

Four pledges of allegiance of the People's Defence Force

- (1) We will bear allegiances to the Federal Union of Myanmar and the people.
- (2) We will bear allegiances to the fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives during the fight for democracy.
- (3) We will protect and defend the lives, properties and livelihoods of the people.
- (4) We solemnly pledge that we will sacrifice our lives in building the Federal Union of Myanmar.



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The National Unity Government Cabinet News

1. Prime Minister urges enhanced efforts to maintain effective communication in areas under NUG's control

During the May 25 meeting of the Interim Local Public Administration Central Committee, Prime Minister Mahnn Win Khaing Than urged defence and administrative teams to enhance their efforts for continuous and timely communication with the public regarding air strikes and war-related news. The Prime Minister also highlighted the need to establish and manage reliable information systems that can effectively disseminate information.

<https://bit.ly/3MEJJxH>



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2. Military junta obstructs humanitarian aid delivery

At the United Nations Security Council Arria Formula meeting on Myanmar held on May 19, Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun reported that the military junta has prevented humanitarian aid from reaching people in need. Cyclone Mocha has caused significant devastation, resulting in the loss of 450 lives, including Rohingyas, as well as the destruction of agricultural areas and damage to infrastructure, including houses, schools, roads, and bridges. Approximately six million individuals urgently require emergency



aid, including food, medicine, and shelter. Despite the efforts of various aid agencies, including the United Nations, the illegitimate military council is impeding the delivery of humanitarian assistance, particularly to those residing in conflict areas. <https://bit.ly/3MZNDTe>

Ministry of Defence

3. NUG Ministry of Defence reports 700 injuries and 600 fatalities among military troops in March

On May 26, the National Unity Government reported that during March 2023, there were over 600 fatalities and 700 injuries among junta soldiers. These were results of 437 battles occurred in the No. 1 military region, Sagaing

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Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, and the northern part of Shan State. The battles involved allies of the People's Defence Force (PDF) within the No. 1 military area and EROs, resulting in the sacrifice of 60 PDF members, 94 injuries, and the seizure of military ammunition, including 27 weapons. <https://bit.ly/43wCILB>

Ministry of Health

4. Maung Swan Htet, a medical student, recognized as a hero of the Spring Revolution



Maung Swan Htet, a foundation year medical student at the University of Medicine (Magway), lost his life in the battalion of Khin Oo district, Sagaing Region, on May 22, while participating in the Spring Revolution. The National Unity Government has acknowledged him as a fallen hero and expressed condolences to his family. Maung Swan Htet, a foundation year medical student at the University of Medicine (Magway), lost his life in the battalion of Khin Oo district, Sagaing Region, on May 22, while participating in the Spring

Revolution. The National Unity Government has acknowledged him as a fallen hero and expressed condolences to his family. <https://bit.ly/3MB4xGp>

5. NUG condemns violence against health services by the military council

In a statement released on May 20, the National Unity Government denounced the military council's deliberate targeting of health services, displaying disregard for domestic and international laws, including the Geneva Convention, decisions of the United Nations Security Council, and human rights laws. An attack on May 17 involved the bombardment of Karen State, Bawlake District, and Saw Lon hamlet, resulting in the death of a 17-year-old girl and injuries to four other individuals. The attack destroyed a drinking water tank, six public houses, a monastery, a rural dispensary and staff quarters, as well as causing harm to livestock. On April 9, military troops assaulted the People's Healthcare Network (Kalay) rural hospital in the north of Kalay district, Sagaing region causing extensive damage to medications, medical storage rooms, and patient areas.

<https://bit.ly/3BWWSNV>



Ministry of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Management

6. Assistance provided to households affected by Cyclone “Mokha”



The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management announced on May 25 that Rakhine State, Chin State, Sagaing, and Magwe regions have experienced significant damage due to Cyclone Mocha. Urgent needs, including drinking water, food, medicine, and shelter, for the affected townships in Rakhine state are being addressed through humanitarian assistance programs coordinated by MOHADM in collaboration with the Arakan Heritage Foundation (AHF) and active civil society organizations on the ground. <https://bit.ly/43whqsg>

Speech Excerpts

Acting President Duwa Lashi La

“The terrorist military thinks they can oppress and control the public through fear. In reality, the people strongly resent them and are steadfastly committed to fighting till the end, never surrendering.” <https://bit.ly/3IHETs9>

