



Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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**Press Statement on the Official Visit of Foreign Minister H.E. Daw Zin Mar Aung to the
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**

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The delegation led by H.E. Daw Zin Mar Aung, Foreign Minister of the National Unity Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar paid an official visit to Timor-Leste (East Timor) at the official invitation of the President of Timor-Leste from 1st to 5th July 2023. The purpose of the visit was to enhance relationships with countries in the region, build stronger and closer ties with neighboring countries and promote the role of Myanmar in regional organizations. During the official visit, the delegation led by Union Minister engaged in meetings with relevant officials including the President, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

The Delegation led by Union Minister attended the inauguration ceremony of the new government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste which was held on 1st July 2023. During the ceremony, Union Minister and the delegation had the opportunity to meet with Timor-Leste's government leaders, regional leaders and other relevant officials. In his speech, the President of Timor-Leste acknowledged and conveyed his greetings to Foreign Minister H.E. Daw Zin Mar Aung and U Linn Thant, the Representative to the Czech Republic of the National Unity Government.

On 3rd July, Union Minister and the delegation had a cordial meeting and engaged in a discussion with H.E. Mr José Ramos Horta at his office for an hour. During the meeting, Union Minister presented the President of Timor-Leste with a portrait of State Counsellor H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a token of remembrance. Following this, Union Minister and the delegation met with H.E. Ms Maria Fernanda Lay, the President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste at her office.

During the official visit to Timor-Leste, Union Minister and the delegation had a meeting with Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Bendito dos Santos Freitas at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste and held discussions with other relevant officials on 4th July. Union Minister and the delegation also met with H.E. Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste at the Prime Minister's Office in the morning of 5th July.

As Timor-Leste is a country that emerged from the people's revolution and its national leaders are also representatives of the people, during the meeting with Union Minister, they warmly welcomed the delegation, wholeheartedly supported the Myanmar people's revolution and shared their own experiences.

On 5th July, Union Minister and the delegation were bid farewell by the relevant officials of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Lester. The official visit of the delegation led by the Union Minister concluded successfully, encompassing discussions on political agreements, including bilateral cooperation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government has consistently prioritized fostering cordial relations with neighboring countries and regional countries since its establishment. The Ministry remains committed to further strengthening relationships and promoting cooperation as its foremost objective.

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