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Justice For Myanmar calls for sanctions on 19 Russian suppliers of arms and related equipment to the Myanmar military

Russia remains a major supplier of arms and dual use goods for the Myanmar military, aiding and abetting the military's genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Justice For Myanmar demands international action to stop the trade, and has documented 19 companies that have supplied Myanmar since 2018, which must be sanctioned.

These include multiple subsidiaries of the state-owned arms giant, Rostec, as well as manufacturers of missile systems, radar and police equipment. Many of the companies have exported to Myanmar since the military's illegal attempted coup.

Rostec, whose international trade arm, Rosoboronexport, has a representative office in Myanmar, is a key partner of the Myanmar military, with subsidiaries providing fighter jets, helicopters, surface-to-air missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

One subsidiary of Rostec, United Aircraft Corporation (UAC), has a partnership with the French arms maker **Thales**. Thales did not respond to questions from Justice For Myanmar regarding their business with UAC.

Other companies include **JSC Tactical Missiles Corporation**, which supplied an OKA-E-1 aircraft guided weapons preparation system to the Myanmar military in 2019, **AO Gorizont**, which has provided Austrian UAV parts to the <u>UK-sanctioned</u> arms broker Miya Win International, and **GS Group**, which has provided a broadcasting production system for the army's psychological warfare directorate.

According to records from the trade database ImportGenius and leaked documents, Russian companies supply both the Myanmar military directly and via private Myanmar military brokers.

Many of the brokers have branches in Singapore to facilitate payments. Justice For Myanmar continues to demand sanctions against Myanmar military arms brokers and calls on the Singapore government to stop the use of its territory for Myanmar military arms purchases.

Justice For Myanmar spokesperson Yadanar Maung says: "Russia's arms industry earns big profits from the Myanmar military's atrocities.

The same Russian arms industry that supplies the terrorist Myanmar military is manufacturing the arms that are enabling Russia's unprovoked aggression against Ukraine.

A year ago today, the Myanmar military <u>murdered more than 160 people</u> while the generals celebrated Armed Forces Day with Russia's Deputy Defence Minister.

In response to the Myanmar military's March 27, 2021 massacre, and the many others who have been murdered by junta forces on the streets and in indiscriminate airstrikes and shelling with Russian arms and equipment, we call on the international community to take decisive action against the Russian arms industry.

Impose a global arms embargo on the Myanmar military junta and targeted sanctions on all Russian companies supplying the Myanmar military.

It's time to hold arms traders accountable for aiding and abetting international crimes."

More information:

See details of the 19 Russian companies deserving of sanctions here

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<u>Justice For Myanmar</u>, a group of covert activists campaigning for justice and accountability for the people of Myanmar, is calling for an end to military business and for federal democracy and a sustainable peace.