

United Nations General Assembly, Myanmar  
Russia-Ukraine Crisis



The mankind saw one of the worst phases of life in recent events since the beginning of 2019 starting with the pandemic followed by war which had begun on 2014 reigniting again since 24 February 2022 with an intensive effects on Ukrainian people along with rest of the world. Russia, since the start of war has been able to capture some of the eastern part of Ukraine. This invasion has led to almost more than 6 million people fleeing the country. Russian president Vladimir Putin has always strongly alleged about NATO(North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and EU(European Union)'s role in controlling Ukraine. Russia began a major military build-up near the Russo-Ukrainian border in early 2021 which was followed by a second build up in late that year to early 2022. Though Russia started building up its military near Ukraine, the government had always denied the plans on attacking Ukraine. However it does not end here, the Russian president also firmly believes that the NATO threatens Russia's national security which is why Russia demands NATO to stop expanding its territory and permanently bar Ukraine from joining it. Ukraine faced the invasion on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 marking more than 80 days till date with heavy casualties and large population displacement as Russia's attack is only intensifying with each passing day. Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy has always maintained his clear stance on Ukraine being an independent country with its own unique historiography, culture and religion. Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been widely praised by people all around the world for his statesmanship during the conflict. His constant support to people has helped Ukraine resist the Russian military force to some extent as the war has already entered its third month.

On the other hand, United Nations has strongly condemned Russia's military actions by declaring it to be a violation of laws of nations on humanitarian grounds. A United Nations General Assembly resolution demanded withdrawal of Russian militants. Many countries have since condemned the war strongly and signed sanctions against Russia with most of them banning Russia from different businesses. United Nation has continuously provided support with food, medical supplies and shelter to the people of Ukraine. But a major crisis is still expected to hit globally soon if the war continues longer. This horrendous action of Russia has managed to grab people's attention around the world and Myanmar remains one of them. While the people of Myanmar may be in solidarity with Ukrainians but they still believe the ongoing tensions in their country is no smaller issue and should be called out by United Nation officials as well as other International government in the same manner as Russia Ukraine crisis. The coup and internal conflict that occurred in February 2021 led to many civilian casualties. But it brought back major shift in the power controlling the country with reign of Military Junta again. The military junta has blatantly extended its support to Russia in the war claiming whatever Russia has done is right

measure to preserve its sovereignty. Russia had been supporting Myanmar with supply of arms and ammunition but since the war its been on hold which has brought problems in Myanmar military. The junta's legal defense had mention about the situation about Ukraine in International Court of Justice claiming that the people of Ukraine have brought the war situation upon themselves by choosing a weak leader.

The delegate of Myanmar proposes for diplomatic talks between Russia and Ukraine official so that there will be decrease in high risk of crisis globally. Russia and Ukraine can further sign peace treaty mentioning rules and laws to be followed on humanitarian grounds. Sanctions should be signed and followed strictly while keeping the people and their rights in mind. Both the countries should rather move towards demilitarization. Bilateral talks should be held between both the countries.