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Statement on Third Year Anniversary of Spring Revolution

To mark the end of the third year since the military coup and beginning of the Spring Revolution, we release this statement to highlight the violations and atrocities perpetrated by the military junta and its forces, including figures which occurred in the last 12 months.

Since the military coup, on February 1, 2021, (25931) political prisoners have been arrested, and (19993) are still detained, (8656) of whom have been sentenced under repressive and arbitrary legislation. (4474) pro-democracy supporters have been killed by the junta and its forces in the crackdown on the anti-coup movement, (1588) of whom have been killed while being held by the military under detainment.

Third Year of the Spring Revolution from February 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024

Inside prisons and detention places in Burma, torture is endemic, and is practiced as policy of the junta, (28) political prisoners have been tortured to death in interrogation the third year of the Spring Revolution, whilst (31) have been sentenced to death in chains. Meanwhile, on a country wide scale in the third year of the Spring Revolution, (1988) have been arrested, but (1697) of those already detained in previous years and newly arrested were sentenced, whilst only (873) political prisoners have been released. A significant amount of the military junta's detentions and killings as documented by AAPP have occurred in Sagaing Region, where resistance by the people is fiercest. From February 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024, (309) were arrested, and (770) were killed in Sagaing Region. However, on a cautionary note, these are the numbers verified by AAPP and we believe the actual numbers, including in other ethnic states and regions, may be much higher.

Despite all this intentional brutality which morphed into a humanitarian crisis, the people of Burma across the country are resisting the military junta regime and its attempted power grab. The Spring Revolution has been one of change on the battlefield, but whilst people are resisting with arms, protests and other peaceful means continue day after day. Everyone who is involved in this movement is refusing to let the military seize complete control.

We request international supporters to continue in their efforts during the fourth year of the Spring Revolution, to bring about accountability, promote humanitarian aid to the people not the junta, and reject the legitimacy of the junta on the world stage.

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