

## Statement on the brutal attack and killing of a school in Debayin township by the military junta

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- The National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) is deeply saddened by the death of at least (13) civilians, including (7) children, on September 16 as a result of the heinous air and ground attacks and killings by the military junta on residents of a self-supporting school in Let Yet Kone village in Depayin township in Sagaing region. In addition, approximately (20) injured students and teachers have been arbitrarily arrested.
- 2. Children are the country's future; it is completely unacceptable that the military terrorist group is killing, torturing, and arresting our children in cold blood for their own benefit. This is not the first time the military junta committed atrocities. The military junta is an inhumane and ferocious mercenary army that has targeted and murdered all religions and ethnicities that opposed them, including children, since Myanmar gained independence, through more than (70) years of civil war.
- 3. This is because the law grants them total impunity from all the injustices they have committed.
- 4. Therefore, the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) would like to make the following request to the entire public and all the revolutionary forces:
  - (a) The entire public should rise up and continue to resist where it is able to in order to prevent the injustices from continuing.
  - (b) With the common aim of achieving a Myanmar free from military dictatorship, revolutionary forces should maintain its strong unity and continue resisting together in the revolution.
  - (c) The international community should support the process of seeking accountability of the military junta that has blatantly violated international humanitarian law; it should bring justice for victims through international legal mechanisms and help end impunity.
  - (d) Enforce a comprehensive arms embargo, including on the supply of jet fuel.
  - (e) The international community should provide humanitarian aid.
- 5. The National Unity Consultative Council is deeply Condemned this brutal attack and will continue in its efforts to ensure that all the above-mentioned actions are implemented.

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