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Announcement

For some time now, Islamic extremist militant armed groups operating along the Bangladesh-Arakan border, such as ARSA, ARA, RSO, and other terrorist organizations, have been taking advantage of the fact that the Arakan Army is fighting against the brutal offensive of the fascist terrorist military junta for years. They have been planting improvised mines in remote and sparsely populated jungle areas and along roadsides across the border and within the Arakan region, carrying out ambushes, murders, plotting terrorist attacks, extorting money from local civilians through arrests and kidnappings, committing violent robberies and killings, and stealing local-owned buffaloes and cattle.

Local civilians from both sides traveling along the border have occasionally stepped on mines planted by Islamic extremist militant terrorist organizations such as ARSA, ARA, and RSO, resulting in deaths and injuries. We have learned that on May 24, 2026, at around 11:00 AM, a mine explosion occurred in Naikhongchhari Township (Arakan name: Nat Kyauk Sari Township), Bandarban District (Arakan name: Rwar Taw District), Bangladesh, along the Arakan-Bangladesh border. Approximately three innocent local civilians working on nearby swidden farms lost their lives in this incident. The United League of Arakan/Arakan Army (ULA/AA) is deeply saddened by this and shares the grief with the victims' families and relatives.

Some terrorist groups operating along the border, including Islamic extremist militant armed groups such as ARSA, ARA, RSO, as well as their proxy propaganda social media channels, are falsely accusing and spreading misinformation that the incident was caused by mines planted by members of the ULA/AA. We unequivocally deny these allegations, as the incident occurred on the Bangladeshi side and has absolutely no connection to us whatsoever. Furthermore, this area is one of the main operating grounds where Islamic extremist militant armed terrorists such as ARSA, ARA, and RSO move about and operate. It is also an area where these terrorist groups restrict the movement of local indigenous peoples of Bangladesh. Therefore, we would like to advise parents and civilians living in the Arakan-Bangladesh border region to be especially cautious of mines and the dangers posed by Islamic extremist militant

armed groups, not only in jungles and remote areas but also in places where they regularly travel.

Although formal diplomatic relations do not yet exist between the Government of Bangladesh and the Arakkha People's Revolutionary Government, just as progress and mutual understanding on socio-economic, health, and humanitarian affairs for the civilian populations on both sides of the border were nearing achievement, some internationally-based groups with malicious intent are now attacking and politically smearing the ULA/AA through various acts aimed at damaging and destroying bilateral relations in the wake of this incident.

Therefore, we solemnly announce that this mine explosion has absolutely no connection to the ULA/AA, and we stand ready to cooperate with the Government of Bangladesh and international counter-terrorism organizations to counter the terrorist dangers posed by the Islamic extremist militant armed groups that are committing various acts of terror along the border region.

United League of Arakan

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