

Solidarity with the Myanmar rural working people

La Via Campesina stands with Myanmar rural working people and their struggle against military dictatorship.

Myanmar military violently crackdown the nationwide uprising against the 2021 coup.

Civilians, largely rural agrarian communities ethnic minority areas, are being targeted with indiscriminate attacks including aerial bombardments. Transport, food, internet and telephone were cut indiscriminately. Currently, over 4,000 civilians including children were killed, and over 25,000 imprisoned. Over 86,000 houses, schools and religious buildings were burned. Peasant's grain storage, seeds, farm animals and farm implements were targeted and destroyed. Many Myanmar peasants have no choice but to arm themselves and defend their rights. The same military violently expelled nearly 1 million Rohingya people in 2017, and stole their fertile lands to be distributed to big corporates. For decades, Myanmar military has been a major land grabber.

La Via Campesina condemn Myanmar military for the brutal crackdown of democratic resistance and agrarian resistance. Myanmar military enjoy impunity because it support from domestic and international capitals and major powers. International accountability systems, the UN and democratic nations care very little. Domestic crony capitals and international investments are enriching the dictator.

We call on international corporations to divest from Myanmar military-owned businesses, and international governments to strictly monitor their targeted sanctions. We demand an international arms embargo to Myanmar.

We praise the courage, conviction and fortitude of Myanmar democratic movements, including agrarian resistance forces. We stand in solidarity with Myanmar people including peasants, pastoralists, fishers and migrant workers – men, women, young and old. May your struggles be victorious from strength to strength and struck down military dictatorship and capitalist exploitation!

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