



## **Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS)**

### **Statement on the situations following the seizure of power by the Tatmadaw**

Date: 22 February 2021

1. The Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) issued a statement of protest immediately after the seizure of power by the Tatmadaw on 1 February 2021 because it embraces the principles of federalism and democracy.
2. It has separately issued a statement that RCSS stands with the people, and will help and take responsibilities as much as possible for the security of those who have evaded arrest by the authorities because they had participated in the peaceful demonstrations.
3. Due to offensive military operations against the RCSS by the Tatmadaw following its seizure of power, between (1-20) February 2021, there have been several armed clashes. The battles have inflicted casualties on both sides and have caused great burdens and difficulties for the local rural populations, including deaths, injuries and displacements.
4. At the time when the country is in chaos due to the power seizure, in lieu of unitedly trying to help and protect the people who are facing much troubles and seeking security, the (SSPP/SSA) and the (TNLA) jointly attacked the military camps of the (RCSS/SSA) with a strong combined force, causing great difficulties for the local populations. The RCSS is immensely sad concerning these incidents.
5. For RCSS members who have sacrificed their lives while bravely fighting to protect the people, we honour them and record them in our history. For the people who have suffered deaths, injuries and displacements because of the armed clashes, we offer help and sympathy as much as we can.
6. RCSS will join hands with the people in the efforts to establish a federal union and achieve full democracy desired by the people.

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