

Myanmar categorically objects the malicious allegations and accusations contained in the Press Release by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the remarks by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights during the Press Briefing on 27 January 2023

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- The Permanent Mission of Myanmar noted the said provoking press release by the United Nations High Commissioner with regret that the entire press release covered up the terrorist acts of NUG, CRPH and their subordinates PDFs which brutally killed more than 5,000 unarmed civilians and civil servants and destroyed 1,971 public infrastructures and facilities. Killings of children, teachers, nurses, doctors, administrative staffs along with innocent civilians by those terrorist groups are too significant to be ignored.
- Silence on such brutalities raises serious question over impartiality, objectivity and independence on the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Myanmar has been implementing the ASEAN five-point consensus and the implementation is based on the principles of ASEAN Charter and ASEAN Spirit and ASEAN Way.
- In terms of humanitarian assistance, Myanmar has been cooperating with and facilitating the work of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) and respective UN agencies. Indeed, the question on having access should not be raised in the first place since the UN agencies have already secured their field presence in many states and regions of the country.
- The Permanent Mission of Myanmar further refers to the remarks by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights during the Press Briefing on 27 January 2023.
- Making duplicated statements selectively targeting a specific country in several different occasions goes contrary to the principles of non-selectivity

and international cooperation. Publicizing and politicization create only misunderstandings and divisions within diverse communities of Myanmar and provocations to terrorist organizations to commit more violence and crimes.

- Despite facing brutal terrorist acts and violence committed by the so-called NUG and PDFs, the authorities concerned have been exercising utmost restraint with minimum use of force to maintain rule of law and public safety in line with domestic laws and international practices.
- Therefore, the Permanent Mission registers its objection against the Press Release by the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the remarks referred to Myanmar at the said Press Briefing.

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