



Statement for Immediate End to Military Atrocities in Myanmar

The Asia Pacific Baptist Federation, constituting 65 member conventions in 22 nations across Asia Pacific and over 40,000 local churches, is part of the global Baptist community, which comprises 47 million members in 126 nations worldwide, represented by 241 member bodies. We condemn in the strongest terms possible the recent aerial bombing of civilian villages in Paziky, Kanbalu of Sagaing region in Myanmar, which resulted in the deaths of over 100 innocent civilians. This attack is a gross violation of international humanitarian law and a blatant disregard for the sanctity of human life.

As members of the Baptist World Alliance, who stand for justice, peace, and respect for human dignity, we are deeply saddened at this heinous act. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who have lost their loved ones, homes and belongings in this inhumane attack.

We vehemently denounce the use of violence against civilians and call for an immediate end to such atrocities. It is unacceptable that innocent civilians who have no involvement in the ongoing political conflict are targeted in such a brutal and inhumane manner.

We urge the military junta in Myanmar to immediately cease its attacks on civilians and respect the fundamental human rights of the people of Myanmar. We call upon Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, commander in chief, to stop these atrocities and respect the lives and rights of the civilian population in Myanmar. We also call upon the international community and the United Nations to renew their efforts in bringing an end to this brutal regime and rule of the military junta and in ensuring that humanitarian law is respected in Myanmar.

The loss of over 100 innocent lives is a tragedy that cannot be ignored or justified in any way. These attacks represent a flagrant violation of international law and basic human rights. The continued impunity of the military Junta in Myanmar is unacceptable. The use of military force against innocent civilians is unacceptable, and the perpetrators of these heinous crimes against humanity must be held accountable for their actions.

We urge the international community to take concrete steps to hold those responsible for these atrocities accountable and to ensure that the human rights of the people of Myanmar are respected and protected. We stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar and reiterate our commitment to supporting them in their struggle for justice, democracy, peace, and human rights.

We call upon all member conventions of the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation to join us in speaking out against these atrocities and praying for the people of Myanmar who are suffering under the oppressive regime. We ask our member conventions and churches to pray for the people of Myanmar during these difficult times and to stand in solidarity with

them as they seek justice and peace. May God grant the people of Myanmar strength and courage to persevere in their struggle for freedom and democracy. May God grant them strength and resilience during these trying times, and may the world come together to bring an end to their suffering.