

UNSC condemns Myanmar executions

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The UN Security Council has condemned the Myanmar junta's execution of four prisoners, drawing praise on Thursday from a shadow government of ousted Myanmar lawmakers.

In a rare consensus on the post-coup crisis, the Security Council on Wednesday released a statement condemning the executions – Myanmar's first in decades – and calling for the immediate release of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"The members of the Security Council condemned the Myanmar military's exe-

cution of Opposition activists over the weekend," the Council said.

"They recalled the Secretary-General's statement of July 25, 2022 and echoed his call for the immediate release of all arbitrarily detained prisoners."

The statement was endorsed by Russia and China – the junta's two major allies that have previously shielded it at the UN – as well as neighbouring India.

"Welcome UNSC condemning execution of democracy activists", said the "National Unity Government" (NUG) on a verified Twitter account.