



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Unity Government
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“Statement on bombing on Dala Ferry of December 18, 2022”

The National Union Government strongly condemns the bombing on the Dala commuter ferry in Yangon on December 18, 2022. The bomb exploded around 6:00 pm in the crowded lower deck. 17 people were injured, five of them seriously. The NUG extends its sympathy to those injured and their families. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

The NUG further rejects the Myanmar military’s assertions that the People’s Defense Forces were behind the attacks. Over decades of dictatorship, Myanmar military has routinely exploded bombs in public spaces and then blamed its opponents for these attacks. Such attacks are designed to sow chaos and fear among the public.

Since the 2021 coup, the Myanmar military has killed over 2,500 civilians, 400 of them children. Many of these deaths were the result of attacks on civilians simply going about their daily lives, like the commuters on the Dala ferry. These incidents include the killing of school children on Let Yet Kone village attack in September 2021; the bombing of a civilian concert in Kachin State that killed over 70 people; the massacre of over 35 travelers on a road in Kayah State on Christmas Eve of 2021. The NUG calls on the Myanmar military to cease all attacks on civilians.

The NUG condemns all attacks against civilians. The NUG has established a code of conduct for the People's Defense Forces (PDF) and opened investigations into alleged violations by PDFs. We are committed to building a future in which Myanmar public spaces and civilians are safe and free from threats.

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