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Subject: Appeal to the Government of India to Reconsider its Support for the Myanmar Junta

Your Excellency,

We, Integria and Educational Initiatives, the Czech civil society organizations that has long been dedicated to supporting democratic development in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, are writing to you regarding the open letter recently issued by 268 civil society organizations, led by Defend Myanmar Democracy. This letter urges the Government of India to reconsider its support for the Myanmar junta and to take immediate steps in addressing the current situation in Myanmar. In solidarity with this initiative, we respectfully request your Excellency to convey the following appeals to your government:

1. Cessation of the sale and transfer of arms and related materials to the Myanmar junta.
2. Refraining from any engagements that could confer legitimacy upon the Myanmar junta.
3. Halt any extension of business cooperation with the Myanmar junta.
4. Ask to release all detained refugees from Myanmar in India and provide of humanitarian assistance to them.

The justification for these requests, as well as an analysis of India's current approach towards the situation in Myanmar, has been outlined in detail by the civil society organizations behind the attached open letter. We have enclosed this document for your Excellency's reference and are in full agreement with their reasoning.

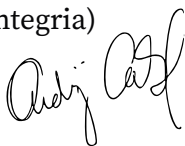
Your Excellency, we believe that these steps are essential in demonstrating India's unwavering commitment to democratic values and the protection of human rights. The people of Myanmar continue to suffer under a brutal rule of tatmadaw, and India's actions in this regard could significantly influence the course of events in the region.

To further discuss these matters and explore avenues for constructive engagement, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or your designated representatives at your earliest convenience. We believe that an open dialogue could provide a platform to better understand India's position and to share our concerns and recommendations on how we can collectively work towards peace and democracy in Myanmar.

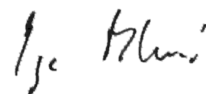
We thank your Excellency for your attention to this matter and hope for a positive response.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Ondřej Cakl (Integria)



Igor Blažević (Educational Initiatives)



Attachment:

Open Letter from 268 civil society organizations to the Government of India to end its supports for Myanmar junta and review its approach to current situation in Myanmar

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With Unity
India For Myanmar

In February 2021, the people of Myanmar staged nationwide protests against an attempted coup by the Myanmar military junta. When the junta responded to peaceful protests with widespread brutal crackdowns and rampage shootings, the people were forced into a resistance war to seek an end to a tyranny of brutal military rule and establish a federal democracy to resolve over seven decades of armed conflicts. However, as they are facing losses in many fronts, the junta has intensified its brutal campaign of terror against its own people dragging the country into the worst humanitarian crisis it has seen. Currently, Myanmar has 3.4 million Internally Displaced Persons , 1.2 million refugees in neighboring countries and 18.6 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

We understand that the Government of India has to prioritize the interest of its country in dealing with the situation in Myanmar. We also recognize humanitarian actions taken by Mizoram and other governments to help Myanmar refugees. However, we find Indian central government's support for terror campaigns by Myanmar junta who are threatening regional stability while ignoring the atrocities of the junta, suffering of millions and the struggle for a federal democracy in Myanmar disheartening, shameful and an obsolete approach that no longer reflect a change of context in the country. Therefore, we, the undersigned civil society organizations, call on the Government of India to respect democracy, human rights and humanitarian principles and take the following actions to reconsider its current approach to situation in Myanmar.

1. Stop sale and transfer of arms and related materials to Myanmar junta.

The terrorist Myanmar junta is a perpetrator of genocide. They also continue to commit serious violations of international crimes including war crimes and crimes against humanity to this day. It is a complicity in atrocity crimes as much as it is a shame for India as the world largest democracy to continue selling arms and military equipment to the junta which is facing multiple international courts proceedings. Therefore, we call on the Government of India to stop sale and transfer of any types of arms and related equipment to the terrorist Myanmar junta.



2. Avoid any engagements that can lend legitimacy to Myanmar junta.

The international community including the United Nations, ASEAN and many individual democracy countries have refused to recognize the terrorist military junta as legitimate representative of Myanmar. Moreover, the people of Myanmar themselves have declared the junta a terrorist organization and fought a resistance war against them claiming significant victories both militarily and territorially. Under this context, current approach of India to continue exclusive engagement with the junta bears a high risk for its reputation and future bilateral relation with Myanmar. Therefore, we urge the Government of India to balance its approach by excluding the junta from participating in the BIMSTEC, avoiding any form of exclusive engagement with the junta especially high-level diplomatic engagement including through its foreign affairs minister that can lend legitimacy to the terrorist junta, and engaging with the revolutionary forces.

3. Avoid extending business cooperation with Myanmar junta. All incomes generated by the junta have been used for two purposes only: to purchase arms for killing the people and to expend business empires of its top leaders and their families. The people of Myanmar themselves have consistently urged all actors to cut the junta's sources of revenue while they themselves have boycotted all products of military-owned businesses. Many democracy countries have also imposed various economic sanctions to limit the junta ability to purchase arms. Furthermore, with shrinking territories under its effective control, the junta is increasingly failing to protect its international business partnerships. Therefore, we urge the Government of India to refrain from extending and expending any type of business partnership with the terrorist junta against the will of Myanmar people and stop allowing Rupees-Kyats direct trading and efforts of other democratic countries.

4. Release all the refugee detainees in India and provide humanitarian assistances. There are estimated 70,000 Myanmar refugees taking shelter in India. However, they have no access to humanitarian assistances and are constantly facing threats of arrests and detentions. There are at least 250 Myanmar refugees who have fallen victims to lengthy arbitrary detentions. There is also an ongoing incitement of hate against Myanmar refugees portraying them as illegal settlers and trouble makers. We believe that it is more beneficial for both India and Myanmar in the long term for India to be a good friend of Myanmar people that shows humanitarian gestures at this difficult time, rather than seeking to be a loyal ally to the criminal military junta which is facing multiple court proceedings under internal jurisdictions. Therefore, we urge the Government of India to immediately release all the Myanmar refugee detainees and ensure swift access to humanitarian assistances for Myanmar refugees seeking safety in India.

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1. 5/ of Zaya State Strike
2. A-Yar-Taw People Strike
3. Action Committee for Democracy Development
4. Action Committee of Basic Education Students (ACBES)
5. Ah Nah Podcast - conversations with Myanmar
6. All Arakan Youth Organizations Network AAYON
7. All Aung Myay Thar San Schools Strike Force
8. All Burma Federation of Student Unions (Monywa District)
9. Alliance Coalition Strike Mya Taung Strike
10. Alliance of Students' Union – Yangon (ASU-Yangon)
11. Anti-coup Forces Coordination Committee (ACFCC -Mandalay)
12. Anti-Junta Alliance Yangon-AJAY
13. Arakan CSO Network
14. Arakan Rohingya Development Association - Australia
15. Association of Human rights watch and documentation (Bago)
16. Aung San Suu Kyi Park Norway
17. Ayeyarwaddy West Development Organisation AWDO (Nagphe)
18. Ayeyarwaddy West Development Organisation.AWDO (Magway)
19. Basic Education General Strike Committee (BEGSC)
20. Basic Education Worker Unions - Steering Committee (BEWU-SC) Representative
21. Blood Money Campaign
22. Burmese Rohingya Community in Denmark (BRCD)
23. Burmeste Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK)
24. CDM Medical Network (CDMMN)
25. Chaung Oo Township Youth Strike Committee
26. Chin Community in Norway
27. Chindwin (West) Villages Women Strike
28. Civil Information Network (CIN)
29. Civilian of Myanmar
30. Coalition Strike Committee – Dawei

31. Committee of University Teacher Associations (RC of UTAs)
32. Coordination Team for Emergency Relief-Karenni (CTER-Karenni)
33. CRPH & NUG Supporters Ireland
34. CRPH Funding Ireland
35. CRPH Support Group, Norway
36. Daung Sittthe Strike
37. Dawei (Ashaetaaw) Women Strike
38. Dawei Youths Revolutionary Movement Strike Committee
39. Defend Myanmar Democracy
40. Democratic Party for a New Society, Norway
41. Depayin Township Revolution Steering Committee
42. Depayin Women Strike
43. Ethnic Youth General Strike Committee (Mandalay)
44. European Rohingya Council (ERC)
45. Federal Corner
46. Former ABSDF International
47. Former Political Prisoners and New Generation Group – Monywa Civil Society
48. Free Rohingya Coalition (FRC)
49. Freedom and Labor Action Group (FLAG)
50. Gangaw Women Strike
51. General Strike Collaboration Committee (GSCC) General Strike Committee of Basic and Higher Education (GSCBHE) Basic Education Worker Unions - Steering Committee (BEWU-SC) Representative Committee of University Teacher Associations (RC of UTAs)
52. Basic Education General Strike Committee (BEGSC)
53. General Strike Coordination Body -GSCB
54. Helping hand to Yeu Home Town
55. HTY Scout Channel
56. Hydra
57. Industries Strike
58. Information & Scout News (Hlaing)
59. Justice Movement for Community-Innlay
60. K'cho Ethnic Association
61. Kachin Association Norway
62. Kachin Peace Network
63. Kachin Student Union
64. Kalay Township Strike Force
65. Kalay Women Strike
66. Kamayut Scout Channel
67. KantBaLu Strike Committee
68. Karenni Humanitarian Aid Initiative (KHAI)
69. Karenni National Women's Organization (KNWO)
70. Karenni Social welfare & Development Center (KSWDC)
71. Kayan New Generation Youth (KNGY)
72. Kyain Seikgyi Spring Revolution Leading Committee
73. Kyauktada Strike Committee (KSC)
74. Latpadaung Region Strike Committee
75. League for Democracy in Burma(LDB,Japan)
76. Legal Aid For Human Rights
77. LGBT Alliance
78. LGBT Alliance Myanmar (Kalay Region)
79. LGBT Alliance Myanmar (Kyaukse Region)
80. LGBT Community Yangon

81. LGBT Union – Mandalay
82. LGBT Union – Mandalay Monywa LGBT Strike LGBT Community Yangon
83. Magway People's Revolution Committee
84. Magway Region Human Rights Network(MHRN)
85. Mandalay University Students' Strike Chanmyatharzi Township
86. Mandalay Medical Family (MFM)
87. Mandalay regional youth association -RCG Mandalay Strike Force (MSF) Samgha Sammaga-Mandalay Mandalay Alliance Coalition Strike Mya Taung Strike Mandalay University Students' Strike Chanmyatharzi Township People's Strike Maharaungmyay Township People's Strike Mandalay Youth Strike No.12 Basic Education Branch High School (Maharaungmyay) Students' Union Co-operative University Mandalay Students' Strike Mandalay-based People's Strike Multi-Religions Strike Myanmar Institute of Information Technology Students' Strike Daung Sitthe Strike Seinpann Strike
88. Industries Strike
89. Mandalay Students' Strike
90. Mandalay Women Strike
91. Mandalay-based People's Strike
92. Mandalay-Based University Students' Unions (MDY_SUs)
93. MATA စစ်ကိုင်း
94. Mayangone News
95. MayMyo Strike Force
96. MilkTeaAlliance Calendar Team
97. Min Hla Farmers Group
98. Minbu Farmers Group
99. Mon State Development Council
100. Monywa LGBT Strike Monywa People's Strike Steering Committee. All Burma Federation of Student Unions (Monywa District)
101. Network of University Student Unions – Monywa. National League for Democracy (Monywa Township) The 88 Generation Peace and Open Society (Monywa) Thakhin Kodaw Mhine Peace Network (Monywa) Former Political Prisoners and New Generation Group – Monywa Civil Society Organizations Coordination Committee (Monywa)
102. Monywa Women Strike
103. Monywa-Amyint Road Strike Leading Committee
104. Monywa-Amyint Road Women Strike
105. Multi-Religions Strike
106. Mya Yar Knowledge Tree
107. Myanmar Catholic Community In Norway
108. Myanmar Community in Norway
109. Myanmar Hindu Community - Norway
110. Myanmar Institute of Information Technology Students' Strike

111. Myanmar Labor Alliance (MLA)
112. Myanmar Tourism Committee
113. Myaung Youth Network
114. Myingyan Civillian Movement Committee
115. National Alliance Bangkok
116. National League for Democracy (Monywa Township)
117. Network of University Student Unions – Monywa
118. New Myanmar Foundation
119. New Power Generation
120. NLD Organization Committew (International) Norway
121. No Boundary Supporting Group "NBSG"
122. No.12 Basic Education Branch High School (Maharaungmyay)
123. NOK Information & Scout Echo
124. North Dagon & East Dagon News
125. Norway Falam Community
126. Norway Matu Community
127. Norway Rvwang Community
128. NRFF (New Rehmonnya Federated Force)
129. OCTOPUS (Youth Organization)
130. Organizations Coordination Committee (Monywa)
131. Oway Institute
132. Pale Township People's Strike Steering Committee
133. People Defense and Supporting Force
134. People's Strike Maharaungmyay Township
135. People's Strike Mandalay Youth Strike
136. Pwintphyu Development Organisation
137. Pyi Gyi Tagon Strike Force
138. Rohingya Action Ireland
139. Rohingya Association of Canada
140. Rohingya Community in Japan (RCJ)
141. Rohingya Community Norway (RCN)
142. Rohingya Human Rights Initiative
143. Rohingya Women Development Network-RWDN
144. Rohingya-Gemeinschaft Deutschland
145. RW Welfare Society (RW/WS)
146. Samgha Sammaga-Mandalay Mandalay
147. San Pya Thabin
148. Seinpann Strike
149. Shwe Pan Kone People's Strike Steering Committee
150. Sisters to sisters
151. Sitt Nyein Pann Foundation
152. Social Garden
153. South Dagon Scouting Infos (SDG)
154. Students' Union Co-operative University
155. Swedish Rohingya Association (SRA)
156. SYSO (KOREA)
157. Tamwe Nway Oo Channel
158. Taze Strike Committee
159. Taze WomenStrike
160. Technological Teacher's Federation -TTF
161. Thaketa & Dawbon Scout Channel
162. Thakhin Kodaw Mhine Peace Network (Monywa)
163. Thayat Chaung Women Strike
164. The 88 Generation Peace and Open Society (Monywa)
165. Thint Myat Lo Thu Myar Organization

166. Trauma Team (sagaing region)
167. Twitter Team for Revolution (TTFR)
168. University Mandalay Students' Strike
169. University Students' Unions Alumni Force
170. Volunteers in Myanmar
171. Wetlet Revolution Leading Committee
172. Wetlet Twonship Women Strike
173. White Coat Society Yangon (WCSY)
Women Alliance Burma (WAB)
Mandalay Women Strike
174. Yangon Women Strike
Monywa Women Strike
Monywa-Amyint Road Women Strike
Chindwin (West) Villages Women Strike
Kalay Women Strike
Depayin Women Strike
Taze Women Strike
Dawei (Ashaetaw) Women Strike
Gangaw Women Strike
Thayat Chaung Women Strike
Wetlet Twonship Women Strike
175. Women Lead Resource Center
176. Yadanabon University Students' Union (YDNBUSU)
177. Yangon Medical Network
178. Yangon Women Strike
179. Yasakyo Township People`s Strike
Steering Committee
180. Yinmarpin and Salingyi All Villages Strike
Committee
181. Youth Empowerment (YE)
182. Youth for Democratization of Myanmar
(UDM)
183. Youth Scout For Democracy (YSD)
184. Zomi Christian Fellowship of Norway
185. Zomi Community Norway
186. ကမ်းလက်ကူ
187. ဒို့မြေကွန်ရက် (LIOH)
188. ပွင့်ဖြူလယ်ယာမြေကွန်ရက်
189. မျိုးဆက်-Generations
190. သမိုင်းသယ်ဆောင်သူများ
191. သောင်ရင်းသတင်းလွှာအဖွဲ့
192. အညာလွင်ပြင်ရပ်ဝန်း
193. Generations' Solidarity Coalition of
Nationalities (GSCN)
194. Myanmar Ethnic Rohingya Human Rights
Organization in Malaysia (MERHROM)
195. Justice for Myanmar
196. Myanmar Hindu Union
197. Kuki Women's Human Rights
Organization
198. India for Myanmar
199. Kachin Human Rights Watch - KHRW
200. Kachin Environmental Group- KEG
201. Myanmar Women Environmental Human
Rights Defenders Group- MWEHRDG"