



Ministry of  
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## **Joint Statement in Celebration of the Pride Month**

In celebration of the Pride Month, The Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs and Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government today releases the *Situation Report of the LGBTIQs after the Military Coup in Myanmar*. This report draws attention to the situation of LGBTIQ activists who are killed, arrested and tortured for their participation in the peaceful protests and some of the challenges the LGBTIQ people are facing under the ongoing violence by the military.

This report is based on the first-hand testimonies the LGBTIQs as well as information provided by many sources. Since the beginning of the coup in Myanmar, LGBTIQ people have been actively participating in anti-coup protests, demonstrations and civil disobedience movement (CDM). LGBTIQ groups throughout Myanmar actively participated under rainbow flags as front-liners at every stage of the revolution. The visibility of the community leads to highlighting the diversity and inclusivity of the people against the coup. As crackdowns, violence against and torture of pro-democracy activists and civilians intensified within the past few months, many LGBTIQs across Myanmar faced severe human rights violations. The situation has severely deteriorated for the human rights defenders and activists including LGBTIQs.

Reports from LGBTIQ civil society organizations corroborate that there are (12) cases of LGBTIQ fatalities, with (73) being arrested and/or charged under 505 (a), (65) still being detained, and (28) either in hiding or having fled to non-SAC controlled areas. Reliable sources indicate that gay people and transgender women are predominantly at the top of the chart of most cases of human rights abuses and violations committed against the LGBTIQ.