



# SMILE Myanmar

“A Strong Civil Society Makes A Nation Develop”

Immediate Press Release

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SMILE Myanmar strongly condemns the military coup against the democratically elected civilian government. We are greatly concerned by the ongoing human rights violations following the coup, such as the arrests of political leaders and activists, and the violations of our rights of free speech and access to information through the restrictions placed on social media networks.

We demand of the Tatmadaw that they:

- Immediately release all those who have been arrested since February 1, 2021
- Immediately terminate their military coup
- Respect the will of the people of Myanmar, as expressed in the 2020 elections
- Respect human rights, justice and rule of law in Myanmar

SMILE will continue to investigate and document human rights violations committed by any groups and share with our global partners.

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