



**Ministry of International Cooperation (MOIC)
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**H.E. Dr. Sasa Union Minister of the MOIC and Spokesperson of the
NUG welcomes new United States sanctions against Individuals
connected to the military regime**

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Today I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control for designating 16 individuals and one entity (the 'SAC') with strict sanctions who are supporting the killing of innocent civilians nationwide, most recently in Mindat, Chin State.

I would also like to reiterate my sincere thanks to the People and Government of the United States of America 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 U.S. on coordinating targeted sanctions against key tatmadaw personnel, tatmadaw linked companies and enterprises such as MEC, MGE and MEHL. Additionally, I would like to further thank the United States 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 official press release is as follows:

"WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated 16 individuals and one entity connected to Burma's military regime.

Thirteen of the individuals sanctioned today are key members of Burma's military regime, which is violently repressing the pro-democracy movement in the country and is responsible for the ongoing violent and lethal attacks against the people of Burma, including the killing of children. The other three individuals are adult children of previously designated senior Burmese military officials. The entity is the State Administration Council (SAC), the body created by the military to support its unlawful overthrow of the democratically elected civilian government. These designations today are made pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14014, "Blocking Property with Respect to the Situation in Burma." These sanctions are not directed at the people

of Burma. In concurrent actions, the U.K. and Canada also sanctioned persons and/or entities in relation to the on-going coup in Burma.

"Burma's military continues to commit human rights abuses and oppress the people of Burma. Today's action demonstrates the United States' commitment to work with our international partners to press the Burmese military and promote accountability for those responsible for the coup and ongoing violence," said Andrea Gacki, Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

As a part of today's action, the **State Administrative Council (SAC)** is designated for being a political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Government of Burma. The SAC, which is the official name of the military government in Burma, was formed by Burma's military on February 2, 2021. It is largely made up of military officials and led by Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, whom Treasury designated on February 11, 2021 pursuant to E.O. 14014.

The following four individuals are designated pursuant to E.O. 14014 for being foreign persons who are or were leaders or officials of the Government of Burma on or after February 2, 2021:

- **Mahn Nyein Maung** is a member of the SAC;
- **Thein Nyunt** is a member of the SAC;
- **Sai Lone Saing** is a member of the SAC; and
- **Khin Maung Swe** is a member of the SAC.

The following nine individuals, who are members of the military regime, are designated pursuant to E.O. 14014 for being foreign persons who are or were leaders or officials of the Government of Burma on or after February 2, 2021:

- **Ko Ko Hlaing** is the Minister of International Cooperation;
- **Tun Aung Myint** is the Minister for Ethnic Affairs;
- **Tun Tun Naung** is the Minister of Border Affairs;
- **Than Nyein** is the governor of the Central Bank of Burma;
- **Pwint San** is the Minister of Commerce;
- **Win Shein** is the Minister for Planning, Finance, and Industry;
- **Thein Soe** is the chairman of the military-appointed Union Election Commission, the regime's electoral body;
- **Thet Khaing Win** is the Minister of Health and Sports; and
- **Khin Maung Yi** is the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

In addition to the individuals identified above, the following three individuals are designated pursuant to E.O. 14014 for being a spouse or adult child of a person whose property and interests in property are blocked.

- **Hein Htet** is the adult child of SAC member General Maung Maung Kyaw, whom Treasury designated on February 22, 2021 pursuant to E.O. 14014;
- **Kaung Htet** is also an adult child of General Maung Maung Kyaw; and

- **Yin Min Thu** is the adult child of SAC member Admiral Tin Aung San, whom Treasury designated on February 11, 2021 pursuant to E.O. 14014.

As a result of today's action, all property and interests in property of the persons named above that are in the United States, or in the possession or control of U.S. persons, are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or otherwise exempt, all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons are prohibited. The prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any blocked person or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person."

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 States of America and the International communities to place sanctions against Myanmar Oil and Gas and all state-owned enterprises as quickly as possible.

We once again urge all children and families of the terrorist junta 'SAC' to help end your parent's reign of terror on the 54 million people of Myanmar. Nearly 800 National Heroes, including 52 children have been murdered by your parents.

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Read the official press release of the Government of the United States of America:

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0180>

Read further information regarding the individuals and organizations designated:

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/recent-actions/20210517>