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Statement on the Air Strike Against a Peaceful Event in Hpakan Township, Kachin State, Killing Over 100 People and Injuring Many More.

The Kachin National Organisation (KNO) condemns the airstrike/massacre carried out by the Burmese military terrorists against the Kachin people who had gathered together to celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of the founding of the Kachin Independence Organisation (KIO) Day at the A Nang Pa, Brigade 9 of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) on Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

The tragic incident killed over 100 civilians, well known musicians, local officials and officiating personnel from the KIA and KIO. The terrorist military junta restricted and stopped the injured people in Gin Si areas from getting medical treatment at Hpakan and Myitkyina hospitals. The terrorist military cut the phone and internet lines to the area as well.

We send our deepest condolences to the family members who lost their loved ones. May their lives, musical and artistic contributions never be forgotten and live on in the hearts and memories of all Kachin peoples by inspiring others to express their songs, ballads, and art for generations to come.

The launching of an airstrike by the terrorist Burmese Military Junta against a peaceful civilian gathering was a most despicable and cowardly act. Unfortunately, from the beginning, the Burmese Military Junta has been committing genocidal atrocities, war crimes, and crimes against humanity for decades in an attempt to control the political opposition and subjugate the civilian population. It is reported that the Burmese Military Junta has launched over 240 airstrikes killing over 200 civilians, including women and children, and destroying many homes, public buildings including schools, temples, businesses, and clinics throughout Burma in areas under the control of the ethnic Burman, Kachin, Karen, Karenni, Shan, Chin, and the Rakhine. The air strikes violate international law as spelled out in the Geneva Convention regarding the protection of civilians.

We are calling on all countries to protest against the atrocities. We call on freedom loving nations to support and supply **practical anti-aircraft equipment and weapons** to the Kachin Independence Army and other armed forces fighting against the Burmese military to prevent more such tragic massacres and loss of life in the future.

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