



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

National Unity Government

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“Statement on the terrorist Myanmar military council’s preparations on holding an illegal sham election”

1. On 1st March 2021, the military council led by Min Aung Hlaing, who staged a coup d’état, was declared a terrorist organisation in announcement 10/2021 of the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), Myanmar’s sole legitimate Parliamentarians, who were conferred legislative authority by Myanmar’s 2020 free, fair, and democratic elections. Subsequently, the sole democratically elected government of Myanmar, the National Unity Government (NUG), the people’s rightful government announced on 7th July 2021 that the military council and all organisations associated with it are deemed terrorist organisations.

2. In the two-years of the Spring Revolution, the Myanmar military council led by Min Aung Hlaing has carried out numerous atrocities which have amounted to brutally killing 3,124 civilians including monks, elderly people, women, children, and disabled people. There have been more than sixty-four massacres committed by the terrorist Military Council in Myanmar where a total of 766 civilians have been brutally killed. Not only there is evidence that the terrorist military council in Myanmar and its lackeys are a terrorist group that has committed and continue to commit crimes all over the nation, in all the states and divisions, they are also guilty of war crimes, crimes against humanity, mass murder, cruel and callous destruction of property and targeting civilians, they are also being prosecuted in some cases in line with international law.

3. As the group has been deemed a terrorist organisation and prosecuted under international law, all the directives, decrees and laws that they have passed in this post-coup period are deemed null and void. And all the

organisations that have served under this unlawful group are also deemed terrorist groups. In addition, the populace openly refuses to accept their rule and in defiance continue to hold demonstrations to this day.

4. Accordingly, the election law that the terrorist military council has legislated is not and has never been valid and the election commission, such as it exists following the coup, is also deemed a terrorist organisation.

5. As the election law is null and void and as the election commission is considered to be a terrorist organisation, registering with election commission, for whatever reason it is done, is in essence giving credence to the repression and killings by the terrorist military council against the wishes of the people and siding with them thereby becoming one of their lackeys.

6. If the terrorist military council illegally goes ahead with its proposed sham election, it would result in fraudulent results ending with elected members who do not legitimately represent the people. Likewise, there will emerge false and illegitimate government organisations that do not represent the people but are the puppets and puppet organisations of the terrorist military council.

7. The NUG pledges its loyalty to the Spring Revolution and in accordance with the peoples' wishes will take action against these illegitimate organisations and groups with the power and the legal authority bestowed upon the NUG by the people.

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