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Myanmar Democracy

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WHD condemns the Myanmar military's declaration of a state of emergency and the arrest of democratically elected civilian leaders. This military coup is a blatant violation of international agreements and democratic principles.

The Myanmar military is responsible for committing genocide against the Rohingya people and has a history of dictatorship targeting democracy, free speech and human right abuses on ethnic minorities.

The military coup also raises serious concerns about access to those in need of humanitarian assistance, particularly forcibly displaced people who are already among the most persecuted and vulnerable.

We call upon all members of the UN Security Council to demand the military to release those detained leaders and urge them to pursue a democratic path that respects the rights of all communities.

WHD and our global partner organisations working for humanity and peace have long called for stronger measures against the Myanmar military for their crimes against humanity. For decades, the military has operated with impunity and the civilian population has paid the price. We remind the Myanmar military leaders to respect the rule of law and to resolve disputes through lawful mechanisms.

We request the UN Security Council to employ a global arms embargo with all tools of pressure with immediate effect, including reimposing targeted sanctions, until the reinstatement of the democratically elected government taking power.

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