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## **GLOBAL MYANMAR SPRING REVOLUTION AND BLOOD MONEY CAMPAIGN CAUTIOUSLY WELCOME TOTALENERGIES AND CHEVRONS ANNOUNCEMENT TO EXIT MYANMAR**

Global Myanmar Spring Revolution (GMSR) and Blood Money Campaign (BMC) cautiously welcome the announcements that TotalEnergies and Chevron will exit Myanmar as a decisive win for the people of Myanmar.

We wish to reiterate that our cause was and continues to be preventing the junta from accessing foreign revenue sources that fund its atrocity crimes. While exiting Myanmar or stopping gas production was not our primary goal, we perceive this as a significant development and urge both companies to exit responsibly.

We note [Chevron's previous statement](#) in May 2021 that it "will comply with any sanctions imposed by the U.S. government." Equally [TotalEnergies states](#) it will not only comply with sanctions from the European authorities but also "supports the implementation of such targeted sanctions." TotalEnergies states they have formally requested the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs enact such sanctions.

The recent announcements show a pivotal shift in corporate sentiment. There are now no excuses for the US, France and the EU not to enact targeted sanctions on oil and gas revenue, and Myanmar state-owned enterprise Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE).

Gas revenue flowing through MOGE is forecast to be USD 1.5 Billion in 2021-2022. These funds are used to purchase advanced heavy weapons, spyware, to fund propaganda and continue the escalating war of terror on the Myanmar people. These systematic atrocities committed by the Myanmar military can be [categorised as terrorism](#) under Myanmar counter terrorism law and international law.

Responsible exiting must ensure that new contracts are not created with the terrorist junta. Remaining and new operators can be considered complicit to crimes against humanity and war crimes.

As TotalEnergies and Chevron transition towards exiting Myanmar over a process of many months, it is imperative that none of the revenue reaches the junta. For as long as they remain in Myanmar, these companies must stop pretending they are powerless and order the new operator, PTT, to make all payments to protected accounts. Their contracts are with the Government of Myanmar and they must stop treating the criminal junta as a legitimate government.

We thank all of our allies, partners, and supporting organisations and individuals who have campaigned internationally to block the flow of financial support to the Myanmar military junta. We stand in solidarity with the brave people of Myanmar who continue their resistance to the junta and have repeatedly called for international actions. It is now more important than ever that the international community support their call for democracy and peace.

We again call upon U.S. President Biden and France's President Macron to cut the cash to the terrorist junta by immediately enacting targeted sanctions on gas revenues, and to sanction state-owned enterprise MOGE.

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