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**“Most Crucial Time for the Nation, Needs everybody To Come Forward”**

**“Ah Ye Kyi Pyi Thwe Nee Kya Soe”**

*From Dr. Win Naing (Chairman of NLD LA UK)*

Dear all of the democratic activists and our people in Burma,

May I write this, as per my experience as an activist in 1988 up-rising, to share my experience.

I was the camp officer of the Prome (Pyay) Strike Committee, Pegu Division. We have had 13 committee members including a monk, teachers, civil servants and students. We based our Strike Committee at the Town Hall, doing daily meetings for the next day's programme of demonstration, management of the strike camps at various quarters of the town. I also have to act as the general secretary of the Township Peace Committee led by the chief monks of the town based at Shwe San Daw Pagoda.

At that place we have monks, Red Cross staff, students and volunteers from the public.

We did control the situation very well without any serious problems in the township until the army coup and crack down on the people's power, when the Township Peace Committee requested the army to delay their entry into the town. Even then, they mercilessly gun down 72 people including 2 young monks & one student from our strike camp.

What I would like to mention is, that was the time when the Buddhist monks involved in the people's movements from behind the curtain. Now they have already taken the front role for the nation, as they perceived that they are the only institution who can lead, as the students are under enormous pressure and arbitrary arrests; the political organisations also under close surveillance and merciless oppression.

So, we all need to support and surround our monks as they already have sacrificed for the nation. What we should do depends on the local demand, and also on what we can do. The monks only can not succeed in the cause; all of the students and each and every class of people need to participate.

The crucial thing, I sincerely think, is the strategic plan of the regime. They have already taken positions to tackle the problem, only waiting for the right moment, as the international pressure, including the UN, EU and ASEAN, is mounting on them, which is the key factor for our people to take advantage, as United Nation's Special Reporteur will be on the way to Burma very soon. The most important thing is there is no chance that the regime can use violence, and they are well aware of this. The only thing is we all need to show our solidarity and unity, not going to be divided by any cause.

But our monks can not be able to stand on their own for much longer, as the regime has planned to treat them with 4 Cut Plan. We only have limited time for this event (as Moe Thee Zun has discussed). One more thing is our monks are religious people and they have to fight against the militarily well trained soldiers, which is the real situation everybody needs to understand.

So we all need to start doing things as soon as possible, such as planning to offer food, giving encouragements, surrounding and protecting them for their security.

The other thing is unity, solidarity and communication. We all will have to face the hardship when counter attack comes from the regime. I also think this is the golden chance for our people to be able to show our strong will and determination, as there would not be another chance if we lose this time.

So, I sincerely think everybody needs to participate and show their efforts for the cause of freedom and democracy for our nation.

In 1988, we did not have enough political knowledge like this; we were bewildered and did not know how to proceed, we did not have international attention, and we did not have any rightful leaders; but now we have everything.

So the last thing, but not least, I would like to remind you all is “**No Pain, No Gain**”.

In Solidarity,

**Anyar Thar Mg Wa Lay (Dr. Win Naing)**