#### (6) OBJECTIVES FROM JOINT POSITION STATEMENT by

Allied Organisations Engaged in Revolutionary Struggle towards Annihilation of Military Dictatorship and Establishment of a Federal Democratic Union

- A. To overturn the usurpation of state power by the military, and to terminate the involvement of the armed forces in politics.
- B. To ensure that all armed forces operate solely under the command of a civilian government elected through democratic processes.
- C. To abrogate the constitution of 2008 in its entirety, and to quash all attempts to reinstate its provisions.
- D. To draft and promulgate a new constitution that embodies federalism and democratic values, garnering the consensus of all relevant parties.
- E. To establish a new federal democratic union in accordance with the proposed federal democratic constitution.
- F. To institute a system of transitional justice in order to address and remedy the injustices inflicted upon innocent parties throughout the conflict.



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# Emergency Response Follows Strong Myanmar Earthquake



The National Unity Government (NUG) has announced that emergency meetings were convened immediately following a powerful earthquake on March 28 to coordinate rescue and relief operations in affected areas. Authorities are currently conducting rescue efforts, relocating displaced

residents, and preparing for longterm reconstruction in coordination with local communities.

According to the NUG, the

Emergency Operation Coordinating Committee (EOCC) was activated shortly after the quake, and relevant ministries have been instructed to carry out urgent tasks as needed. Efforts now focus on collecting data on casualties and damage, delivering aid to areas under NUG control, and implementing emergency relocation and reconstruction projects without delay.

The NUG has also appealed to communities in other quake-hit regions to support each other in solidarity, urging mutual care and cooperation. The government expressed deep sympathy for all individuals and families affected by the disaster and reiterated its commitment to work alongside the public in recovery efforts.

Reports have also emerged of Myanmar migrant workers being killed or injured in Thailand, where under-construction buildings collapsed due to the quake's impact. The 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck at approximately 12:50 p.m. local time, about 16 kilometers northwest of Sagaing. It originated at a depth of 10 kilometers and was classified as a strike-slip type quake. Its tremors were felt in Bangladesh, India, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, and China.

Roughly 12 minutes later, a second quake with a magnitude of 6.4 hit near Tada-U Airport, about 18 kilometers south of Sagaing. The twin quakes caused extensive damage in Sagaing and Mandalay regions, including the destruction

of religious and heritage buildings, landslides, and the collapse of roads and bridges.

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# Public Strengthened by Minister's Presence on the Frontlines

At a cabinet meeting on March 25,
Acting President Duwa Lashi La of
the National Unity Government
(NUG) stated that the Defence
Minister and other cabinet members
are actively leading efforts on the
ground alongside the public. He
commended their presence and
leadership in the field as a source



of strength and encouragement for the people.

"The Defence Minister and other ministers are now working directly with the public on the ground. I deeply respect and take pride in this. When people see that our strength is rooted in real presence and action, they will be even more empowered," the Acting President said.

He emphasized that public trust and engagement are the foundation of

a people's revolution. According to him, public support and the success of the revolution are closely intertwined, depending significantly on the leadership's capabilities, actions, and strategic vision.

"In our current situation, the territory under our reach has expanded so much that it now takes several days just to travel across it. On the ground, we're seeing defensive positions strong enough to keep the enemy from advancing," he added.

The Acting President concluded that trust must be earned through actions, especially in a time when public backing is essential to sustaining and succeeding in the revolutionary movement.

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# NUG Stresses Unity, Offers Support in KIO-PSLF Political Talks

The National Unity Government (NUG) released a statement on March 14 expressing its readiness to support peaceful political solutions between the Kachin Independence Organization/Army (KIO/KIA) and the Palaung State Liberation Front/Ta'ang National Liberation Army (PSLF/TNLA), emphasizing that most issues could be resolved without major difficulty through direct negotiations.

The NUG stressed that both groups are aware of the military junta's strategic intent to sow division among revolutionary forces, as the regime remains weak in strength and legitimacy. It called on leaders from both organizations to prevent

recent clashes on the ground from escalating into broader ethnic tensions and affirmed belief that the leadership can manage the situation responsibly.

The statement also noted that face-to-face discussions would likely ease tensions, and highlighted recent indications of upcoming central-level talks between the two sides as a positive step. Moves to gather public opinion and engage in inclusive dialogue were also welcomed as constructive actions that reflect a people-centered approach.

The NUG reiterated that revolutionary groups must continue to focus on the will of the people and that only through unity, solidarity,

and inclusive political solutions can they overcome challenges and reach the federal democratic goal long desired by the public. The NUG affirmed its ongoing readiness to assist wherever needed in this political dialogue process.

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## NUG Marks 80th Anti-Fascist Day with Unity in Revolution

On the 80th anniversary of Anti-Fascist Revolution Day, observed on March 27, the National Unity Government (NUG) issued a message emphasizing the united participation of all ethnic peoples in the ongoing People's Spring Revolution.

The NUG stated that, just as unity, mutual respect, and recognition among all ethnic communities led to past victories, similar cooperation is now evident

in the collective revolution against the modern-day fascist military regime. It expressed hope that this unity will soon lead to victory for the people and the establishment of a new federal defense force — one that is free from fascist influence and truly protects and serves the public.

The message also acknowledged the sacrifices made by generations of ethnic people throughout Myanmar's history, including those who gave their lives, blood, and sweat in revolution movements both at home and abroad. The NUG pledged to always honor and remember their courage and dedication to the revolutionary cause.

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# Sagaing Developments Drive NUG PM's Call for Strong Governance

On March 28, during a meeting of the Central Committee for the Implementation of Interim Local Public Administration, Prime Minister for the National Unity Government (NUG), Mahn Winn Khaing Thann, highlighted the importance of strong governance in light of recent developments in Sagaing Region. He emphasized the need for effective preparation to face the challenges that will arise as governance responsibilities grow.

The Prime Minister urged those in charge of the People's Administration to focus on enhancing their capacity and efficiency to manage effectively. Acknowledging that with greater authority comes greater responsibility, he stressed that leaders must be decisive, taking necessary actions to ensure proper governance when required.

In the context of ongoing discussions regarding the Constitution and federal arrangements, the Prime Minister specifically addressed

the situation in Sagaing Region. He called for a clear division of powers between the federal government and other governing bodies, underscoring the need to refine policies and execute them effectively for smooth operations. He further highlighted the importance of ministry coordination and efficient resource utilization to promote integrated and powerful governance.

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# NUG PM Calls for Stronger Oversight on Gambling and Drugs



On March 14, during a meeting of the Central Committee for the Implementation of Interim Local Public Administration, the Prime Minister of the National Unity Government (NUG), Mahn Winn Khaing Thann, emphasized the urgent need for strict monitoring and control over gambling and drug-related issues, which he stated are causing significant disruptions to the revolution.

The Prime Minister urged that decisions made in meetings and outstanding tasks from previous proceedings should be completed swiftly. He stressed that it is particularly essential to ensure effective oversight of gambling and drug issues to prevent them from becoming obstacles to the revolution.

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## NUG Honors Kayan National Day, Recognizes Contributions to Nation-Building

On April 10, in observance of the 25th Kayan National Day, the National Unity Government (NUG) sent a letter of recognition, expressing deep appreciation for the unwavering spirit of nationalism demonstrated by the Kayan people throughout history. The NUG acknowledged the significant contributions of the Kayan people in nation-building, affirming their active participation in shaping the country's development over the generations.

Despite enduring years of violent repression under military rule,



the Kayan people, alongside the citizens of Myanmar, continue to stand united in the struggle for national liberation and equality. The NUG paid special tribute to the Kayan people, recognizing their ongoing involvement in the Spring

Revolution and their unwavering dedication to the cause.

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## PM Urges Joint Action to Ease Public Struggles

On April 12, during a meeting of the Central Committee for the Implementation of Interim Local Public Administration, the Prime Minister of the National Unity Government (NUG), Mahn Winn Khaing Thann, called for a commitment to upholding truth, fairness, tolerance, and mutual responsibility in order to ensure a

peaceful, stable, and secure social life for the public. He urged all involved to address the difficulties faced by the people and to work together toward solutions.

The Prime Minister further emphasized the importance of effective administrative plans and systematic oversight in the upcoming stages of the revolution.

He highlighted the critical need for all ministries and committee members to cooperate and work harmoniously to successfully carry out these tasks, ensuring the revolution's success.

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#### NUG: Kabaw Region Largely Liberated, 75% of Sagaing Under Control

On 22 March, Union Minister U Yee Mon of the National Unity Government's Ministry of Defence stated that the NUG currently maintains control over up to 75% of the entire Sagaing Region. He made the remarks during the launch of the "Kabaw Brotherhood Campaign"

"Specifically, in the case of Sagaing Region as a whole, we can say that we've gained territorial control over as much as 75%," the minister said. "Nationwide, what we'll clearly see by 2025 is that even areas which previously lacked the capacity for military operations are now increasingly able to engage actively. From the

Ministry of Defence's standpoint, this reflects the success of our first-phase strategic objectives," he added.

The Minister noted that the NUG has achieved three key results: securing public support and successfully establishing the People's Defence Forces (PDF); expanding liberated areas under the control of revolution groups across the country; and dismantling the junta's administrative mechanisms in favour of a functioning system of public administration.

Additionally, in the entire Kabaw region—comprising Kalay and Tamu districts—only Kalay and Tamu towns remain partially under junta control, while all other areas are now under PDF authority. According to available data, the revolution's forces have now taken and held control of 94 towns nationwide.



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## NUG Forces Launch Coordinated Attacks on Regime in Bago, Expressway Zone

On 25 March 2025, at approximately 10:20 p.m., revolutionary forces under the People's Defence Force (PDF) ambushed two junta military vehicles travelling along the Paukkhaung-Oktwin expressway in Bago Region. The operation, conducted between Bawder Village and Por Lan Gyi Village, was led by Operation Zone 2 of the Bago District Military Division (Unit 3602), Battalion 3 under Strategic Command 21.

One of the vehicles, reportedly carrying around 30 junta troops, veered off the road and fell into a

ravine. According to field reports, seven regime personnel were killed and about twelve sustained injuries.

In a follow-up operation on 26 March at 1:10 a.m., units 3801 and 3701 under PDF Strategic Command 22 launched a coordinated attack on the Min Yae Police Station (mile marker 127) and Nat Yae Twin Police Station (mile marker 124) along the Yangon–Mandalay expressway. Both installations were under regime control. The joint operation resulted in the death of one regime soldier and

left four others seriously injured. PDF forces were able to withdraw without casualties.

These actions form part of the ongoing Spring Revolution and reflect the growing capacity of the NUG's defence forces to carry out joint operations and challenge junta presence in key regions.

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#### **Revolutionary Forces Capture Indaw, Junta Forces Retreat**



Indaw Town was successfully captured on April 7th, following more than 8 months of intense combat, as confirmed by the Ministry of Defence of the National Unity Government (NUG) on April 8th. The operation, part of the strategy of Region 1, resulted in the capture of a variety of weapons, including

two howitzers, two 120mm mortars, and numerous small arms and explosives.

The long-drawn-out battle for Indaw was a significant campaign, during which the military junta forces faced persistent pressure from the revolutionary forces. The junta's 77th Infantry Division, deployed in Indaw, struggled with a lack of supplies, failure to secure air support, and high casualties, eventually being forced to retreat. The revolutionary forces, including the People's Defence Force (PDF), the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), and units from Katha District (Katha PDF and SR-10), among others, launched relentless attacks. The junta forces, retreating from their defensive positions near Japan

Cave Hill—strategically overlooking Indaw and the Shwebo-Myitkyina road-were unable to withstand the pressure. At 9 PM on April 7th, the junta's military commander, leading a group from Japan Cave Hill, ordered their forces to withdraw. Indaw is a strategic location, serving as the main base for the junta's 77th Infantry Division. The operation to capture the town was carried out by the NUG's Ministry of Defence, in collaboration with various revolutionary forces, including units from the People's Defence Force (PDF), Katha District, the Shwebo District, and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), as well as other affiliated groups such as the All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) and

Moenyin District Forces.

This victory marks a major setback for the junta, with the seizure of crucial military equipment and the disruption of their operations in the region. The victory highlights the ongoing strength and coordination of the Spring Revolution's revolutionary forces.

Affiliated Troops Involved in the Operation:

People's Defence Force (PDF)

units from Katha District, Banmauk, Katha, Katha District, and Shwebo District

- Special Regiment (SR-1),
   Special Regiment (SR-10)
- Kachin Independence Army (KIA)
- All Burma Students' Democratic
   Front (ABSDF) units 11 and 14
- Moenyin District KPDF
- Katha District Heavy Weapons Unit

- Myingyan District Commandos
- Katha District Drone Forces
- Katha District Rocket Unit
- Rocket and Drone Collaborative
   Forces (MOD Drone Force, ABSDF,
   K2, SR-1, SR-10, Kanbalu District
   Drone Forces)

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#### NUG Calls for Immediate ASEAN Action on Myanmar's Humanitarian Crisis

The National Unity Government (NUG) Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on March 19, calling for urgent, precise actions in response to the increasingly dire humanitarian crisis faced by the people of Myanmar due to the military junta's actions.

As the international focus remains on the situation in Ukraine, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) must seize the opportunity to take decisive steps in addressing Myanmar's growing crisis. ASEAN has the authority, under the ASEAN Charter, to support long-term peace and stability in the region and is fully capable of taking significant action to assist Myanmar in achieving lasting peace and security.

The statement emphasized that the people of Myanmar continue

to face immense suffering daily due to the junta's violence. Urgent and decisive actions are needed, particularly in response to the airstrikes and widespread destruction of villages, such as the recent attacks on a Buddhist monastery in Naungcho, Shan State, and the ongoing attacks on villages across the country. These military assaults force civilians to flee their homes, while important structures like schools and hospitals are destroyed, causing significant hardship for the population.

According to data from the Ministry of Human Rights, as of March 16, 2025, the junta has conducted 2,190 airstrikes on civilian areas, resulting in the deaths of 372 children. These actions, which target civilian infrastructure and threaten the livelihoods of ordinary

people, exacerbate the humanitarian crisis and necessitate immediate intervention by ASEAN and the international community to alleviate the suffering of Myanmar's people.

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#### Czech Republic Reaffirms Support for Myanmar's Democratic Struggle

On March 27, Daw Zin Mar Aung, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government (NUG), visited the Czech Republic and met with Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavský to discuss matters concerning Myanmar.

Foreign Minister Lipavsk expressed that the Czech Republic stands in firm solidarity with the people of Myanmar, who are fighting for freedom and democracy, highlighting the Czech Republic's support for Myanmar's struggle for democracy. Furthermore, the two leaders discussed the potential for further assistance and support in Myanmar's ongoing democratic movement, and exchanged views on how to deepen cooperation in this regard. This was confirmed in a statement issued by the NUG's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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#### Powerful Earthquake Strikes Central Myanmar, NUG Issues Safety Advisory

A powerful earthquake struck central Myanmar on March 28, 2025, leading to numerous casualties and widespread destruction, according to the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management under the National Unity Government. The initial 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck at approximately 12:50 p.m. local time (06:20 GMT), with its epicentre located about 16 kilometers (10 miles) northwest of Sagaing town, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). The location is close to Mandalay, Myanmar's second-largest city with a population of around 1.5 million, and roughly 200 kilometers (125 miles) north of the capital, Nay

Pyi Taw.

A second earthquake, registering at magnitude 6.4, followed 12 minutes later. Its epicentre was situated 18 kilometers south of Sagaing.

Several regions including Sagaing, Mandalay, Naypyitaw, Taunggyi, and Bago were affected. At Weiluwun Monastery in Taungoo, a roof collapsed, killing five children, including a novice monk. Other casualties are still being confirmed. Authorities have warned of potential aftershocks and advised residents to avoid structurally compromised buildings, particularly high-rises. Inspections are ongoing to assess the integrity of dams and reservoirs,



and in some areas, there is concern over soil liquefaction. Residents have been urged to stay alert and be ready to evacuate if needed.

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## NUG Backs UN Special Rapporteur's Mandate, Urges Stronger Action Against Junta



The Ministry of Human Rights of Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG) welcomed and fully endorsed the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Tom Andrews, following his press briefing on March 17 in Geneva, according to a statement released on March 22.

The NUG expressed its deep gratitude to the Special Rapporteur and stated that his work amplifies the voices of the Myanmar people. The ministry also noted that Mr. Andrews' most recent report, press conference, and presentation to the UN Human Rights Council highlighted that while international sanctions targeting the military regime's finances and arms supply have had a significant

impact, they remain insufficient to halt the junta's brutal atrocities.

The report warned that if these attacks continue unchecked, the death toll will rise dramatically. As of March 2025, an estimated 20 million people—or roughly one-third of the country's population—are in need of humanitarian assistance. Myanmar also ranks among the countries with the highest number of landmine victims globally.

The Special Rapporteur criticized decisions that led to drastic aid cuts, describing them as made with "minimal deliberation" and without fully considering the consequences.

Mr. Andrews also emphasized the ground reality: the junta is suffering mounting losses to revolutionary

forces and is increasingly losing control of territory.

The NUG noted that the Rapporteur's call to action aligns with the responses of pro-democracy stakeholders, including ethnic organizations, where it is groups, youth, the statement urged UN member states to support Andrews' recommendations.

As deliberations continue over a draft resolution on Myanmar at the Human Rights Council, the NUG reiterated the Special Rapporteur's call for states to publicly reject the junta's cruelty and ensure the final statement reflects that principled position.

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#### NUG Reports 72 Civilian Deaths Amid Junta Strikes After Earthquake

On April 9, the Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government issued a statement confirming the devastating consequences of the March 28th earthquake and its aftermath. Within the following week, the military junta launched a total of 92 attacks, utilizing airstrikes and heavy artillery in the affected regions.

These attacks resulted in the deaths of 72 civilians, including six

children under 18 and 30 women, while 91 others sustained injuries. Among the 92 attacks, 18 occurred within Sagaing Region, the area most severely affected by the earthquake, and another 18 took place in Mandalay Region. These incidents occurred between 1:00 PM on March 28 and 2:00 PM on April 8, and the information was verified by the Ministry of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

Further casualties and damages may still be reported as more information becomes available.

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## Military Junta Carries Out Deadly Airstrikes in Sagaing, Killing 26

On April 11, the Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government reported that a series of airstrikes carried out by the military junta on April 9 resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians, including children and the elderly, and injuries to 22 others. The attack took place near the former school area and market stalls in Namhkam (Gyoetaung Namhkam) village, located in Wuntho Township, Kawlin District, Sagaing Region.

The junta launched multiple airstrikes without any ongoing ground battles. The airstrikes occurred at 2:50 PM, 3:00 PM, 3:04 PM, and 6:15 PM, with bombs suspected

to be 300kg, 500kg, and cluster bombs. A total of four bombings were reported.

The casualties included many villagers, such as children, women, and the elderly. In addition to the loss of life, eight civilian buildings,

including homes, were severely damaged. This attack represents the ongoing escalation of violence in the region, adding to the continuing suffering of innocent civilians caught in the crossfire.



#### South Korea Routes Myanmar Aid Through Global Agencies

On April 10, during a hearing on Myanmar, South Korean lawmaker Lee Yeong-seong stated that humanitarian aid for earthquake-affected civilians in Myanmar would be provided exclusively through international organizations, and not directly to the armed group

in control.

The South Korean government emphasized that, consistent with its foreign policy, it would continue to stand firm in its approach to Myanmar since the military's seizure of power, ensuring that aid reaches the Myanmar people

through international channels rather than through direct assistance to the military regime.

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#### NUG Moves to Assist Quake-Affected Migrant Workers

On March 28, the Ministry of Labour under the National Unity Government announced its commitment to ensuring that Myanmar migrant workers affected by the powerful earthquake receive the legal benefits and compensation they are entitled to.

Expressing sympathy for both domestic and overseas workers impacted by the March 28 earthquake, the ministry stated it would coordinate with relevant parties to provide support, including assistance for those injured or killed on the job, access to rightful compensation, legal protections, and recovery efforts. The ministry also encouraged mutual aid and

solidarity among citizens and workers during this difficult time. Additionally, the ministry condemned the military council's airstrike on Naung Lein village in Ta'ang region (Namkham Township, northern

Shan State), calling it a ruthless attack carried out during a period when many citizens—including those abroad—are suffering from the disaster.

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#### Nearly 560 Million Kyats in Aid Delivered to Displaced and Affected Civilians

Nearly 560 million kyats (approx. \$127,000) in humanitarian aid was delivered to those in urgent need during March, according to the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management under the National Unity Government (NUG).

The funds, totaling approximately 559.9 million kyats (approx. \$127,250), came from public donations made by pro-democracy communities and were allocated to support

208,756 internally displaced people with emergency food supplies, amounting to 496.3 million kyats (approx. \$112,800). An additional 31.9 million kyats (approx. \$7,250) was provided as emergency aid for 135 fallen civilians and 469 people injured in clashes.

The ministry also reported allocating:

- 2.5 million kyats (approx. \$570)
   in emergency assistance to political prisoners and their families,
- 25.3 million kyats (approx.

\$5,750) for victims of natural disasters,

- 1.1 million kyats (approx. \$250) for vulnerable civilians and families, and
- 2.8 million kyats (approx. \$640) for general humanitarian support.

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### Ministry Reports Severe Human Impact from March 28 Earthquake

More than 3.2 million people across four regions were affected and over 3,000 lives lost due to a powerful earthquake, according to an April 7 announcement by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management under the National Unity Government (NUG).

Data collected by the ministry as of April 6 indicates that a total of 3,275,121 people were impacted in Naypyitaw, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, and Bago Region. Breakdown by area is as follows:

- Naypyitaw 338,803 people
- Mandalay Region 2,249,058
   people

- Bago Region 258,499 people
- Sagaing Region 428,761 people

In total, the ministry reported 3,047 deaths, with fatalities distributed as follows:

Naypyitaw – 478

- Mandalay Region 1,808
- Bago Region 68
- Sagaing Region 693

The quake also left 218 people missing and 2,593 injured across the four affected areas.

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#### Aftershock Risk Remains High, NUG Cautions Public

The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management under the National Unity Government (NUG) announced on April 11 that there is a 42% chance of aftershocks stronger than magnitude 5 occurring within the week leading up to April 16. Such aftershocks may cause further damage in affected areas, the ministry warned.

The forecast is based on assessments by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), which reported that as of April 9, 2025, there remains significant seismic activity in the region. The USGS also estimates that up to 160 smaller aftershocks of magnitude 3 and above may occur during the same period. The ministry urged people in quake-

affected areas to remain alert and take precautionary measures, as the situation continues to evolve.

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#### Quad Nations Express Solidarity, Provide Support Following Myanmar Earthquake

The United States, Australia, India, and Japan—known as the Quad—expressed deep condolences on April 3 for the loss and suffering caused by the earthquake in Central Myanmar, which occurred on March 28, affecting both Myanmar and Thailand. The Quad nations emphasized their solidarity with the affected people in both countries and extended their support in the aftermath of the disaster.

The Quad also welcomed the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' statements from March 29 and 30 and appreciated the assistance provided by other regional countries. To date, the Quad has pledged over 20 million USD in humanitarian aid to assist the relief efforts, including sending rescue materials and emergency

medical teams to the affected regions.

In Myanmar, where the situation remains dire, the U.S. Department of State noted that the earthquake's devastating

impact—widespread damage to buildings and infrastructure, as well as significant loss of life—has worsened the humanitarian crisis in the country.

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## **Military Operations Summary for March 2025**

#### **Revolutionary Advance into Key Regions**

In March 2025, the People's Defence Force (PDF) reached the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, while the Arakan Army (AA) advanced to the Ayeyarwady Region, Lay Myat Nar and Ingapu Townships, and neared Pandaung Township in Bago Region, where it launched offensive operations. The Karen National Union (KNU) seized two military council camps along the Thailand-Myanmar border, which had been under military control for 36 years. The KNU's forces also took the offensive to the town of Bawlakhe in Karenni State, and after eight months of fighting, fully captured Indaw.

#### **Border Gains Strengthen KNU Control**

In Kayin State, a junta base on the Thailand-Myanmar border, Pulutu, was attacked and seized, with 12 junta soldiers killed and 11 others fleeing to Thailand, according to an official report released by the KNU. Additionally, the KNU's armed wing, the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA), successfully attacked and captured the military council's Khalelday strategic camp which is located in KNLA Region 7. This victory, along with the seizure of military council bases that had been in operation for over 36 years, further strengthened the control of revolutionary forces over the border areas.

#### Karenni Front: Military Council on the Retreat

In the Mobye region, located on the border of Shan and Karenni States, military council forces launched an offensive, but were met with counterattacks from revolutionary coalition forces. The clashes resulted in 15 junta soldiers killed and a significant number of weapons seized. Additionally, Karenni revolutionary

forces, using three separate fronts, successfully attacked the remaining military council camps in Bawlakhe, inflicting heavy casualties, including the death of several officers. The attack led to the capture of more weapons. As a result, military council control in Karenni State has weakened, with their administrative infrastructure crumbling under sustained revolutionary pressure.

# Disruption of Key Transportation and Security Routes Revolutionary forces launched a series of coordinated attacks along key routes, including the Pyinsi police

attacks along key routes, including the Pyinsi police station on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, a military checkpoint near Yangon, and both the 127-mile Min Ye and 124-mile Nattwin police stations. In the Oktwin Township area, they targeted military convoy vehicles, including domestic vehicles and trains transporting junta troops traveling on the old Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Additionally, in the southern region, troops from the People's Defence Force (PDF) troops from Battalion 23 of the PDF's Southern Military Region conducted security checks. These actions have significantly disrupted military council operations, weakening their control over major transportation routes and impeding their logistics and communication lines.

#### Heavy Fighting and Airstrikes in Bago Region

Clashes broke out between the Arakan Army (AA) and junta forces near Nyaung Kyoe and Nyaung Chay Dauk military bases, located in the vicinity of Pandaung Township in Bago Region, which is linked strategically to Taungup town. During the fighting, junta troops stationed in Oke Shi Pin launched heavy artillery fire and carried out airstrikes in the area.

#### Friendly Fire Incident Undermines Junta Forces

In a significant incident during the battle at Nyaung Kyoe, the military council's own air force mistakenly bombed its ground troops, reportedly killing more than 120 soldiers and triggering a collapse in morale, with some units fleeing the battlefield.

Meanwhile, since early March, AA offensives have reached areas near Lay Myat Nar Township in Ayeyarwady Region. In response, junta troops began reinforcing their positions near the historic Htupayin Pagoda on the western bank of the Ngawun River. This escalation has forced local residents to flee in search of safety. Displacement has also been reported near Ingapu Township, particularly around Kwin Kauk, Kyat Paung Gon, Tan Pyar Gon, and Taungzin villages, where intensified military activity has taken place.

#### **Junta's Diminishing Territorial Control**

The junta's weakening territorial control in both Ayeyarwady and Bago regions has become increasingly apparent. With the AA pressing from the west and other revolutionary forces advancing from the east, the push to cut across Myanmar's central corridor is visibly taking shape.

Internal Discord Among Junta Forces in Naypyidaw
An internal clash reportedly broke out among junta
troops stationed at Hotel Zone (3) in Naypyidaw while
preparing for the Anti-Fascist Day military parade.
The incident reflects signs of internal disintegration
within the junta's forces—manifesting in declining
cohesion, weakened organizational structure, and
eroding morale and discipline among the ranks.

#### **Editor's Notes**

#### NUG Declares Earthquake Ceasefire, Urges Ethnic Dialogue and ASEAN Leadership

The National Unity Government (NUG) has declared a two-week ceasefire in areas affected by the recent 7.7-magnitude earthquake, citing the urgent need to coordinate humanitarian aid and disaster relief. It stated that in junta-controlled urban centers, where security guarantees can be ensured, experienced CDM civil servants working under the NUG are prepared to collaborate with international relief agencies. The NUG also invited international organizations to assist efforts in territories under its control.

The earthquake caused widespread destruction across the Mandalay Region and surrounding towns, damaging religious landmarks, heritage sites, roads, and bridges. The NUG accused junta leader Min Aung Hlaing of failing to respond effectively to national emergencies—including the third wave of COVID-19,

Cyclone Mocha, and severe flooding—after diverting a 400-billion-kyat disaster fund, allocated by the former NLD administration, to the military and its affiliates.

Despite the unfolding humanitarian crisis, the junta has continued its aerial attacks. The Ministry of Human Rights reported more than 2,190 airstrikes on civilian areas since 2021, including recent incidents even after the quake.

The NUG emphasized its expanding territorial control, with Defense Minister U Yee Mon stating the administration now governs 94 towns and up to 75% of Sagaing Region, as part of the Kabaw Nyi Naung Campaign.

Amid signs of growing tension between ethnic revolutionary groups, the NUG urged direct, face-

to-face negotiations between leaders of the Kachin Independence Organization/Army (KIO/KIA) and the PSLF/TNLA. It warned that worsening skirmishes could weaken the broader anti-junta movement and stressed that internal disputes must be addressed through dialogue and inclusive public consultation. Internationally, the NUG called on ASEAN to take a leadership role in resolving Myanmar's worsening

crisis, noting that global attention remains fixed on Ukraine. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs urged stronger international action, warning that the Myanmar public continues to endure deepening hardship under Min Aung Hlaing's regime in the absence of meaningful intervention.