



**Union of Republic of Myanmar**

**National Unity Government**

Notification 1/2021

**Announcement of the Establishment of People's Defence Force**

May 5, 2021

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1. National Unity Government is leading the executive sector of Union of Republic of Myanmar exercising the mandate and powers conferred by the people of Myanmar in 2020 General Elections.
  2. Council of terrorist military junta has seized the State Power from the people's government and detained the leaders of the government in addition to the war crimes they are committing by violent torture and killings, arbitrary arrest and detention of the people resisting the military dictatorship, using extreme force including air strikes and bombing of ethnic armed revolutionary organizations and people working on federal democracy.
  3. Armed forces of the council of terrorist military junta have failed to ensure the perpetuation of the sovereignty, human security of the people and respect and value for humanity; and they have harmed, disrupted and destroyed the lives and properties of the people in addition to blocking the building of federal democracy union as the political goal of the country.
  4. In such a situation, National Unity Government has the responsibility to end the civil war of over seventy years, implement effective security sector reform and establish federal democratic armed forces by controlling and ending the violent actions, military aggression and hostilities of military council.
  5. Therefore, National Unity Government has officially established People Defence Forces as the forerunner essence of Federal Democratic Armed Forces on May 5, 2021.

**Signed**

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