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Excellency,

I am writing to you to draw your urgent attention to the recent serious situation in Myanmar. On 15 June, Myanmar military forces burned an entire village called Kinma, in Pauk Township, Magway Region to the ground and those who could not run for their lives burned to death. Elderlies and sick people were left in the villages when the others had to flee from their homes due to the threatening entering of the military men.

For your kind reference, I enclose herewith the Announcement of the National Unity Government of Myanmar dated 17 June 2021 condemning it in the strongest possible terms.

These horrific acts committed by the military continue amounting to crimes against humanity. It clearly constitutes the violation of Article 3 of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949. Protecting civilians must always be a top priority under every circumstance, not only in armed conflicts. But in total disregarding international laws and principles, Myanmar military has been terrorizing the civilians since the illegal coup on 1 February 2021. It is no doubt that the military will continue to show a total disregard for human life, with no humanity.

The United Nations' call to "spare civilians and civilian infrastructure and ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access" has been completely ignored by the military. There have been on the dire need for medical aid in vulnerable areas of the country, and the military has been arresting the healthcare workers who volunteered to provide medical assistance to the injured. These are clear violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

In the aftermath of the military coup, collapsing economy, unrest, breakdown of public health system, growing internal displacement, and difficulty to access aid in need are leading to a humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. The World Food Program suggests that some 6.2 million people in Myanmar will face a severe hunger crisis in the coming months. Despite all the real situations, the military continues blocking and destroying humanitarian assistance. On 13 June, an ambulance, food, medical supplies, and basic needs for the civilians were destroyed and set fire. Those supplies were contributed by well-wishers across the country for internally displaced persons.

We are still amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and the military evidently fails to manage the pandemic. The National Unity Government of Myanmar has been taking necessary measures to contain the spread of the virus and engaging with the people.

The people of Myanmar do not accept any form of military rule, and the people have made their voices loud and clear. Continued military brutal crackdown on the civilians and pro-democracy movements are being conducted in a systematic and targeted manner. The National Unity Government together with the people of Myanmar have been calling on the United Nations and the international community to take timely collective and decisive actions on the military to ease violence, to stop killing its own people and to restore democracy in Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kyaw Moe Tun', written diagonally across the page.

(Kyaw Moe Tun)  
Ambassador/Permanent Representative

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**Announcement (7/2021)**

**17 June 2021**

**“Announcement on Kinma Village”**

The National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar condemns in the strongest possible ways the arson committed by the Military Council’s terrorist troops and local police officers against the residents of Kinma village in Pauk Township, Magway Region on Tuesday night, June 16, 2021.

The residents fled their homes to avoid the anticipated military raid after the plate number of the motorbike of a suspect involved in the shooting incident at the house of the junta-allied administrator of Deedotekwin village on June 12 was traced back to Kinma. According to local witnesses, policemen and plainclothes soldiers set the village on fire when they arrived and finding out residents have fled. According to residents, about 80% of the homes in Kinma were burned down. Two elderly is currently missing.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/juntas-soldiers-burn-down-magwe-region-village>



The atrocities committed in Kinma village by the security forces under terrorist military council show that the Military Council's terrorist troops has no interest whatsoever restrain from violence regardless of the repeated request of the international community to do otherwise. The acts of terror in Kinma village are the conclusive proofs that the Military troops has always been the perpetrator of the crimes against humanity taken place in the ethnic areas for many decades.

The Military council and its security forces continue to ignore the rule of law, violate human rights, and commit crimes against humanity. To date, at least 864 individuals were murdered by this junta, while 4893 were illegally arrested, charged, or sentenced<sup>2</sup>. Since the Military council illegally seized power on February 1, it has resorted to violence in its attempt to impose its authority, but it has failed.

While the NUG urges local, national, and international stakeholders to continue recording the crimes committed by security forces. Gathering pieces of evidence of terrorist military council's crimes is fundamental to hold them accountable.

The NUG, in coordination with pro-democracy movements, continues to work hard to achieve the goals we set out in the 2021 Federal Democracy Charter, defeat the Terrorist Military Council, and ultimately bring stability back under a civilian government at the soonest possible time.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://aappb.org>