Dr.Sasa's Message on 75th Anniversary of Myanmar Martyr's Day

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The morning of the 19th of July, 1947 at 10:37 am in Yangon, the father of Myanmar Independence and the founder of the Myanmar Armed Forces, General Aung San was assassinated by a terrorist group led by the traitor U Saw. Since that dark day in Myanmar's history, our dear leader General Aung San, and the people of Myanmar have yet to receive justice. The terrorist group led by U Saw assassinated General Aung San along with eight other heroes of the Nation: Thakhin Mya, Ba Cho, Abdul Razak, Ba Win, Mahn Ba Khaing, Sao San Tun, Ohn Maung and Ko Htwe.

General Aung San and the leaders of the nation sacrificed their lives in the fight for democracy and it is tragic that they were not able to experience the freedom they fought so long and hard to bring to their people. Sadly, this freedom for which the general fought and died would not last. For 75 years, the brave people of Myanmar have said loud and clear that they want a Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar for ALL, regardless of race, religion, gender, culture, background, or ethnicity.

After a brief five-year glimpse at what democracy can bring, in February 2021, Myanmar once again lost her democracy and freedom. The coup led by Min Aung Hlaing assassinated the freedom and democracy of the country, just as Min Aung Hlaing's military forebears had assassinated General Aung San and his cabinet all those years ago. Since then, the brave people of Myanmar have come together and continued fighting for the democracy and freedom. Since the failed coup on the 1st February 2021, many modern-day martyrs have emerged. They have sacrificed their lives at gunpoint for the cause of freedom and federal democracy against this genocidal military. This martyrs' day we remember not only the victims of the assassination of 1947, but also the many brave and selfless heroes of the Four Eights Uprising, the Saffron Revolution, and the Spring Revolution, who have carried on General Aung San's legacy, and become the martyrs of a free and democratic Myanmar. We pray they are the last to have to lay down their lives for the peace and prosperity of our nation.

If we look back to this day last year, the people of Myanmar were suffering not only from the coup directly but also the associated economic collapse, food shortages, and the unrelenting wave of Covid-19 which took the lives of many loved ones. But we, the people of Myanmar stood back up and took up the mantle once again to continue our battle against the Covid and the coup. Nothing can stop us. This is our only way forward to the future Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar. All the sacrifices from 1947 to 2022 will not be in vain. They will act as a catalyst to achieve

our hopes and dreams. Together we will win this revolution and we will build a new Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar for all the people of Myanmar.

We salute all of the great martyrs of Myanmar who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their families, people, and country.

May God Bless Myanmar!

Thank You and Sincerely,

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