



The Republic of Union of Myanmar
National Unity Government
Ministry of Women, Youths and Children Affairs
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Statement on International Day of the Girl Child 2022

"Our time is now—our rights, our future."

1. Today, October 11, is International Day of the Girl Child. The purpose of this International Day is to increase awareness and support for the situation of girls worldwide and of the serious challenges that they face, including lack of access to educational opportunities, and mental and physical oppression at work. These conditions call for action, and so each individual is asked today to support girls and to be aware of the conditions they are experiencing, including the loss of legal rights. Each person is asked to do all they can to further support and enhance the rights of girls today.
2. The theme of this year's International Day of the Girl Child is **"Our time is now - Our Rights and Our Future"**. In this regard, all adults must take seriously their responsibility to ensure girls' rights to education, learning opportunities, creativity, gender equality and leadership skills, so that girls can fulfill their futures to be stronger.
3. The Ministry of Women, Youth and Children's Affairs has been, and will continue to be, a tireless advocate for gender equality and leadership. The ministry submitted a report on the situation of rural women and girls to the United Nations on September 15, 2022.
4. Since February 1, 2021, when the failed Military Council coup attempt began, civilians have been detained, oppressed and killed, their homes and livelihoods destroyed. Civilians, including girls, have lost their socio-economic security and face low prospects.
5. Therefore, in order to build a better future for girls, I call today for action by everyone to put an end to the military dictatorship and build a new future where the rights of all are secured.

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