



STATEMENT BY THE ALLIANCE FOR A DEMOCRATIC MYANMAR

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As the year draws to a close, so too does the trial of Burma's President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.

The same two Myanmar leaders that the Security Council in its recent historic resolution on Myanmar deliberately named them and called for their immediate release, giving recognition to the indisputable fact that they are political prisoners.

Everyone in Myanmar from even Min Aung Hlaing's own military and business coterie recognise that U Win Myint and Aung San Suu Kyi committed no crime, no misdeed, no malfeasance, that they are political prisoners, as do all the people of Myanmar, ASEAN neighbours, even China and India and the rest of the international community.

33 years sentence in total for Aung San Suu Kyi, all because Min Aung Hlaing wanted to be President and lost the election, therefore the opportunity.

This extra-legal sentence deserves the widest and loudest condemnation from all quarters, as indeed we do in our statement and call upon all nations, legal bodies to condemn and protest to Myanmar SAC in the loudest ways.

The sooner Min Aung Hlaing and his band of brigands see that the writing is on the wall for his 'reign' and shuffle off, the sooner stability will be required, democracy can get a go, a federal democratic union can be built, and peace and prosperity can begin.

The military out of politics and a federal democratic union is the only way thus can happen.

Another blow to democracy in Myanmar, another obstacle on the way of reconciliation and peace.

For the good of Myanmar, we demand the immediate release of all political prisoners, of State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and of President U Win Myint.