



# Sisters 2 Sisters

## Solidarity Statement

International Women's Day 2023

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**“As long as women are using class or race power to dominate other women, feminist sisterhood cannot be fully realized.” — bell hooks**

Today, we celebrate International Women's Day, a day also strung from the labor movement and organized by our foremothers in order to bring attention to gender equality and gender-based violence.

Today, we reflect on how far this global movement has come along and why we need sisterhood solidarity in bringing about systemic and social changes.

At a first glance, our struggles may appear different.

- Our Afghan sisters bravely confront the Taliban for their rights to access education.
- Our Iranian sisters are not backing down despite the regime's cruel attempts at suppressing women.
- Our Sudanese sisters are protesting the coup and the military government despite imminent threats of sexual and physical violence by the security forces.
- Our Syrian sisters battle the aftermaths of an earthquake amidst an ongoing civil war.
- In light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, our Ukrainian and Belarusian sisters have been at the forefront of the anti-war movement.
- Our Yemeni sisters are fighting for their rights to travel to work, school, and mundane places independently.

In our home country of Myanmar, women are still going strong against the junta as we enter the third year of the Spring Revolution.

Women, especially young women in Myanmar are not only combating the corrupted and tyrannical political system, but also defying retrogressive social norms that seek to oppress and violate women, gender, and marginalized communities.

- Our Sisters in various factories and labor sectors led the anti-junta protests and continue to challenge the malpractices of the factory owners and governmental corruption.
- Our Sisters in IDP Camps display ordinary strength and sheer will to survive and thrive despite the regime's continued crackdowns.
- Our sisters in Obo Prison are not bowing their heads down even when the junta forcefully detained them and used deadly force.

Despite differences in terms of challenges and geographical locations, we must acknowledge that our passion, our strength, our beliefs, and our hope to achieve our goals, survive, and prosper feel familiar.

**Today, we hope that we are proud of the paths we have taken; that we are inspired by each other's successes and strong wills to overcome; that we lean on and learn from each other to create a society FOR ALL OF US.**

Our revolution will prevail!!

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