

## Urgent Appeal by Civil Society and Faith Organisations

Kachin and Shan States, 20 December 2016

As leaders of civil society and faith organisations in the Kachin and Shan States, we call upon the National League for Democracy government to take immediate action to halt military offensives, protect the lives of internally-displaced persons and local citizens whose lives are at extreme threat, and prioritize the achievement of nationwide peace that it promised upon taking office. At a time when all the people seek peace, the national armed forces, known as the Tatmadaw, continue to pursue different policies in the northeast of the country, furthering displacement and the suffering of local communities. This is not what the people desired or expected when the National League for Democracy was voted into office by popular mandate last year.

The situation is now especially perilous for internally-displaced persons (IDPs) in the Kachin State. In modern warfare, civilians are often the main casualties in conflict. Despite peace talks and the promises of a nationwide ceasefire, the Tatmadaw has continued military operations against the Gidon post of the Kachin Independence Organisations for several months. During the past days, the fighting has seriously escalated, with the national armed forces launching repeated attacks, including airstrikes and heavy artillery. The offensive is affecting civilian areas, with shells landing near IDPs and traumatizing those in the Mung Lai Hkyet (WoiChyai) camp. They have nowhere left to flee except to Laiza, with only China beyond where more IDPs and civilians recently sought sanctuary. The recent aerial bombardments in Mung Gu, Northern Shan state, had seen significant civilian casualties, serious damage to the local livelihood, public buildings and civilian properties, as well as mass displacements.

Amidst such suffering, the people are asking if this is really the policy of the National League for Democracy government? The silence from the government and international

community has been deafening. Just three months ago, hopes had been high after the Union Peace Conference, known as the "21st Century Panglong". But since this time, military operations have increased, and despair is growing among ethnic nationality peoples in many parts of the country.

We therefore call, as a matter of national priority, for an immediate halt to military offensives and for State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to visit the IDP communities in Kachin State and Northern Shan State to see for herself the grave conditions under which they live. It is the duty of the government to protect the lives and rights of all peoples. The humanitarian crisis is now urgent, and hopes for the achievement of nationwide peace under the present government are diminishing.

We also call for urgent international attention and relief. During the past five years, the international peace industry has neglected the deteriorating crisis in northeast Myanmar while concentrating on peace initiatives elsewhere. This has been a major error and fails to understand the political crisis in our country. Peace and democracy will not be established until they are inclusive and the rights of all peoples are respected equally.

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Organisations endorsed:

- 1 Ah Linn Thit (အလင်းသစ်)
- 2 Aakan New Generation (ရခိုင် လူငယ်မျိုးဆက်သစ်)
- 3 Bamaw CSOs Network
- 4 Bilu Buddhis Youth
- 5 Bridging Rural Integrated Development and Grassroots Empowerment (BRIDGE)
- 6 Chin Youth Network (CYN)
- 7 Civil Health and Development Network(Karenni State)
- 8 Civil Society Forum for Peace CSFoP
- 9 Community Work for Kachin
- 10 Community Youth Center
- 11 Danu Development (Tgi)
- 12 Danu Youth Group (နေလူငယ်အဖွဲ့)
- 13 Democracy for Ethnic Minorities Organisation (DEMO) ရေထွက်ဦးလမ်း တောင်ကြီးမြို့။
- 14 Democratic Education Corner – DEC
- 15 Ethnic Youth Conference
- 16 Ethnic Affairs Institute ( EAI)
- 17 Ethnic Youths Development Center (EYDC)
- 18 Farmer Union (Kyaukse )
- 19 Farmers and Landworkers Union (Myanmar)
- 20 Farmers Network Kutkai
- 21 Freethinkers
- 22 Future Green (IDPs Youth Network)
- 23 Gaia Sustainable Management Institute
- 24 Genuine People's Servants
- 25 Green Rights Organization (Shan State)
- 26 Green Rights Organization (Shan State)
- 27 GYG အစိမ်းရောင်လူငယ်များအဖွဲ့
- 28 Htee Chaint Network (ထီးချိုင့်ကွန်ယက်)
- 29 Htee Chaint Sanpya Funeral Service Association (ထီးချိုင့်စံပြလူငယ်နာရေးကူညီမှုအသင်း)
- 30 Htoi Gender and Development Organisation
- 31 Human Rights Defenders and Promoters – HRDP

- 32 INSTITUTE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES (MAI JA YANG)
- 33 Islam Ta Khun – Bamaw အစ္စလာမ်တံခွန်( ဗန်းမော်မြို့)
- 34 Justice and Peace Commission (CBCM)
- 35 Kachin Association Victoria, Australia
- 36 Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC)
- 37 Kachin Canadian Association
- 38 Kachin National Youth Network
- 39 Kachin Peace Network
- 40 Kachin Women Peace Network
- 41 Kachin Youth Organisation
- 42 Kanbawza Youth Library (သရဖီလမ်း၊ စိန်ပန်းရပ်၊ ပြည်နယ်ရဲရုံးအနီး၊ တောင်ကြီးမြို့)
- 43 Kandarawaddy Youth(KDY)
- 44 Kann Let Myitta (ကမ်းလက်မေတ္တာ၊ ၈/၂၈၉၊ သပြေလမ်းသွယ်၊ စဝ်စံထွန်းရပ်ကွက်၊ တောင်ကြီးမြို့)
- 45 Karen River Watch
- 46 Karenni Earth-right Action Network ( KEAN)
- 47 Karenni Ever Green
- 48 Karenni National People Liberation Force (Youth) ကရင်နီပြည်လူမျိုးပေါင်းစုံပြည်သူ့လွတ်မြောက်ရေးတပ်မတော်
- 49 Karenni National Progressive Party (Youth)
- 50 Karenni National Youth
- 51 Karenni State Farmer Union (ကရင်နီပြည်တောင်သူလယ်သမားများသမဂ္ဂ)
- 52 Karenni State Peace Monitoring Network
- 53 Karenni Women Organization
- 54 Karuna Let Myar – Meikhtilar (ဂရုဏာလက်များ မိတ္ထီလာ)
- 55 Karuna Mission Social Solidarity –Loikaw
- 56 Karuna Mission Social Solidarity (KMSS),
- 57 Kayah Baptist Association- Christian Social Service and Development Department
- 58 Kayah Phu Baptist Association- Christian Social Service Development Association
- 59 Kayah State Student Union
- 60 Kayah State Youth Network
- 61 Kayan Local Development Organisation (ကယန်းဒေသလူမှုဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့)
- 62 Kayan New Generation Youth
- 63 Kayan Women Organization

- 64 Keinara Rural Social Development Organisation (ကိန္နရာကျေးလက်လူမှုဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့)
- 65 KESEAN
- 66 KNPLF-Youth ကရင်နီပြည်လူမျိုးပေါင်းစုံပြည်သူ့လွတ်မြောက်ရေးတပ်ဦး-လူငယ် (KNPLF-youth)
- 67 Kuki Affairs Council (KAC)
- 68 Kun Chan Gone Network ကွမ်းခြံတုန်းကွန်ယက် - မျိုးမြင့်အေ ဘင်(မှန်ကြီး) 09420161136
- 69 Kutkai Region Farmer Network (ကွတ်ခိုင်ဒေသတောင်သူကွန်ယက်)
- 70 Lahu Development Network (ကျိုင်းတုံ)
- 71 Law Home (Kayah)
- 72 LEO Kutkai
- 73 Level Up Academy
- 74 LIAN Technical Support Group (Loikaw, Karenni Sate)
- 75 Linn Let Kyal Pwint Women League (လင်းလက်ကြယ်ပွင့်အ မျိုးသမီးဦးဆောင်အဖွဲ့)
- 76 Local Development Network
- 77 Mali Ingra Volunteers Group
- 78 Mandalay affairs team
- 79 Mandalay Community Center
- 80 Mawchi Region Development Network (မော်ချီးဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကွန်ယက်)
- 81 Mawduklarmae Social Development Association
- 82 May Myo Farmer Network (မေမြို့တောင်သူကွန်ယက်)
- 83 Metta Development Foundation (Metta),
- 84 Mingalar Foundation မင်္ဂလာ ဖောင်ဒေးရှင်း
- 85 Mon Women Network (MWN)
- 86 Mong Pan Youth Group (မိုင်းပန်လူငယ်အဖွဲ့)
- 87 Mungmau Kachin Baptist Association (မုံးမော်နယ်ကချင်နှစ်ခြင်းအ သင်းတော်များအဖွဲ့.)
- 88 Myanmar Alliance for Transparency & Accountability (MATA) Mandalay Working Group
- 89 Myanmar People Alliance (Shan)
- 90 Myanmar-China Pipeline Watch Committee
- 91 Nant Khone Shan Parahita Association (နမ်ခုံးရှမ်းများ ပရဟိတအ သင်း)
- 92 Naushawng Education Network
- 93 New Generation (Shan) မျိုးဆက်သစ် (ရှမ်းပြည်)
- 94 NINGTAWN, Kachin Education Support Group
- 95 NSS Buddhist Youth

- 96 Nyein (Shalom) Foundation
- 97 Our Lovely World, အမှတ် ၄၅ ဂုဏ်ထူးလမ်းသွယ်၊ ပြည်တော်သာရပ်၊ တောင်ကြီးမြို့။
- 98 Pay Set Ah Lin Tann (ပေးဆပ်အ လင်းတန်း)
- 99 Peace & Open Society (Kyaukse)
- 100 Pyin Oo Lwin Farmers Network မေမြို့တောင်သူကွန်ယက်
- 101 Research and Translation Consultancy Cluster
- 102 Rural Development Agency
- 103 Sea Lovers
- 104 Sein Lann Pyin Oo Lwin (စိမ်းလန်းပြင်ဦးလွင်)
- 105 Shan State Kachin Baptist Association (ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်ကချင်နစ်ခြင်းခရစ်ယာန်အ သင်းတော်များအ ဖွဲ့)
- 106 Shan State Kachin National Network
- 107 Shan State Peace Task Force
- 108 Shan Youth (Yangon) သျှမ်းလူငယ်မောင်မယ်များအ ဖွဲ့အ စည်း (ရန်ကုန်)
- 109 Shingnip Legal Aid Network
- 110 Sittaung Than Sin Social Network (စစ်တောင်းသံစဉ်လူမှုကွန်ယက်)
- 111 Southern Shan State Youth Network
- 112 Southern Shan Women Network ရှမ်းတောင်အ မျိုးသမီးအ ဖွဲ့များကွန်ယက်
- 113 Summer Shelter Library (နွေအ ရိပ် စာကြည့်တိုက်)
- 114 Swe Tha Har Organisation
- 115 Taang Students and Youth Union တအာ ဘင်းကျောင်းသားနှင့်လူငယ်များအ ဖွဲ့ (TSYU)
- 116 Taang Women's Organization (တအာ ဘင်းအ မျိုးသမီးအ ဖွဲ့အ စည်း)
- 117 Taunggyi Education Network (တောင်ကြီးပညာရေးကွန်ယက်)
- 118 Taunggyi Youth Center, အ မှတ် ၂၆၊ ဂန္ဓာမာလမ်း၊ အ ရှေ့ပင်စင်၊
- 119 The Seagull Human Right, Peace and Development
- 120 Union Karenni State Youth
- 121 Women and Peace Action Network (Shan)
- 122 Women For Women Foundation
- 123 Women's Initiatives Platform (WIP) အ မျိုးသမီးရှေ့ဆောင်ရပ်ဝန်း
- 124 Wunpawng Ninghtoi (WPN)
- 125 Yangon Kachin Baptist Youth (YJH Youth)

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| 4  | Bawk Hkawn         | Kutkai    | CSO      |
| 5  | Kaw Mai            | Yangon    | CSO      |
| 6  | Hkawn Ra           | Yangon    | CSO      |
| 7  | Lu Nan - Myitkyina | Myitkyina | CSO      |
| 8  | Hka Dau            | Myitkyina | CSO      |
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| 11 | Lway Myat Noe      | Yangon    | CSO      |
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| 13 | Mung Dan Nwawn     | Myitkyina | Business |
| 14 | Nang Bawk          | Myitkyina | CSO      |
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