

Socialist Party of Malaysia demand PETRONAS to withdraw its investment in Myanmar

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Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) strongly urge the PETRONAS to stop funding the murderous military regime in Myanmar by completely withdrawing its investment in Myanmar.



Refugees from Karen state at the riverbank. (File photo, taken by a villager at Salween river)

PETRONAS has announced recently a temporarily cessation of operation in Yetagun gas field, but the company said it “remains committed to its project in Yetagun and is taking all necessary measures to resume production as soon as possible”. This shows PETRONAS is trying to do business as usual by ignoring the severe crisis in which the country has plunged into, with hundreds of people have been killed since the coup staged by the Burmese military on 1 February 2021.

As of 4 April 2021, already 564 people have been killed by the Burmese military regime, while a total of 2667 people are under detention, including elected members of parliament, journalist, workers and ordinary people who are just protesting to defend democracy and against the ruthless military coup.

For a Malaysian government wholly-owned company to continue its investment and operation in Myanmar, is not only a recognition of the illegal and brutal military regime in Myanmar, but also funding the murderous act of the junta against the people of Myanmar. This must be stop immediately.

Hence, we call upon the Malaysian Government to take immediate action to instruct its government-linked companies to stop cooperation with the Burmese military, and withdraw all the investment from the country, in order to stop providing life-line to the murderous military regime.

Words from the Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin to call upon the Burmese military regime “to change its course, and choose a path towards peaceful solutions”, is fell short if there is no decisive action from the Malaysian government.

Malaysian Government should send a strong message through the cutting off of military and economic cooperation with the Burmese junta immediately. This including that the cooperation like sending back Burmese migrants with naval vessels should not be happened again.

We reiterate our solidarity with the people of Myanmar in their courageous struggle against the coup regime and for democracy.

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