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TRIUMPH OF RESILIENCE: NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM DR. SASA

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As we step into the new year, Myanmar heralds a historic new beginning, the echoes of an indomitable spirit thundering louder than ever before. This journey unfolds with a glimmer of hope, marking the first instance where the once-mighty Myanmar military finds itself unnerved under the control of bloody coup makers—the generals—facing unprecedented threats in their history. Despite the daunting challenges that have befallen our people and our beloved Myanmar, joy emerges from the strength, courage, and resilience displayed by the brave citizens.

In the face of unspeakable pain, suffering, death, and destruction inflicted by the genocidal military junta, self-proclaimed as the State Administrative Council (SAC), the people of Myanmar stand undeterred. Their unwavering commitment to freedom and peace fuels the collective spirit, ensuring not just survival but triumph. This new beginning in Myanmar's history is a testament to the millions who, despite extraordinary sacrifices, declare a resounding "NO" to the reign of terror imposed by genocidal military generals for several decades.

For the first time in Myanmar's military history, freedom fighters from across the nation have seized more than 400 military bases belonging to the brutal military junta, which has lost more than 18,000 foot soldiers in Thai-Burma border states alone. These extraordinary individuals, mostly young and ordinary citizens turned heroes, safeguard the future, liberating and reclaiming dozens of towns, districts, and thousands of villages from the hands of the military junta. These liberated towns and villages mark a new beginning, experiencing decentralization according to federal democratic values and principles under community-led local governance. Some states are taking this new beginning by forming interim executives, legislatures, and judiciary bodies according to the Federal Democratic Charter of Myanmar (FDC). This historic territorial shift marks the first time military bases and territories have been lost to civilians.

Another new beginning in Myanmar's history is the historic unity in diversity, clearly laid out in the Federal Democratic Charter of Myanmar (FDC), a roadmap toward the new Myanmar, "Federal Democratic Myanmar." Yet another milestone is the defection of tens of thousands of uniformed men and women who once served the genocidal military junta.

These new beginnings in Myanmar's history were made possible by the sacrifices of the brave people of Myanmar for the cause of freedom and federal democracy. The Civil Disobedient Movement (CDM), a non-violent force, remains unshaken despite 35 months of pain, suffering, and relentless acts of terrorism by the brutal junta. As the indomitable will of the people persists, brave freedom fighters comprised of the People's Defence Forces (PDF), Local Defence Forces (LDF), and Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs) lay down their lives today for freedom, where a brighter tomorrow awaits us all. In honoring those who sacrificed their lives for freedom and federal democracy, we dedicate our present to the future of our people. Although we cannot change the past, we steer history toward freedom from the clutches of the genocidal military in Myanmar.

Since the attempted coup on February 1, 2021, Myanmar has witnessed the loss of 4273 innocent lives, 25656 unjust arrests, and the destruction of over 90,000 homes. More than 2.6 million people face homelessness, and nearly 19 million are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Over 45 million struggle below the poverty line. These unspeakable suffering and crises are the direct result of genocidal military generals' attempted coup in 2021. Decades ago, Myanmar was the rice bowl of Asia, but the shackles of dictatorship plunged it into poverty and a terrible crisis. The people of Myanmar, however, are destined to



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win. Myanmar's future, bright as the stars, foresees a return to global prominence, becoming not just the rice bowl of Asia but the world.

We renew our gratitude to the countries and people around the world who have helped Myanmar in this darkest moment of her history. But we respectfully request once again to our neighbors, ASEAN, and the international community to unite and embrace the democratic will of the people of Myanmar and their sole representatives. Together, we can bring an end to the genocidal military's reign of terror, embrace federal democratic values and principles for peace and prosperity for the entire region, and pave the way for lasting peace and stability not just for Myanmar and the region but for the world.

The new future of the new Myanmar promises the triumph of goodness over evil, banishing darkness while light prevails. Peace and prosperity await not only our people and our nation but the entire region, transcending barriers of race, religion, gender, background, and ethnicity. Our vision extends globally as we strive for a better world. The people of Myanmar are resolute, determined to elevate their struggle for freedom and federal democracy. In the new year of 2024, their fight for freedom remains unwavering, a battle between life and death, light and darkness, justice and injustice, freedom and tyranny, federal democracy and military dictatorship. As they march into the new year 2024, the people of Myanmar stand firm, unwavering in their fight for freedom.

Happy New Year to you all, and may GOD bless!

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