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NUG welcomes new United Kingdom sanctions against MGE**

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Today I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Government of the United Kingdom for designating Myanmar Gems Enterprise (MGE) with strict sanctions as a company that is directly supporting the killing of innocent civilians by supplying huge revenue streams to the terrorist regime forces.

I would also like to reiterate my sincere thanks to the People, Parliament and Government of the United Kingdom for standing in solidarity and being a strong voice for the people of Myanmar. I also want to express my gratitude for the efforts of the UK on coordinating targeted sanctions against key tatmadaw personnel, tatmadaw linked companies and enterprises such as MEC and MEHL, and for providing extra funding to the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar. Additionally, I would like to further thank the UK government for taking a strong leadership role in the UN and G7 summits on behalf of the people of Myanmar, and for the recognition of CRPH and NUG as important voices of many in this nation.

The UK has announced additional measures targeting the Myanmar regime today (17 May), with new sanctions imposed against Myanmar Gems Enterprise (MGE). These latest sanctions aim to cut off a key source of funding for the military junta, which is responsible for serious human rights violations against the people of Myanmar, including the killing of children.

Foreign Secretary of UK, Dominic Raab, said:

“The military junta in Myanmar continues to crush democracy and attack its own people with brutal ferocity. We are working with our allies to impose sanctions that hit the junta’s access to finance, and deliver a return to democracy.”

The asset freeze imposed by the sanctions prevents anyone from dealing with funds or economic resources which are owned or controlled by MGE and held in the UK. It also blocks others from providing funds or economic resources to MGE.

Today's announcement, made in conjunction with the United States and Canada, follows the recent G7 and ASEAN meetings which reiterated the strong and united view of the international community in opposition to the actions of the military junta in Myanmar. The UK, US and Canada welcome the recent announcement of the suspension of arms sales to Myanmar by Japan and the Republic of Korea. The UK and G7 reiterate that all arms sales to Myanmar must be suspended immediately, and urge the wider international community to action similar measures."

We urge the international communities to help us put more financial pressure on the junta. Ideally, this would come through coordinated international action following passage of a strong resolution by the UNSC. Unfortunately, that is not likely to happen, so it is critical for all the nations of the world who stand with us to band together in a coordinated campaign of further sanctions that would cut the flow of revenue and weapons sales to this murderous regime.

If stricter and tougher sanctions are not imposed right away, it won't be long before strife and bloodshed break out across this nation as the tatmadaw terrorist forces unleash more inhumane cruelty against innocent and defenseless citizens. We once again appeal to the International Communities which have the power to end this nightmare - this reign of terror, especially all like minded free and democratic countries around the world to come together to put targeted, coordinated, stronger sanctions on the murderous regime of the terrorist junta in Myanmar. I am therefore asking the United Kingdom and the International communities to place sanctions against Myanmar Oil and Gas and all state-owned enterprises as quickly as possible.

H.E. Dr. Sasa

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https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-sanctions-on-gemstone-company-linked-to-the-military-regime-in-myanmar?fbclid=IwAR0JQ4NWggHboR7tf_BU1nteZhZXiCCqrWEXQKYI3VPEi59xFJlix3m76VA