

Media Release



Australian Government fails to sanction Myanmar's top military general

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The Australian Government has not imposed any new sanctions on Myanmar's military since October 2018. This is despite the military takeover on 1 February, now over 100 days ago, which has resulted in over 800 civilian deaths, of which 50 have been innocent children, along with over 4,000 arbitrary arrests*, the ruin of the country's health and education systems, closure of Myanmar's free media and the complete denial of freedom and democracy.

The Australian Government has only sanctioned five of Myanmar's military generals but has so far failed to impose any sanctions on the leader of Myanmar's military and chief instigator of the February takeover, **Senior General Min Aung Hlaing**.

Whilst USA, Canada, UK and EU have all imposed multiple sanctions on these six top generals, including **Snr General Min Aung Hlaing**, Australia has so far stood back from adding him to the list and imposing targeted financial sanctions and travel bans.

We call upon the Australian Government to immediately impose sanctions and travel bans on **Snr General Min Aung Hlaing**. Doing so would also emphasise Australia's support for a resolution now being proposed at the UN General Assembly calling for a number of important steps to restore democracy and the rule of law to Myanmar.

Australia needs to show the region and the world that it does not condone these unlawful actions of the Tatmadaw in Myanmar.

* Data from [Assistance Association for Political Prisoners](#) (AAPP)

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