

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Unity Government Ministry of Human Rights

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Statement on terrorist junta's brutal massacre of civilians in Tar Taing Village in Sagaing Township of Sagaing

- 1. No (33) Light Infantry Division of the terrorist junta, stationed in Hti Saung Village in Myinmu Township of Sagaing raided villages in Myinmu and Sagaing Townships on 1 March 2023. They captured leader of Tar Taing Village People's Defence Force Yebaw Michael (aka) Ko Kyaw Zaw and murdered by dismembering his head, hands and legs and opening his stomach. They captured 15 civilian villagers including women as human sheield as they left Tar Taing village on 2 March.
- 2. Bodies of five men from the captured civilians were found brutally murdered by the junta forces near Nyaung Yin Village in Myinmu Township on 2 March. They kept 10 remaining civilian detainees as they continued their raid into Nyaung Nyin Village in Myinmu Towship. All of them were found brutally killed by the junta forces near Kyun Paw Bridge at the border of Sagaing and Myinmu on 2 March afternoon.
- 3. The terrorist junta forces burnt 60 out of 78 houses in Tar Taing Village on 2 February 2023.
- 4. Since these inhumane yet intentional terrorist acts violate international crimes including massacres, war crimes and crimes against humanity, the Ministry of Human Rights already communicated the case with international judiciary mechanisms. The ministry will further attempt to advance the case to prosecute perpetrators at all levels and deliver justice.

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