

Transcribe – Min Ko Naing Speech  
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To all the people including ethnic people, I have been given the duty to talk to the people by NUCC. I have great news for you too.

Respect to the heroes of the movement.

Announcement of NUG - not an easy task. It's through MPs from 2020 Election, protestors, youth, CDM - CDM is not only public servants but also people who are resisting the military regime. NUG is has representation of all stakeholders. VP is a Kachin people, selected by armed / non-armed organizations of Kachin State. Prime Minister is a Karen. VP will be serving the presidential duties.

We will also extend the cabinet to include youth and technocrats. Even some of strike leaders will be in the cabinet. It's through support of Generation Z and support of people. NUG will follow the roadmap set by the charter.

We will follow the three eternal principles (lawkapala principles as known in Buddhism) for the society namely justice, equality and freedom. It is not for one religion or one group of ethnicity.

The fight is not over. Military is still cracking down. Despite the brutal attacks against the strikes and military operations, we understand each other among mainland people and ethnic groups. We are making sacrifices and shedding blood.

Our Myanmar Spring revolution has gained the attention of the people around the world and many are supporting us and raising funds for us. Myanmar Spring revolution has become a world revolution. Once we have announced NUG, we will see more support from the world.

The way forward for NUG is federal democracy where federalism goes together with democracy.

Federalism is not something complicated. Here federalism is the right to determination, the right to decide one's own destiny for all the people who live in our land. This is sometimes called autonomy or self-determination. These are the terms we use. As you all know about democracy, it's the people who decide and who gives the guidance. We need overwhelmingly support to welcome our NUG and NUG will need to engage and work with the world.

I would like to thank all international organizations. Now, not only in Asia Pacific region, we have the opportunity to discuss with heads of state and people's representatives and we were able to work with them. They understand that we have suffered greatly many decades and that we have been patient. To give a close example, for decades, we have to bear with 25% of military representatives in the parliament where military has simply occupied space. The worst thing is their brutal and arrogant acts which have resulted in people rising against the military in Spring Revolution. The world knows about our movement. It has been extremely difficult and challenging for our people.

Then you can ask why we are doing this revolution. This time, we are eradicating the system. It is harsh, difficult and demands a lot of sacrifices but we want to eradicate. With such high cost, we have come to love each other among the people.

We no longer look at religion. We do not discriminate. We protect each other and take care of each other.

Once, we went to refugee camps with people displaced due to the civil wars of Myanmar. We went there to provide assistance. There were children in the IDP camps. A child from Yangon sent a sweater along with a note saying, "Dear friend, you must be cold over there. Here is my sweater to keep you safe and warm." A child of ethnic people received that package, he took the sweater out, read the note, wore it and wrote something back. He wrote a reply to a friend he has never met, "Dear friend, I have received the sweater you gave me. I am wearing it now. Thank you. Let's meet in the university."

Our new generations didn't get their chance to meet in the university yet they are meeting each other in war. In which kind of war or frontline are they meeting? They are meeting in the frontlines in the major cities and towns across Myanmar. Because our youth are facing violent crack down and assaults right in urban areas of cities and towns. Youth are running straight into the frontlines.

We hope that our future generations will not meet each other with traumas. I wish that our future generations will meet with love and loving kindness towards each other. Like my wish, I believe that all the people of Myanmar will join the movement and struggle so that we can win this fight once and for all.

We want your support to NUG for the future of Myanmar. We want your support to NUG for the future of our children. People of Myanmar will determine the outcome. People of Myanmar will join the ultimate struggle and I believe that we shall prevail.