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To the masses and comrades waging the people's democratic revolution,

Today marks the fourth anniversary of the fascist military coup d'état. These years are filled with numerous losses and sacrifices for us all. It is clear that the revolutionary forces, unlike before, are not subjected to one sided attacks and losses. The launch of offensive campaigns against the military council by the ethnic revolutionary organizations in 2024 have resulted in significant victories after victories. The military junta is facing losses on every front. They face defeat on the Northern Shan front. The face defeat on the Rakhine font. They are also losing their Regional Military Commands. There have been open condemnation and attacks from within the Military against their own military coup leader Min Aung Hlaing. The fascist military is clearly becoming more and more disorganized than before. On the other hand, the fascist military, driven by a vengeful mindset while declaring with intention to kill everyone involved 'all is well as long as the land remains,' is targeting and destroying the areas they were forced to abandon. They continue to murder unarmed civilians and scorch the people's property and villages to the ground just as they have done before.

The military in an attempt to bolster its dwindling numbers has begun to enact the forced military conscription law [dragooning]. According to the law, enacted in coercion, only youth aged 18-35 are eligible to be conscripted, but in reality, people are getting kidnapped and arrested and forced to serve in their military regardless of their ages and genders occasionally. They've also stopped young people of conscription age from leaving the country to avoid forced military service or looking for work abroad, in light of the ongoing economic crisis. People continue to bear the severe effects of the ongoing crisis, with rising commodity prices, a plummeting Burmese currency, business collapses, widespread unemployment, and a growing gap between low wages and skyrocketing costs of living.

On the other hand, the military junta is attempting to find a way out of the political crisis by attempting a sham election. This is the same military that, in a blatant misrepresentation of the facts, falsely claimed widespread support for the 2008 constitutional referendum in order to legitimize its ratification. This is also the same military that monopolizes political power by holding sham elections run and won by themselves and their proxy parties like the Union Solidarity Development Party [USDP]. This 2008 constitution serves and defends the interest of the military junta. This constitution is systematically written to stop the democratic government from holding any real political power to enact changes in the interest of the people. The most recent military coup serves as proof that the military junta cannot be reformed, muzzled and tamed. The upcoming elections will only serve as a political relief for the military junta, and is nothing more than an attempt to misdirect the masses. Therefore, it is our duty to oppose this sham election that is going to be held by the military junta.

The masses had bravely opposed the military coup through peaceful protests and general strikes. These strikes and the subsequent violent crackdowns by the military have pushed us to the stage of waging armed revolution, which would never be possible without the unwavering support of the masses. It is our duty to serve the masses and to continue waging the people's democratic revolution steadfastly. Only through the united front amongst the revolutionary forces of Burma, will we be able to dismantle the military dictatorship. We, ABFSU, vow to continue to walk the path of People's Democratic Revolution and uproot military dictatorship. We urge our comrades and allies to stand with the oppressed masses and continue opposing the military dictatorship.

No to Sham Elections

Long live the people's democratic revolution

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