Representatives of the Myanmar Junta Implicated in Security Threats against London Ambassador Police and UK Government Formally Notified

Press Release from the Myanmar Accountability Project, MAP

London 16 August 2021: The Myanmar Ambassador in London, U Kyaw Zwar Min, has formally complained to the Metropolitan Police and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office about security threats and intimidation by representatives of the Myanmar military junta.

"Since the evening of Saturday 14th August, representatives of the junta have been loitering repeatedly and menacingly outside the ambassadorial residence in North London," according to Chris Gunness, Director of the Myanmar Accountability Project, which is campaigning to prevent the junta laying claim to the property.

"The Metropolitan Police and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office have been notified about this threat to the Ambassador's security. We know that those involved include diplomats accredited by the UK government and we have asked UK authorities to investigate and put an end to this behaviour which violates the diplomatic code of conduct."

These developments follow shocking revelations from the New York Police Department that they have charged two men contracted by an arms dealer in Thailand with close ties to the Myanmar junta, to harm or kill the Myanmar Ambassador to the UN, U Kyaw Moe Tun. Two Myanmar Citizens Arrested In Plot To Injure Or Kill Myanmar's Ambassador To The United Nations | USAO-SDNY | Department of Justice. Like the Ambassador in London, U Kyaw Moe Tun has condemned the coup and has come out in support of the deposed government.

"These threats in London and New York are typical of the North Korean style junta in Myanmar which has killed nearly a thousand of its own people since the coup on 1 February this year", according to Gunness. "In just a few weeks the UN, where Britain as a permanent member of the Security Council has a leading role, will be deciding on whether to recognise the credentials of the junta or the deposed National Unity Government."

"MAP hopes the UK authorities will take decisive action to end this threatening behaviour on the streets of London. And on the diplomatic front we hope this latest campaign of intimidation will be seen by the UK and other UN member states as yet another reason why the civilised community of nations must reject the junta's credentials in favour of the National Unity Government," said Gunness.

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