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Dr. Sasa's Message on the 76th Anniversary of Myanmar's Martyrs Day

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Today, Myanmar commemorates the 76th Anniversary of our Martyrs Day, the Day when Myanmar's Independence agreement, known as Panglong Agreements, was taken away by brutally assassinating our National heroes, Myanmar's great leaders of Independence from Britain. Today also marks 76 years of the brave people's unwavering struggle for freedom, self-determination, and federal democracy. We honour and pay tribute to the brave souls who sacrificed their lives in 1947 and during this ongoing Myanmar's Nationwide Revolution to end genocidal military junta and establish inclusive federal democracy based on principles of self-determination, equality, human rights, and justice in Myanmar, the region, and the world. As we commemorate our great Martyrs who have come before us, we also salute and appreciate our great living Martyrs and Heroes who are holding the frontline of our freedom and federal democratic aspirations and democratic will of the brave people of Myanmar by risking their lives every day in the face of crimes against humanity, brutality, and cruelty of the genocidal military junta.

76 years ago, on July 19, 1947, Myanmar's National Hero and Independence Leader, General Aung San, the father of Myanmar's State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, along with Independence leaders, were brutally assassinated, changing Myanmar's history forever. As a result, the brave people of Myanmar have suffered from this terrible black day in our history. If our independence leaders were not assassinated in such a brutal way, Myanmar's promises and principles of federal democracy and equality would have been fully implemented, and Myanmar could have thrived under federal democracy, standing tall along with free and federal democratic Nations for the region and the world.

Before this black day happened, Myanmar was already the most promising country in Asia and one of the most prosperous nations in the region, known as the food basket of Asia. However, acts of terrorism by a terrorist group, rooted right from Myanmar's pre-independent era, disrupted this progress. The assassination not only robbed us of our independence leaders but also shattered our freedom and federal democratic agreements and the Burma Independent's terms and conditions agreement signed in Panglong, known as the Panglong Agreement in our history.

After 76 years, these same terrorism roots caused the emergence of the genocidal military institution known as the Tatmadaw, which oppressed its own people and denied basic human rights to the people of Myanmar through the destruction of federal democracy values and principles and genocidal attacks against its own people. Despite successive generations standing up for peace, freedom, and federal democracy, the brutal genocidal military declared wars against its own people.

On February 1st, 2021, the same genocidal military mindset attempted to take away our freedom and democracy by destroying the results of the 2020 Myanmar election, which was nationally and internationally recognized as free, fair, and democratic. The people of Myanmar's peaceful protests were crushed with battlefield weapons.

27 months have passed since Myanmar's Nationwide Revolution began to end the 76 years of denial of peace, freedom, and the genocidal military dictatorships and to establish an inclusive federal democratic Union of Myanmar. In the last 27 months alone, the genocidal military has killed more than 4,000 civilians, including 800 children, unjustly arrested more than 23,000 civilians, including 400 children, Myanmar President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and destroyed more than 70,000 homes, including schools, hospitals, and places of worship. During these 27 months, more than 18 million people of Myanmar have been pushed into a great need for life-saving aid, nearly 2 million people displaced to homelessness, and 48 million people pushed into extreme poverty. These 27 months have been filled with pain, suffering, deaths, and destruction. At the same time, the genocidal military junta has used starvation, hunger, and disease as weapons through their evil "four cuts" policies against the entire population of Myanmar.

Despite facing unspeakable atrocities, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, the freedom and federal democracy-loving people of Myanmar's hope cannot be taken away or destroyed by the genocidal military's battlefield weapons or their fighter jets, which have committed genocide against their own people, as exemplified in the genocidal attacks against the Rohingya by the same genocidal military. The denial of life-saving aid to 18 million people under their evil "four cut" policies and the denial of basic education to dozens of millions of Myanmar's children, who are on the edge of lost generations, which will have effects for generations to come, are slow genocide against the entire population of Myanmar.

While the genocidal military junta, the enemy of peace, freedom, and federal democracy, has been busy bringing death, destruction, and suffering to the 54 million people of Myanmar, the people of Myanmar, democratically represented by the National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG), together with heroes, comrades, and pro-democratic freedom fighters, have been defending the values and principles of freedom and federal democracy in the face of this terrible terror and nightmare.

This Nationwide Revolution, the last revolution for the past 76 years, will not only end the genocidal military dictatorship once and for all but will also clearly lay out Myanmar's inclusive federal democratic roadmaps in our Federal Democratic Charter (FDC), which is now in the process of developing a transitional Constitution (TC) before we reach our destination of a fully-fledged federal democratic new Myanmar! The people of Myanmar Nationwide Revolution have not only written the destination of Myanmar's future in freedom and an inclusive federal democratic union for all Myanmar but also control more than half of Myanmar's territory through our heroes and freedom fighters from People's Defence Forces (PDFs), Local Defence Forces (LDFs), and Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs).

Our great martyrs have stated with their lives that enough is enough to the genocidal forces of darkness and have given their lives for the light of freedom. If the International Community hesitates to take decisive actions against these evil forces, the genocidal military, these reigns of terror will be prolonged, and millions more innocent people will suffer. Our people cannot bear this any longer. The International Community, as a responsible global Community, must support the Nationwide Revolutions for freedom and federal democracy, respect the democratic will of the people of Myanmar by officially recognising the National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG), and reject the genocidal military junta by cutting off international finance, weapons, and legitimacy going into the brutal hands of the genocidal

military junta and imposing strong, coordinated, and targeted sanctions against them and their supporters, be they countries, businesses, or individuals.

Our martyrs continue to inspire us every day in this Nationwide Revolution against the genocidal military forces of evil and remain a guiding light in our collective journey towards an inclusive federal democratic future. On this Martyrs Day, we also remember our fallen heroes of the Spring Revolution, who, with their unwavering determination and bravery, stood up against injustice and oppression, sacrificing their lives for the cause of federal democracy and freedom. Their courage and sacrifice will forever be remembered and appreciated in our hearts as the sacrifices of our martyrs remind us of the immense value of freedom, human rights, and justice.

Myanmar's Martyrs Day, Ukraine is also very much in our thoughts and prayers. We also remember, appreciate, and salute all the fallen heroes and martyrs of Ukraine who have given their today for the freedom of tomorrow, not only for Ukraine but for the whole world. The brave people of Myanmar and Ukraine have dedicated their God-given lives to the cause of liberation from oppression and to send their people to freedom and a free world. We stand in solidarity with the families and loved ones of the martyrs who have endured unimaginable pain and loss. Their unwavering commitment to freedom and democracy, for which their loved ones fought, is a testament to the strength and spirit of the people of Myanmar, Ukraine, and the whole world.

We urge once again all stakeholders, domestic, regional, and international, to support the people of Myanmar and Ukraine in their aspirations for freedom, peace, and a prosperous democratic world. May the spirit of our martyrs continue to guide and inspire us as we strive for a brighter tomorrow to make this world a better place for all. Let us seize this moment to honour their sacrifice by actively engaging in the pursuit of a free and just world built on the principles and values of liberty, justice, equality, and solidarity. Together, let us forge a path forward towards the new world where the hopes for which our martyrs gave their lives are fully realised. May their sacrifice never be forgotten, and may their legacy inspire us to make this world a better place for all, one that our martyrs would be proud of, and where the world will fully enjoy peace and prosperity. May we celebrate the 77th Martyr Day without genocidal military junta's brutality but with the joy of freedom, peace, and liberation of our people from the reign of terror and tyranny.

Myanmar Nationwide Revolution will Prevail!
May God Bless Myanmar!

Sincerely,

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