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Statement on the Cowardly Air Attacks on Camp Victoria

January 13, 2023 - Camp Victoria: The Chin people lost five of their brave and heroic young women and men during the Burma Junta Air Force's cowardly and indiscriminate aerial attacks by Burma junta's Air Force on Camp Victoria, the headquarters of the Chin National Front and its resistance allies, on January 10 and 11, 2023. We pay our highest tribute to the fallen service men and women who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

The attacks targeted civilian infrastructure within the HQ and destroyed the civilian quarters and a medical center, among others. The CNF condemns in the strongest terms the brutal and cowardly acts, along with other actions that provided an enabling environment for the military junta to carry out their deadly air attacks. It must be stated on the record that during the attacks on the Mizoram-Chinland border, at least one of the junta's bombs landed on Indian territory, endangering the lives and properties of Mizo Indian citizens.

By launching the unprovoked deadly attacks, the military junta fully laid bare their true intention for the path forward for the country: that military means and permanent military dominance alone are the only acceptable solution for the future of Burma. It also demonstrated the growing desperation and incapability of the military junta to effectively engage in ground battles against the growing armed resistance across the country.

Their actions this week have thus made it impossible for a reversal of course for the ongoing revolution and the military junta and all those enabling and supporting their criminal and inhumane actions, alone should be held responsible for this destructive path. The 2021 illegal coup and the junta's subsequent actions of mass atrocities and indiscriminate violence across the country have clearly demonstrated that the military cannot be part of the future solution for a peaceful Burma. The international community, especially Burma's immediate neighbours, should now accept this painful reality.

Burma's problems have become a matter of regional and international concern. This was acknowledged by the UN Security Council members in Resolution 2669. During the past two years, the military junta has consistently flouted all internationally accepted norms, minimum legal standards and rules of engagement and has openly engaged in criminal conducts, including mass atrocities against civilians and crimes against humanity. Under these circumstances, the people are becoming increasingly defenseless against ruthless attacks on a daily basis. We reiterate our demand for a military no-fly-zone and appeal to the international community to provide all possible assistance, including assistance in the forms of humanitarian support, communication technologies and other equipment necessary for the people to survive and protect themselves against the indiscriminate attacks by the military junta. In addition, it is imperative that all countries take actions to ban the export of arms and related technologies to the junta, as well as all aviation fuel to Burma.



Our neighbouring countries should realize that business as usual with the military junta is neither sustainable nor strategic for their long-term interests. The future belongs to the people and the revolution and that no force of arms can stand against the will and determination of the people.

With history on our side, the Chin National Front and the revolutionary movement across the country will prevail and emerge stronger, more united and more determined in the just fight for freedom and a federal democratic future of Burma.

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