



COMMITTEE REPRESENTING PYIDAUNGSU HLUUTTAW

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1. Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hlutaw formed by the elected parliamentarians (National League for Democracy) [ref: Announcement (2/2021)] at the emergency parliamentary session held on February 05, 2021 has released a statement on the unlawful seizure (coup d'etat).
2. Myanmar military leaders led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing seized power unconstitutionally, and unlawfully detained government officials, on February 1, 2021, based on the alleged election fraud claims, without evidence, of the general elections held on November 8, 2020.
3. In response to the unlawful seizure and detention of incumbent government leaders, political activists, dissidents and the civilians, people of Myanmar protested the military coup by banging pots and pans, followed by government workers and youth groups who began a visible and increasingly growing Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and protests on social media. This is followed by a widespread peaceful anti-coup protests starting from February 6, 2021.
4. The massive non-violence movement of the people is in testament to the protest against the unlawful seizure of power by the military, and the baseless claims of voter fraud driven by personal interests of the military leaders.
5. The armed takeover and dismantling of the duly elected government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is an act of offence against the state under Penal Code Section (6). The sovereignty of the state remains with the NLD government insofar as only the President can convene the National Defense and Security Council (NDSC) and the Vice President cannot represent the President as long as the President is alive and well. Therefore, only the NLD government under international law is the sole representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
6. The Committee gives due recognition and acknowledgement to the people partaking in the non-violent action of Civil Disobedience Movement for fulfilling the obligations of their civic duty and for their courageous action.
7. The Committee expresses its gratitude and appreciation to ethnic organizations and parties including those bearing arms in protest against the takeover of power, and urged for their continued support for the opposition movement to the unlawful seizure of power.

- 8 The road to build a genuine federal democratic union, longed for by people of Myanmar requires harmonious unity across creed and religion, strength and understanding of political parties, and the will of the people to remove all obstacles to achieve true democracy
- 9 Mindful of the obstacles on the path to democracy, the Committee gives assurance to overcome such obstacles and pledges its deepest and unwavering commitment to work towards achieving this common goal

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