

## The Republic of Union of Myanmar National Unity Government Ministry of Health Announcement (4/2023) 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- The violent attacks of the Military Junta on healthcare providers, healthcare
  facilities and the health sector are worsening day by day. Especially the
  terrorist attacks of the Military junta, intentionally targeting the health
  facilities that are treating the civilians by means of the airstrike, were
  escalating in April 2023.
- The Ministry of Health, National Unity Government issued the Statement on the inhumane airstrikes upon the hospitals in Myanmar during the first 18 days of April, 2023 with the announcement 3/2023 on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- 3. Five days later, the terrorist Military launched airstrikes for five times and dropped bombs at least ten times on Saung Phwe Hospital, a functioning hospital situated in Yin Nwe Village, Pekon Township, Western Kayan area, Southern Shan State where healthcare providers, patients and IDPs were present on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023. As a result of these airstrikes, a total of five civilians including 15 years old child were injured. Among them, 18 years old postpartum woman, who delivered a baby two days ago, named Ma Pan Lae Oo, endured life threatening conditions due to the penetration of bomb remnants in the head. These attacks almost destroyed the hospital, patients' quarters and buildings, medicines and medical equipment, motorcars and motorcycles.

- 4. In addition to this, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the terrorist military council attacked by means of airstrike in Eastern Demoso, Karenni (Kayah) State resulting in the complete collapse of Dawtamagyi Hospital, and one civilian nearby was killed.
- 5. Those inhumane attacks of the terrorist military, intentionally targeting the health facilities and health system, are breaking Geneva Conventions, the UN Security Council's Resolutions, and International Humanitarian and Human Rights laws. Although we strongly urge the international community many times to take urgent actions in order to immediately halt the military junta's escalating war crimes and crimes against humanity in Myanmar, sanctions and words of condemnation from the international community have not deterred the military's violence, indicating the need for stronger, timely and concerted actions from global leaders.
- 6. Despite many difficulties and challenges the Ministry of Health, the National Unity Government is facing, we will put our ultimate effort to continue providing our services together with our hero healthcare professionals, community-based organizations, and ethnic people.

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