



General Strike Coordination Body - GSCB

Open Letter to ASEAN Summit

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GSCB (General Strike Coordination Body) is a coalition of 37 strike committees across Myanmar. GSCB has organised major nationwide strikes in the spring revolution including silent strikes and online campaigns which support the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations U Kyaw Moe Tun for the credential challenge. We, GSCB, would like to relay this open letter to the leaders of all ASEAN countries and its partner countries.

The Myanmar Military instigated a reign of terror by initiating (has been attempting) a coup on 1st February 2021. In opposition to this, millions of people have protested peacefully, and the act of civil disobedience movement has emerged all over the country. But the military junta not only cracked down on the peaceful protestors brutally but also violently raided and destroyed the people's properties. Military junta's ruthless crackdown has killed hundreds of peaceful protesters, which has inevitably led people to defend themselves in the form of armed resistance movements.

All ethnic nationalities including Myanmar people have undoubtedly shown their will against military junta's coup in all forms. Continuous demonstrations, flash mob strikes, and nationwide mass movement such as silent strikes are the undeniable proof of Myanmar people's disapproval of the military junta's ruling. Instead, we strongly demand a new political system where federalism is prioritised and a genuine democracy without the interference of the military in politics. What our people want most is to obtain justice back for all the human right violations, crimes against humanity and war crimes by the military even before the coup attempt, including genocide against Rohingya people. And yet, the military is still committing those atrocities in the same old way they have perpetrated against the minority ethnics for countless decades. Arson attacks, looting, indiscriminate shooting to civilian areas, killing peaceful protesters, torturing to death and even executing death penalty against pro-democracy activists by the military are evidence of the ferocity of military junta.

To stop all those brutalities, to find justice and to build New Federal Democratic Union, the Myanmar people believe that the revolution is the only way to overthrow the military which is why they are pushing forward with all their might.

In this situation, We, GSCB, want to urge ASEAN and its partners to fulfil the following points.

1. To give up ASEAN 5-point consensus and ASEAN-centred approach which has not worked at all for the past one and a half years.

2. To find an alternative approach to help Myanmar in achieving their fair demands and goals.
3. To reject military junta's political stunts such as upcoming illegitimate and sham-election which is definitely not the path to stability.
4. To immediately carry out necessary actions and emergently supply cross-border humanitarian aids for millions of IDPS and refugees in Myanmar as well as across the border lines.
5. To recognize NUG (National Unity Government) as the legitimate government of Myanmar, and to recognize NUCC (National Unity Consultative Council) and CRPH (Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw) as the political representative bodies of Myanmar citizens and start commencing official relations with these committees.

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