

“Let’s Boycott Economically against the Military Regime that Kills Monks”

“Statement of Steering Committee of Mass Movement”

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To all Monks, Students, and Public,

More than 55 million people in Burma are deeper and deeper in poverty day by day while handful of Generals and their cronies are richer and richer.

Though the regime buzzes all the time that it is practicing the market economy, but in fact, only the Generals and their cronies monopolize the country’s economy.

On the other hand, from small-scale vendors to small and medium entrepreneurs, and governmental workers from various factories and departments are deeply burdened with unlawful fines, forced donations, heavy taxes and they even cannot survive by doing honest or legitimate trade.

While the Generals control all major businesses, natural resources, and take all the opportunities, we the people are struggling day and night for our daily meals.

We the people are worried all the time for our health care, welfare, education, and are poor and in a state of inferiority.

The regime does not use taxes forcefully collected from the public and revenues from selling of natural resources for the improvement of the public. They instead use those taxes and revenues to expand military mechanism that is eventually used to oppress and kill the people. They build schools, hospitals, and dams just for show and the public are effectively not able to use none of them. The people have to spend by themselves for their health care and for their children’s education.

Furthermore, the officials from the top to bottom take unfair advantage of opportunities from humanitarian aids given by the international community and the public get least of the rest.

The regime always blames economic sanctions whenever talks about the people’s poverty. The international community repeatedly offers financial and economical incentives if the regime makes political and economical changes but they resist doing changes and let the people hunger. They control everything. Under these circumstances, international investments and aids will go only to the Generals’ pockets and the condition of the people will remain unchanged.

The arbitrary and bullied practice upon the powerless citizens by the authority from central command to community level becomes precedent. They suppress us by provoking our fear and confine our freedom by using unfair laws.

If we continue keeping quiet and are still objective, the coming generations of the Generals will rule and make our coming generations slaves. We have to take the futures of our children into account. Hence, we will react against the injustice by means of justice, against the violent oppression by means of non-violent, against the killing weapons by means of people's power.

Now we are going to boycott the businesses of the Generals and their cronies.

This is,

1. taking back our prosperity, by justified mean, that is being robbed and lost;
2. defending our rights and what we deserve;
3. reacting the oppression peacefully and disciplined way as we do not submit docilely;
4. a big silent protest of the people;
5. an effort to end killing, arresting, and torturing the monks, nuns, students, civilians, and our ethnic nationalities;

EVERYONE NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE.

This is a historically given responsibility of all the people who lost their human rights even though they are human beings. This is a national movement for safekeeping of our present welfare and for the future of our children. The military regime has to discuss with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and ethnic nationality leaders and find ways to solve the country's problems and people's general crises. This is the only way for the peace and development of the country.

We will hold our economic boycott until a genuine dialogue, which can solve our crises in food, clothing, shelter, welfare, health care, and education, happens.

We will hold our hands strongly together and our steps bravely together move forward until we get what we want.

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**The lists to boycott the business of the Generals and their cronies who
monopolize the whole national economy**

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1. Aung Bar Lay Lottery (State-Run)
2. All Business owned by Htoo Trading Company (Run by U Tayza)
3. Snap Shot Journal (Run by Myat Khaing) and Mandalay Nan Myint Journal (Owned by Secretary of Mandalay Division of USDA)
4. London Cigarette (Myanmar Holding Limited)
5. Myanmar Beer & Dagon Beer (Myanmar Holding Limited)
6. Samsung Electronic, A.A Pharmacy, Sunday Market (Owned by Aung Zaw Ye Myint, Son of Lt. General Ye Myint)
7. Queen Star Computer (Owned by Nandar Aye, daughter of Deputy Sr. General Maung Aye)
8. J-Donut (Owned by Kyaing San Shwe, son of Sr. General Than Shwe)
9. Shwe Mann Thu & Taw Win Express (Owned by Bandula Company and Myanmar Holding Limited)
10. Products of Daewoo Company Limited (Daewoo Company support to built arms factory for Burmese Military)
11. Luxuries made by China (China assists military technology and materials for Burmese Military; China vetoed Burma Resolution at United Nations Security Council which aimed to speed up the Burma’s reconciliation and democratization; and China support the SPDC who killed its own citizens including monks and democracy activists)

Remarks:

A. For economic boycott, local peoples should seek its own ways and its own target by defining the business owned by the local authorities and local military officers who monopolize local economy and bully on local peoples.

B. People should reveal the business of military generals and their cronies, and facts about those companies by informing to media.

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