



# CHIN NATIONAL FRONT

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#### Statement on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Chin National Day

1. Chin National Day is the day that the Chin people showed the unity of the Chins as one nation and chose democracy as a substitute for chieftainship by their own decision; it is a day that exposes the Chins as a particular nation that have a particular territory, a particular culture, a particular language, and a particular history; it is a day cherished and valued by the entire Chin people.
2. Now, it is a high time for the Chin people to make political decisions for self-determination, federalism and democracy. Therefore, in order that the Chin people will be able to determine our own political destiny, we should build our 'collective strength' by unity through uplifting the Chin national consciousness and Chin patriotism.
3. Political challenges that the Chin people are facing now are not problems that can be overcome by clans, tribes, regions and groups, separately. We can achieve the 'Chin National Vision' and overcome the problems only by collective resistance through Chin national unity. We have convened 'The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chin National Conference' in 2013 and 'The 1<sup>st</sup> Chin National Dialogue' in 2017 by means of collaboration at the national level. We urge the Chin people to uplift collaboration at the national level by putting the Chin national interest as the first priority.
4. At present, a historic 'people's movement against the military coup' is happening in Chinland and the Union for political reformation. Collaboration of the Chins with the people's movement, both domestic and abroad, is very welcome. We highly appreciate active collaboration of the Chin people for the freedom of Chinland and the Union.



5. The Chin National Front supports the people's movement against the military coup including the civil disobedience movement (CDM), recognizes the courage of the civil servants participating in the CDM, and encourages the use of only non-violent means for the people's movement. The Chin National Front will stand firmly with the people. We strongly demand the Myanmar Military (Tatmadaw) and Myanmar Police Force not to use threats of action and violent suppression on peaceful protesters.
  
6. Celebration of the 'Chin National Day' as a way of protesting in the country during this political crisis vividly shows its political essence and values. We urge the Chin people, both domestic and abroad, to fight together for freedom and to celebrate 'The 73<sup>rd</sup> Chin National Day' in full essence of nationalism.

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