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MYANMAR WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS NETWORK

**The Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network Denounces Brutal Attacks on Women Prisoners of Conscience in Obo Prison, Myanmar and Calls For Action From the International Community**

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Today, the **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** calls on the international community to investigate and bring to justice those responsible for the vicious attacks on women political prisoners which occurred on the 3rd and 4th of February, 2023 at Obo Prison, Mandalay Region, Myanmar.

Over a two-day period, women political prisoners were violently beaten, with more than 100 women suffering injuries during this sustained attack, for which no medical treatment was provided.

The **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** is receiving increasing reports of the systematic use of violence against women prisoners detained for political activity in opposing the Military Junta.

This campaign of violence against women prisoners is mirrored by escalating attacks, including rape, on women in communities and villages across the country. The network considers that this kind of inhumane violence has increased because no action has been taken against the crimes committed by the terrorist army and its associates over the decades.

The **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** expresses its sympathy and concern for Obo Prison victims and condemns those who ordered and perpetrated this violence.

Today, we are calling on the international community and the National Unity Government (NUG) to investigate this incident and report to the world on the increasing acts of terror and violence against Myanmar women by the Military Junta.

The **Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network** consists of over 100 Members of Parliament elected at the National and State and Region level parliaments in the 2020 General Election.

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