



Justice For Myanmar welcomes Vaibhav Global's removal of listings and investigation into Myanmar gems

November 25, 2021, Myanmar: Indian publicly listed jewellery company Vaibhav Global Limited has announced that they have removed all listings that include Myanmar gems while they undertake an investigation into the sourcing of gems from Myanmar. This comes after Justice For Myanmar published an investigation into Vaibhav Global's trade in Myanmar gems and retail sales through their own subsidiaries and third-party marketplaces, including Amazon, Overstock and Walmart.

Justice For Myanmar spokesperson Yadanar Maung says: *"We welcome Vaibhav Global's swift action to suspend sales of Myanmar gems while they conduct an investigation. This investigation should be independent, transparent and involve consultation with the National Unity Government and Myanmar civil society. This should also be a wake-up call to ecommerce giants Amazon, Overstock and Walmart. Other companies continue to sell Myanmar gems on their platforms. Amazon, Overstock and Walmart must take action to end their involvement in this trade that finances the Myanmar military's atrocities, in accordance with their human rights responsibilities."*

Section 203 of the Burma Act of 2021, introduced in October and currently before Congress, authorises the prohibition of all US imports of Myanmar gemstones. Justice For Myanmar urges members of Congress to stand with the people of Myanmar by passing the Burma Act as soon as possible and prohibit imports of Myanmar gemstones.

Note to editors

See Justice For Myanmar's investigation into Vaibhav Global's trade in Myanmar gems:
www.justiceformyanmar.org/stories/us-retailers-trading-in-myanmar-gems-despite-sanctions

Justice For Myanmar, a group of covert activists campaigning for justice and accountability for the people of Myanmar, is calling for an end to military business and for federal democracy and a sustainable peace.

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