



DR. SASA'S WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THINGYAN

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Today I would like to extend my best wishes to our people for the upcoming Thingyan's New Year. It is a tragedy that for the second year in a row we are unable to celebrate Thingyan and the Burmese new year. Since the military coup, our people have been suffering and facing a great many challenges and difficulties. In tradition, Thingyan is a time to wash away the sins and evil of the last year and to usher in the new year with good deeds and blessings.

This Thingyan the genocidal military junta-SAC hopes to wash away our determination and spirit with our blood. It is a blood-stained Thingyan and the people of Myanmar refuse to participate in the military's travesty of a festival. A staged mockery of our cherished traditions in service of a false image of a country at peace and under control. But we have shown the world that we do not, and we will never surrender nor give up on our fight for freedom, peace, and federal democracy. We have shown our courage and resilience to end genocidal military dictatorship. Myanmar will not know peace until the genocidal military are defeated and democracy is restored.

The brave and peace-loving people of Myanmar truly deserve freedom and federal democracy. The day will yet come when we can purify our nation of the military's evil and wash away their darkness with the purest water of freedom, self-determination, and federal democracy. But that day is not today. Although we cannot celebrate, we must take time to consider the few blessings we have. We are pushing the military back more and more each day. It is a slow battle but we are winning. May this new year bring our country the freedom, true federal democracy and all the rights that we have lost at the hands of the genocidal military junta in Myanmar.

Sincerely,

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