



Statement regarding Myanmar junta's deliberate bombing on civilians gathering site in Kachin State

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In the evening of October 23 2022, terrorist Myanmar military launched targeted airstrikes against civilians who were gathering at a live music event that mark the upcoming 62nd Anniversary of the founding of Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) in Ah Nant Par village of Hpakant Township in Kachin State. Many innocent civilians including prominent Kachin ethnic singers and artists were killed and injured during the indiscriminate arial attacks and deliberate bombing by junta's fighter jets.

The village is located in an area within Kachin's Hpakant Township where internet and telecommunication blackout have been imposed since August 20, 2021, more than 15 months ago. By the time of the release of this statement, estimated 60 people have died while over 100 injured people are facing a life-threatening situation having been blocked by the terrorist military troops at a checkpoint in Ginsi village to deny them any chance of getting treatment.

We, the undersigned resistance forces, would like to declare our position as follow regarding this tragic event.

1. We are deeply sorry for the Kachin people who have suffered from this inhuman attack.
2. We consider this attack by terrorist junta on 62nd anniversary ceremonial event of the KIO as an attack on all revolutionary forces and actors who are engaging in political and armed resistance against the terrorist junta for the establishment of a genuine federal democracy.
3. These deliberate bombing attacks on large civilian gathering which have resulted to mass killing is a serious commission of war crime. Moreover, such targeted mass killing of the Kachin ethnic people in particular during such gathering of ethnic ceremonial event implies that the junta could have genocidal intent.
4. We condemn the terrorist military council in the strongest terms possible for such attack on civilians.

5. We are always proud of the commitment and effort of KIO in their struggle for federal democracy and Kachin people's liberation, and we vow to collaborate more closely with them and increased the intensity of our fight against the military junta.
6. We call on the international governments and community to block supplies of aviation fuel to the terrorist junta, sanction its main source of revenue Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, step up efforts for stripping of any form of legitimacy and recognition that the junta is receiving on international stage, and urgently and consistently advocate for the people of Myanmar.

All Kachin Students' Federation – AKSF

AntiJuntaMassMovementCommittee-AJMM(စစ်အာဏာရှင်ဆန့်ကျင်ရေးလူထုလှုပ်ရှားမှုကော်မတီ)

Blood Money Campaign

General Strike Committee-GSC (စစ်အာဏာရှင်စနစ်တိုက်ဖျက်ရေး အထွေထွေသပိတ်ကော်မတီ)

General Strike Committee of Nationalities-GSCN (လူမျိုးပေါင်းစုံအထွေထွေသပိတ်ကော်မတီ)

Kachin National Youth Network-KNYN

Kachin State Civilian Movement-KSCM

Women's League of Burma-WLB (အမျိုးသမီးများအဖွဲ့ချုပ် (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ))