



Oral Statement at the 48th Session of the Human Rights Council

Item 3: Interactive dialogue on the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

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Madame President,

We thank the High Commissioner for her update on the situation in Myanmar. The human rights and humanitarian situation in Myanmar are still of grave concern.

The military junta in Myanmar continues to arrest, attack and kill innocent civilians with the use of excessive military force in religious buildings, in hospitals and schools in various regions.

At this moment, there is no freedom of expression and of movement, even for charitable acts. The rights to property, to freedom of worship, to education and to access to information are in abeyance.

The 'four Cuts' strategy¹ is applied again in some places with negative consequences on the whole population.

Humanitarian access is increasingly challenging and people who provide aid for the needy are arrested and punished.

We call the Human Rights Council to urge Myanmar:

- to immediately cease all acts of violence and abuses committed against civilians and allow for the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance, including free access to Covid-19 vaccines;
- to implement an inclusive national political dialogue;

¹<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/5/the-people-hate-them-more-indiscriminate-attacks-on-civilians>

- to hold accountable all those responsible for brutal acts and crimes against all persons, by using all appropriate legal instruments, including the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court;
- to grant full, unrestricted, and unmonitored access to all UN mandate holders and human rights mechanisms and;
- to immediately and unconditionally release all persons arbitrarily detained, including the State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.

Thank you Madame President.