime once and for all. We call upon the international community to end the policy of muted response and take serious action against the terrorist regime which has committed every known war crime against the people of Burma.

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