



Dr.Sasa sent Condolences to the family of Dr. Wakar Uddin

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It is with profound sadness that we have heard of the passing of Dr. Wakar Uddin on Friday the 29th of April. A wise and impactful leader of our Rohingya brothers and sisters, Dr. Uddin was a staunch and unrelenting advocate of peace and dialogue between groups in Rakhine state. Known by his colleagues and peers are intelligent, open minded, and unshakeable in his resolve to defeat the forces of division and hatred. All of Myanmar is poorer for his passing; a loss which has struck us far too soon.

I am honoured enough to have corresponded with Dr. Uddin personally, and I remember being struck by his dedication and resolve. Not only a stalwart defender of our unjustly persecuted Rohingya brethren, but indeed a champion of freedom, peace, and respect for all the people and groups of Myanmar. Sadly, this great undertaking has yet to be completed, and Dr. Uddin leaves behind a legacy as one of the greatest and most respected human rights advocates in Myanmar. His life's ambition was to see a genuinely federal, multicultural, and prosperous Myanmar. His was a vision of love, of peace, of people living their lives side by side in solidarity.

As a Rohingya leader, Dr. Uddin fought not only for human rights, but more importantly for justice. Hunted and abused by the junta, the Rohingya are one of only very few communities to have suffered a genocide in modern history; the most debased and reviled of all crimes against humanity. The terrorist Tatmadaw's evil knows no bounds and Dr Uddin knew only too well the consequences of complacency in the face of inhumanity. He struggled tirelessly to bring justice for the hundreds of thousands of victims of the military's cruel and illegal campaign of terror and ethnic cleansing. A campaign which only slowed as a result of the work of brave Rohingya men and women, like Dr. Uddin, who brought the international community's attention to the atrocities of Min Aung Hlaing and his foot soldiers.

Dr. Uddin will be sorely missed by all of Myanmar, but he can never be forgotten. His absence will leave a resounding silence which will be heard across Myanmar and throughout Myanmar communities around the world. It now falls to us to take up this mantle and continue his noble work. Dr. Uddin could not live to see justice done for the crimes against his people. But in his name, we will carry the torch, and we will bring his work to fruition. We will see justice done for the many crimes and injustices faced by all people of Myanmar in the face of this inhumane military. As our brother Wakar Uddin passes from this world, we pray that God grant his soul peace, and bring consolation to his family, friends, and community. It is with them that we place our hearts, our prayers, and our thoughts in this trying time. His loss has hurt all of Myanmar deeply, but his legacy and his work will continue on, and we will see his dreams become a reality.

Thank You and Sincerely,

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