

ONCE AGAIN PLEADING FOR GREATER GOOD FOR
GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE - MYITSONE DAM AND THE
FUTURE OF MYANMAR PEOPLE

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Dear Country Men and Women,

Greetings.

A few weeks ago, we made a passionate plea to all the stakeholders to stop any effort to dam our Mother River Irrawaddy.

We are heartened by the response of the army which has assured that the feelings of the people of Myanmar will be taken into consideration in the dam issue.

Yet we are deeply concerned and worried. There are signs that extreme pressure is brought on our leaders to restart the Myitsone dam. Millions stand to lose their

livelihood. Environmental and Economic catastrophes are already predicted by the scientific community.

China is a superpower. It has been an all-weather friend to Myanmar. It can contribute to the welfare of the millions by stopping this dam initiative once for all. The superpower can really help our poor in many other ways.

Once again, with tears in our eyes, our hearts burdened with the impending risks to millions, we plead with all stakeholder to stop the dam once for all. Irrawaddy is a sacred mother to all of us. Kindly annul the agreement once for all.

Our military and civilian leadership, we strongly believe, always keep the welfare of the poor people of Myanmar in their plans. The resources of Myanmar belong to the people of Myanmar. Myitsone dam sadly does not benefit the people of Myanmar.

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