

## **Welcome Statement to US New Round of Actions against Myanmar Military**

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On July 2, 2021, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control announced the designation of 22 individuals connected to the Burmese (Myanmar) military and State administrative Council (SAC). Furthermore, on the same day, the US Department of Commerce added Wanbao Mining, Ltd., two of its subsidiaries, and King Royal Technologies to its Entity List since these entities provide revenue and/or other support to the Myanmar military.

Cutting off the financial flow to the military and its enablers by imposing targeted sanctions is one of the most effective measures to stop the military's ongoing war against the people of Myanmar. Along with peaceful protests, civil disobedience movement, and boycotts, it is crucial to continue in full scale of the sanctions against the junta and the business empire set up by the military leaders and their cronies.

Immediately preceding this US announcement, on June 21, 2021, the EU announced a third round of sanctions on 8 individuals, Myanmar War Veterans Organization and 3 economic entities controlled by Myanmar Armed Forces: Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Forest Product Joint Venture Corporation Limited, while the UK imposed the sixth tranche of Myanmar sanctions on Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Myanmar Pearl Enterprise controlled by the SAC. We applauded and appreciated their decisive actions. The collaborative actions of US, UK, and EU were the actions of countries that share our values of democracy, individual liberties, freedom, and the rule of law.

As an organization that has steadfastly championed comprehensive targeted sanctions on the Myanmar military junta, Free Myanmar wholeheartedly welcome the measures announced on July 2, 2021, and would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Department of Commerce, and the State Department for those crucial actions taken against the Myanmar military. We would also like to urge US and its allies to take further sanctions on the state owned enterprises that are controlled by SAC and still providing financial lifeline to the military, in particular MOGE, to effectively cripple the capability of the military's ongoing atrocities and human rights violations.

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### About Free Myanmar

Free Myanmar is the movement of concerned people from all walks of life and across the continents that, for reasons both personal and compassionate, have come together to unify voices and non-violent activities outside Myanmar in coordination with movements inside Myanmar to end military dictatorship and support Myanmar's transition to a truly democratic federal union that protects and provides equal opportunities for all regardless of race, religion, gender and background.