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**Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn Briefs the United Nations Security Council
On Myanmar Crisis**

At the invitation of Her **Excellency Mona Juul**, President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) this month, His **Excellency PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, in his capacity as the **Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair**, briefed the Council's Members, in a private meeting via videoconference on 28 January 2022 at 10:00pm (Cambodia time), on the current situation in Myanmar.

After highlighting the extreme complexity of the situation in Myanmar and the recent political security and humanitarian development in the country, Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, briefed the Council on the efforts and commitments of ASEAN in addressing the Myanmar crisis, in particular on the outcomes of the recent visit by **Samdech Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia** to Myanmar and the steps forward to advance the progress on the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC).

While touching on Samdech Techo HUN SEN's visit to Myanmar, the ASEAN Chair's Special Envoy underlined the following primary aims of the visit: (1) to re-engage Nay Pyi Taw to find way forwards to implement **ASEAN Five-Point Consensus**. Ending violence and an extending truce by all parties concerned are imperative to build trust and to create a conducive environment for inclusive dialogue; (2) to ensure that the first visit of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to Myanmar could take place in order to facilitate mediation of the dialogue by parties directly concerned; and (3) to ensure a safe and speedy delivery of humanitarian relief to the people in most need in Myanmar.



The Deputy Prime Minister stated “**My PM’s visit to Nay Pyi Taw was an ice-breaking mission.** It was aimed to build trust, confidence and understanding and it can certainly act as a stepping stone for further progress. He went there to plant a tree, a tree for peace and reconciliation. Time, patience and pragmatism are needed before anyone could harvest the fruits.”

Special Envoy Prak Sokhonn also briefed the Council on the next steps, saying he is now working on the preparation of the program for his **First Visit as the Special Envoy to Myanmar** and his priorities in implementing the **5PC** to be discussed during the upcoming AMM Retreat, which is scheduled for the 16 and 17 of February, the preparation for the organisation of a multi-stakeholders consultative meeting on Humanitarian assistance, which will have the support and cooperation of the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG)’s Special Envoy and will garner all pragmatic humanitarian approaches from local, regional and international humanitarian experts and agencies to facilitate the speedy delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn concluded his briefing by stressing that our actions will be guided by the 5PC and the ASEAN Charter. There are many issues and challenges beyond the crisis in Myanmar that ASEAN needs to address, he said, adding that after all, we carry the wellbeing of the entire region on our shoulders, we cannot let the crisis in Myanmar hold us back, and **we must join hands to address these challenges together.**

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