



## **Terrorist military junta must immediately put an end to extrajudicial killings of detainees and use of death penalty**

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On 30 November 2022, the North Dagon Township Military Court Martial in Yangon which is under the control of the Myanmar terrorist military junta, issued death sentences against seven Dagon University students. In addition, three young pro-democracy activists were found to have been sentenced to death by the same court on the same day. Over the course of 22 months since the attempted coup in February 2021, the military junta has killed 2,553 people, arbitrarily arrested and detained 13,002 people including 771 people who died during detention and has imposed the death penalty against 125 people.

In July of this year, four political activists, Ko Kyaw Min Yu also known as Ko Jimmy, Ko Phyo Zayar Thaw, Ko Hla Myo Aung and Ko Aung Thura Zaw were executed by the terrorist military junta. Currently in Myanmar, the terrorist military junta is using capital punishment and executions in an attempt to assert control and suppress those who strongly oppose them. This is the main reason why young people's lives are in danger. Those young people were given the worst punishment, simply because they believed in and fought for a free and fair federal democracy.

Such unlawful death sentences and executions in the absence of a fair and independent judicial system is a serious human rights violation against the people of Myanmar and a blatant disregard for human life and suffering in the face of the lack of effective actions from international community, governments and supporters of democracy around the world.

Moreover, more unlawful executions and death sentences will only intensify and worsen the political conflicts in Myanmar. We, the General Strike Collaboration Committee (GSCC), strongly oppose arbitrary arrests, imprisonments and the death penalty of political activists and people who are opposing the military coup. We strongly urge the international community and all concerned democratic governments to condemn and prevent unlawful death sentences and executions by the SAC and to take concrete political steps to put effective pressure on the terrorist military junta.

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