

Myanmar categorically objects producing the so-called Conference Room Paper and Press Release “Illegal and Illegitimate: Examining the Myanmar Military’s Claim as the Government of Myanmar and the International Response” by Thomas Andrews
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- It is observed that the so-called conference room paper was launched at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York with the participation of persons from non-international organization and the terrorist group NUG. From the producing the paper to the launching raises serious questions how such participants could involve in the work of the so-called independent Special Rapporteur with which capacity. It ultimately challenges the status of the paper. In light of such irregularities, Myanmar requests the President of the Human Rights Council to downgrade the so-called conference room paper from the status of UN document.
- The report and the claim of the Special Rapporteur clearly demonstrates the abuse of his mandate by violating the principled position of the United Nations which does not consider it has the authority to decide the question of representation of the member states. The report further falls short of standards in terms of format, substance and ethics. The Special Rapporteur clearly loses impartiality by taking side and abruptly lobbying for the terrorist group NUG responsible for mass killings of over 5,000 innocent civilians.
- Violent acts taking place in Myanmar is not about armed confrontation and armed conflicts but killing against unarmed civilians and civil servants by the terrorist PDFs.
- The report further reminds the background of the Special Rapporteur who worked for “NCGUB” in the past for attaining international recognition for the group in exile. It is shocked to learn that the Special Rapporteur is acting indifferently like a lobbyist for the exile group putting aside the Code of Conduct for the Special Procedures mandate holders. It not only damages the credibility of the mandates created by the Human Rights Council but also sets a dangerous precedent for producing unlimited reports with themes even outside of the purview of the United Nations.

- None of the United Nations bodies or the mechanisms is mandated to intervene in inter-state relations and it is time for the Human Rights Council to revisit the qualification of the Special Rapporteur who has been clearly violating the Code of Conduct.
- It also questions how the Special Rapporteur secures resources to produce such unlimited reports which are not covered by his mandate and the UN regular budget.
- While all acts, methods and practices of terrorism are considered as criminals and unjustifiable, whenever and by whoever committed, the act of the Special Rapporteur amounts to supporting terrorist acts committed and masterminded by the so-called NUG and PDFs and witnessed by the people of Myanmar.
- Therefore, the Permanent Mission of Myanmar categorically objects the conduct of the Special Rapporteur, whose mandate and appointment are not recognized by the Government of Myanmar, producing the so-called Conference Room Paper and Press Release by the Special Rapporteur namely “Illegal and Illegitimate: Examining the Myanmar Military’s Claim as the Government of Myanmar and the International Response”.

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