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Announcement (15/2021)

Announcement addressing the Christmas massacre in Karenni State

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1. The National Unity Government (NUG) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received reports of a new civilian massacre by junta forces in Karenni State on 24 December 2021 (Christmas Eve). The NUG expresses its deepest condolences to families, people of the Karenni State and the people who suffered and suffering from inhumane violence of terrorist military group as the Karenni State home to majority Christian population witnessed such a heinous terrorist act in Christmas.
2. On the morning of 24 December 2021, the terrorist military group conducted Special Clearance Operation near Moso village in Hpruso Township. Light Infantry Battalion 108 under Light Infantry Division 66 blocked the road, subsequently detained an unconfirmed number of these villagers and travelers and destroyed their properties. Four members of Border Guard Force Battalion (1004) who attempted to negotiate the release of the civilians were also reportedly executed by junta forces with close-range headshots. According to source information, between 35–40 villagers including children, women and elders were bound and burnt to death together with 11 vehicles.

3. The terrorist military junta have exercised extreme terror tactics against the Myanmar people by arresting, killing and burning people alive. A villager from Than Pho village in Kale Township in Sagaing Region was detained by junta troops on 4 December 2021 and his remains were found burnt on 7 December 2021. On 7 December 2021, at least 11 villagers including five children were burnt alive by terrorist military group in Salingyi Township in Sagaing region. On 12 December 2021, five villagers including one person with disabilities were killed and burnt in Gaaung Kwe village in Myaing Township in Sagaing Region.

4. As the world celebrates Christmas and its message of peace, the NUG repeats its demand on the international community to act immediately and decisively to end the military junta's escalating war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Myanmar people.