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**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** In Myanmar/Burma, parents are disowning their children in newspapers to save themselves from punishment

A year after the coup d'état by General Min Aung Hlaing that put an end to Myanmar/Burma's democratic season, repression and punishments are still a daunting reality.

Entire families of young people who are fighting against the regime are subject to severe punishments such as imprisonment and seizures and confiscation of property.

These families are obliged to disown their children in order to avoid such measures.

In this Southeast Asian country, there is still a tradition from the distant past: responsibility does not lie with the individual but with the clan.

Therefore, family members find themselves forced to openly repudiate their insurgent sons and daughters by resorting to official statements.

Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy aware that the generals in Myanmar/Burma are misusing propaganda with the intention of cracking down on insurgents fighting against the overthrow of democratic institutions?