



The Republic of Union of Myanmar

National Unity Government

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration

Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs

Ministry of Justice

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Joint Statement on action taken against illegal acts of some members of the Village People's Defence Force Chaung Oo Township, Sagging Division

1. On 8th August 2023, in Chaung Oo Township, Sagging division, one male, two young adolescent males, one female and three young adolescent females, a total of 7 people, purported to be intelligence personnel from the terrorist military council, was arrested by the Village PDF responsible person and his team. Subsequently, all of them were unlawfully killed on 30th August 2022.
2. Four members of the Village PDF team, including the responsible person, were detained instantly on 30th August 2022, and the remains were excavated, and necessary investigations were carried out on 31st August 2022 morning.
3. On September 22, 2022, the People's Defence Team of Chong U Township transferred the arrested persons to the People's Administration Group of Chong U Township. Then the People's Security Forces opened a case and detained them separately.
4. As soon as a complaint was received on 26th January 2023, the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs of the National Unity Government started working on the case together with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration, Ministry of Justice, regional defence teams, People's Security Force, People's Administration Group, to take legal actions.

5. This incident not only breaches the military's Code of Conduct but also violates women's and children's rights and human rights. Using the military/civilian judicial platforms, the National Unity Government is consistently working to reveal the truth and to take legal actions as soon as possible in accordance with the law, and we will inform you about the progress of the actions taken.

6. To enforce the rule of law, the National Unity Government will punish anyone who commits a crime in accordance with the existing laws, regardless of their background.

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