Condemnation of the Yinmabin Massacre by the Genocidal Military Junta's Evil Forces in Myanmar

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The National Unity Government of Myanmar (NUG) strongly condemns, in the strongest terms, the horrific Yinmabin massacre in Sagaing, Myanmar. The world must unite against the horrors unfolding in Sagaing, Myanmar. In the early hours of July 21st, 2023, around 2 am, evil forces, acting under the orders of the genocidal military junta's generals, carried out a heinous and tragic massacre in the village of Sone Chaung, in Yinmabin township. Under the cover of darkness, these malevolent forces infiltrated the village, armed with heavy battlefield weapons, and unleashed terror upon innocent villagers. Three individuals were arrested and brutally beheaded, while more villagers fell victim to their merciless brutality. As of now, the confirmed death toll stands at 14 lives lost due to this despicable act perpetrated by the genocidal military junta forces.

Every passing day, we find it increasingly unbearable to hear about the brutal massacres, crimes against humanity, heinous human rights violations, and unthinkable genocide committed by the genocidal military junta with absolute impunity against the entire population of Myanmar.

Over the last 27 months alone, the genocidal military junta in Myanmar has callously killed more than 4000 innocent civilians, including several hundreds of children, and unjustly arrested nearly 24,000 civilians, including the democratically elected President of Myanmar, U Win Myint, and Myanmar's State Counsellor, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Moreover, 800 plus children have been among those arrested, and some 100 children were held as hostages to target their parents. Tragically, more than 800 children have lost their lives, and over 70,000 homes, including schools, hospitals, and places of worship, have been destroyed. The junta's actions of terrorism have forced nearly 2 million people into homelessness as refugees, and an astonishing 18 million people in Myanmar are in dire need of lifesaving aid, while 48 million people have been pushed below the poverty line. Additionally, several millions of children in Myanmar are on the edge of becoming lost generations, which will significantly affect generations to come.

Moreover, the genocidal military junta has implemented their evil "four cuts" policies against the entire population of Myanmar, effectively using hunger, disease, starvation, death, and destruction as weapons of oppression. Despite the high cost that the people of Myanmar are paying, despite these crimes against humanity, the freedom, and federal democracy-loving people of Myanmar refuse to surrender or give up. They are fighting for freedom and federal democracy, which can only be implemented once the genocidal military junta is defeated and removed from Myanmar politics. The people of Myanmar have made it clear and loud that they no longer desire any form of brutal and genocidal dictatorship imposed by the military; what they yearn for is a truly inclusive federal democracy, for which they are sacrificing their lives every day in the face of these terrors of the genocidal junta.

Regrettably, this Yinmabin Massacre atrocity marks just one of 144 similar massacres committed by the murderous junta over the last 27 months. The genocidal military junta skillfully hides behind a veil of secrecy, evading international scrutiny. It is imperative that the international community and Myanmar's neighbors should no longer keep silent about these heinous crimes happening next door within the global community of humanity. It is no longer just about international borders; it's about humanity collectively and internationally. We must take decisive action now!

Reports from the United Nations reveal that the genocidal junta in Myanmar has engaged in a deadly trade of weapons, amounting to a staggering 1 billion US dollars, with five countries over the past 27 months alone. These weapons fuel their reign of terror and enable them to commit unspeakable crimes against humanity with complete disregard for human life. The international community must act decisively! We call for concrete measures to cut off the flow of money, weapons, and legitimacy to the genocidal military junta in Myanmar. The sooner the international community and Myanmar's neighbors respect and rally with the democratic will of the people of Myanmar by officially recognizing NUG and supporting the pro-democracy movement, the earlier we can end this reign of terror and establish federal democracy for peace and prosperity in Myanmar, the region, and indeed make this world a better place for ALL.

Accountability is paramount! The NUG is resolute in holding all perpetrators accountable for their crimes against humanity and heinous human rights violations. We will pursue justice through international and national mechanisms, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), International Court of Justice (ICJ), and universal jurisdiction laws. Domestically, we will seek justice through all available means. The genocidal military junta must face the consequences of their acts of crime against humanity.

It is critical that the ASEAN leadership reviews and evaluates ASEAN Special Envoy roles and the ASEAN five points consensus on Myanmar. It is urgent that ASEAN coordinates an international coalition on the Myanmar crisis with like-minded countries and ASEAN partners. Additionally, it is crucial for ASEAN to implement its five points on Myanmar (2021) together with UN Security Council Resolution No. 2669 (2022) on Myanmar, comprising 10 points, and USA NDAA Burma Acts (2023), comprising 8 strategic points. These 23 points from ASEAN, the USA, and the UN Security Council on Myanmar must be implemented on the ground without further delays.

Despite the heinous crimes committed by the genocidal military junta in Myanmar, the brave people of Myanmar remain unwaveringly committed to fighting for freedom, human rights, and federal democracy. Their resolute determination will undoubtedly lead to victory! Justice, Freedom, and Federal Democracy will ultimately prevail in Myanmar, making the region and the world a better place for ALL.

Let us stand in unwavering solidarity with the loved ones, families, and villagers of Sone Chaung village, Yinmabin township during this heart-wrenching time, deliberately created by the genocidal junta and supported by their partners in crimes. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. We, the National Unity Government of Myanmar, pledge to tirelessly work until justice is served, and peace and democracy are fully restored in our beloved nation and the region. As we stand together, united in purpose, we are confident that light will overcome darkness, and the dreams of a free, just, and federal democratic Myanmar will soon become a reality.

Sincerely,

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