

Restoration Council of Shan State/ Shan State Army

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Government: Shan State Army - South

<http://www.rcssanc.org>



SUMMARY

Founded: 1964/1996
Headquarters: Loi Tai Leng, Southern Shan State
Operational Area: Mong Ton, Mong Hsat in Eastern Shan State, Mong Pan, Mong Nai, Laikha, Kunhing, Lawksawk, Maukmai, Mongkaung, Nam Hsan in Southern Shan State, Kyaukme and Nam Kham in Northern Shan State
Estimated Strength: 8,000+

Leader: Lt. Gen. Yawd Serk

RCSS also known as SSA-S was formed from the Shan United Revolutionary Army (SURA) by Lt. Gen. Yawd Serk that opposed the ceasefire with the government made by the mainstream SSA. T

Affiliations: Former Communist Party of Burma (CPB), Shan United Revolutionary Army (SURA) and Mong Tai Army (MTA)
CEC members: 11 members
Chairman and Commander in Chief: Lt. Gen. Yawd Serk
Vice chairman 1: Maj. Gen. Sai Yee
Vice Chairman 2: Col. Kherh Ngeun
General Secretary: Lt. Col. Siri

Chief of Civil Administration and chief of peace delegation: Brig. Gen. Pawng Kherh
Commander of eastern military command: Lt. Gen. Yawd Serk
Spokesperson 1: Col. Sai Lao Hseng
Spokesperson 2: Lt. Col. Sai Hseng Meung
CEC: Col. Sai Nguen (peace delegation)

*RCSS is known as Shan State Army - South as well as a member of Committee for Shan State Unity (CSSU). The CSSU was established on Oct 15, 2013. The CSSU's members include the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS), Shan State Joint Action Committee (SSJAC- a coalition of SNLD and SSPP) and the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, as well as 13 civil society organizations.

Ceasefire & Peace Process

4th ceasefire re signing group.

Stage 1: State level ceasefire 2 Dec 2011

Stage 2: Union level ceasefire 16 Jan 2012

Stage 3: NCA signed 15 Oct 2015

Post ceasefire conflict:

2012: 68

2013: 76

2014: 21

2015: 13

2016: 4

Liaison offices:

1. Taung Gyi (22/02/2012)

2. Keng Tung (22/02/2012)

3. Tachilek (29/02/2012)

4. Mongton (29/02/2012)

5. Kho Lam (21/03/2012)

6. Muse (Business liaison office)

7. Mong Pan (6/03/2014)

Official delegation team

Chief Negotiator: Brig Gen Pawng Kherh

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Alliances: PPST, PPWT/CT, UPDJC, JMC member

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Meetings

#	Date	Location	Armed Group Rep
1	19/11/11	Thai-Shan border	Yawd Serk
Other SSA-S delegates: Sao Khuen Sai			
Mediators: Nay Win Maung, Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing and Tin Maung Than, Harn Yawngwe			
2	02/12/11	Taunggyi	Sai Lu
Other govt delegates: Khin Maung Soe, Col Aung Thu, the minister of Border Affairs and Security; Shar			
3	01/01/12	Taunggyi	U Khin Maung Soe
4	16/01/12	Taunggyi	Sai Baung Khe
Other govt Delegates: U Win Tun, Minister of Forestry; No 2 Electric Power Minister, U Khin Maung Soe			
5	19/05/12	Kengtung	Yawd Serk
Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Mi			
6	28/10/12	Tachilek	Pawng Kherh
7	10/06/2013	Naypyitaw	Yward Serk

8	12/07/2013	Chiang Mai, Thailand	MPC Technical Team
9	15/08/2013	MPC in Yangon	Col. Sai La
10	23/08/2013	Yangon	RCSS + KNU
11	31/08/2013	Nay Pyi Taw	RCSS + KNU+ CNF (Gen
12	02/09/2013	Taunggyi	RCSS/SSA, PNO, Ya La
13	07/09/2013	Chiang Mai, Thailand	RCSS/ KNU
The 14 point draft nationwide ceasefire accord presented by the ethnic armed movements was in principle			
14	20/09/2013	Taunggyi	RCSS, SSPP, PNLO
This is an informal meeting between UPWC and RCSS, SSPP, and PNLO in Taunggyi city. U Aung Min			
15	18/06/2014	Chaing Rai, Mae Khong r	Gen Yan, Gen Soden
Govt representatives U Aung Min with MPC people and RCSS leader have dinner at the bank of the Ma			
16	14/07/2014	Chiang Mai, Thailand	Maj. Gen. Paung Khur, C

They discussed about next round of peace talk and other peace related issue. This is an informal meeti

Developments

So far the local monitoring group is yet to be formed. U Aung Min said earlier that he was still drafting rules and regulations for the said body.

Points presented for the first step of peace process:

U Aung Min

RCSS

1. To make ceasefire
2. To form delegation and set up offices for communication
3. To allow each party without arms to pass through each party's area of control
4. To set up the date and venue for political negotiation with Naypyidaw level

1. To make ceasefire
2. To be able to discuss politics
3. To set up development area
4. To cooperate in the drug eradication

Liaison offices

- Taunggyi, Kengtung, Kholam, Tachilek and Mongton

Monitoring

- Two sides to conduct joint field survey
- A peace-monitoring group will be formed before the end of July 2012 after the "nomination by the two sides of suitable persons"
 - RCSS organized a meeting of the Shan State scholars on 22-23/08/2012 and formed this Peace Monitoring Committee consisting of 19 members
 - the SSA field team leader Brig-Gen Pawng Kherh told SHAN, 19 people, some of them highly regarded in the Shan community, have volunteered to become Peace Monitors to be watchdogs against truce violations between government troops and the armed resistance.
- U Aung Min, the government's key negotiator, said on 1 July that regulations for peace monitors were still being drafted and that the body would include people nominated by the government, the resistance and the media."

Military

- Coordinate with each other in advance before moving with arms out of designated positions.
- The two sides will remain at positions agreed upon by both sides.
- Designation of areas will be discussed further at the Union level talks.

Resettlement

- Government will assist families of the RCSS/SSA members to earn adequate.
- National ID cards will be issued to members, family members and people residing with the RCSS/SSA.

Economic

- Special industrial zone will be set up and controlled by the RCSS.
- RCSS/SSA is permitted to request assistance from and coordinate with NGOs and INGOs.
- The 10-day visit inside the country from 15-24 January 2012, included the signing of the Union level agreement for security and development and meetings with both Shan political parties and civil societies. Shan State Army – (RCSS/SSA) leaders concluded a seven-day tour of businesses. At the invitation of the government peace team led by Railway Minister Aung Min, a seven-member RCSS/SSA team visited Rangoon and Mandalay and a three-member team visited Muse in northern Shan State
- Has set up a 6 companies under the name Shan Taung Tan Cherry on 14 May 2012, these include travel and tours gems and jewelry, trading, services, industry and hotel.

Social

- Government will assist the RCSS/SSA in the preservation and promotion of Shan literature and culture
- RCSS/SSA will be allowed to register its Tai Freedom news agency after the new media law comes into effect

Political

- Members and supporters of RCSS/SSA who are in prison will be released except for those who have been imprisoned on criminal charges.
- Two sides will continue to build up mutual trust to enable the RCSS/SSA to be totally withdrawn from the list of unlawful associations.
- The RCSS/SSA is free to hold political consultations with individuals, groups and communities throughout the country
- A small team of SSA led by Awng Hseuk spoke to the public gathering in Pongpakhem, located 16 km north of the Thai-Burma border and announced that the SSA-S will stop collecting taxes and recruits from the ordinary people. (19/01/2012)
- The RCSS/SSA will urge the people for their participation in the political negotiations with the government during the upcoming 2013 (14/12/2012)

Drugs

replacement planning (28-29 December 2012),

Shan Conference named "Trust building for peace" held in Taw-win-ninsi hall, Shwegontai, Yangon on 26 November 2012. Minister Aung Min, chief negotiator, gave the opening speech. Minister Aung Min and Minister Soe Thein attended the meeting. Some 150 Shan Representatives from SNLD, SNDP, TNDP, RCSS/SSA, SSPP/SSA, NDAA and others attended the meeting.

SNLD chairperson U Khun Tun Oo visited Mongla on 6-9 Dec 2012 and he met Mongla leader U Sai Leun and was accompanied by RCSS/SSA liaison officers.

PNLO anti-drug partnership

International Partnerships

UNODC - tripartite agreement

MPSI

2/9/12 : Representatives of the Myanmar Peace Support Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council, the Shan State Army –South/Restoration Council of Shan State, and Shan Relief and Development Committee met to discuss the proposed pilot projects under the MPSI. The participants agreed to conduct an assessment among internally-displaced persons' camps, to learn their concerns, needs, and aspirations for the future. 'Needs' will mean both immediate needs in their host communities and in areas of return. This survey will be conducted at the end of the rainy season 2012, approximately late October, and will be implemented by local Shan organisations. [Press Release](#)

Business concessions:

Statements

11 Feb 2016 - [RCSS released a Statement on the armed conflicts between RCSS/SSA and TNLA](#)

09 Dec 2015 - [RCSS released a Statement concerning the armed conflict between TNLA and RCSS/SSA](#)

15 Oct 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on NCA signing](#)

08 Oct 2015 - [RCSS released a position statement on the NCA \(Eng\)](#)

08 Oct 2015 - [RCSS released a position statement on the NCA \(Bur\)](#)

08 Oct 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on signing the NCA](#)

16 Sep 2015 - [RCSS released a statement to stop election campaign in its control area \(Eng\)](#)

16 Sep 2015 - [RCSS released a statement to stop election campaign in its control area \(Bur\)](#)

17 Aug 2015 - [KNU, DKBA, KNU/KNLA Peace Council, and RCSS released a joint statement on signing the NCA](#)

04 August 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on current political situation](#)

03 July 2015 - [RCSS/SSA released a statement after bi-annual meeting \(Bur\)](#)

June 26, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking \(Shan\)](#)

June 26, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking \(Eng\)](#)

June 3, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on the NCA \(Eng\)](#)

June 3, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on the NCA \(Bur\)](#)

April 28, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on Pangsang trip](#)

Jan 15, 2015 - [RCSS released a statement on 15 Jan 2015 after annual meeting \(Shan version\)](#)

Oct 04, 2014 - [SNLD, SNDP, RCSS, and SSPP released a joint statement](#)

Oct 03, 2014 - [Shan leaders sent an open letter to president](#)

Oct 03, 2014 - [RCSS released a statement on Myanmar army launch military operation on SSPP](#)

Jun 26, 2014 - [On International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#)

Feb 14, 2014 - [RCSS leader Lt Gen Yawd Serk interview by Irrawaddy](#)

Feb 14, 2014 - [RCSS leader Lt Gen Yawd Serk reselected for chairman](#)

Feb 13, 2014 - [RCSS recruited new 4,000 members with 4 years](#)

Dec 23, 2013 - [RCSS's analysis over pilot drug eradication project with UNODC and govt - Bur](#)

Dec 23, 2013 - [RCSS's analysis over pilot drug eradication project with UNODC and govt - Eng](#)

Dec 09, 2013 - [Interview with RCSS leader Yawrt Serk](#)

Nov 09, 2013 - [RCSS statement on 11 common position - Bur](#)

Nov 09, 2013 - [RCSS statement on 11 common position - Eng](#)

Nov 02, 2013 - [An interview with RCSS representative Col Sai Hla in 7 days news.](#)

Oct 26, 2013 - [KNU and RCSS joint Statement - Bur](#)

Oct 26, 2013 - [KNU and RCSS joint Statement - Eng](#)

Oct 01, 2013 - [RCSS statement to ask govt and army to follow the agreement.](#)

Jul 17, 2013 - [KNU & RCSS Joint Statement](#)

Jun 29, 2013 - [RCSS statement on peace talk with UPWC](#)

Jun 26, 2013 - [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#)

Feb 16, 2013 - [RCSS leader interview on Irrawaddy news](#)

Jan 19, 2013 - [RCSS-Statement 13th Annual Meeting Headquarters Loi Tai Leng](#)

Dec 14, 2012 - RCSS/SSA launched their 5 aims for the future politics on one year anniversary of ceasefire agreement

Dec 13, 2012 - Brig Gen Pawng Kherh said if anyone were to be prosecuted with Section 17-1 (unlawful association) for assisting in the peace process, the first one should be his Naypyitaw counterpart U Aung Min.

Nov 08, 2012 - Further violations of the ceasefire by the government army may result in the collapse of the treaty, warned Lt-Gen Yawdserk

Oct 29, 2012 - [RCSS Statement Standpoint SNLD](#)

Oct 26, 2012 - A meaningful and successful political dialogue means both sides must be willing to make concessions - Lt-Gen Yawdserk

Oct 19, 2012 - RCSS/SSA launched a statement that it supporting to the standpoint of SNLD

Sep 12, 2012 - RCSS/SSA commanders say they are frustrated with the government in trying to establish a true ceasefire, saying it was only with Naypyidaw, but not the government army.

Aug 24, 2012 - A recent report submitted by the month long RCSS/SSA field trip to its leadership says most people, despite the on and off clashes with the government Army, have recommended continued talks to reach a political solution is the best option available at present

Jul 02, 2012 - [Statement to urge Shan State people](#)

Mar 21, 2012 - [RCSS Statement: Policy to be implemented during ceasefire](#)

Jan 27, 2012 - [Statement on Union Level Peace Negotiation](#)

Jan 13, 2012 - [Statement on the release of Sao Khun Htoon Oo and political prisoners by Burmese government](#)

Dec 10, 2011 - [Statement on the ceasefire agreement between Burmese government and RCSS/SSA](#)

Oct 20, 2011 - [RCSS Statement Seeking Opinion and Suggestions possibility of peace talks](#)

Aug 15, 2011 - [Statement on the Accusation of RCSS/SSA by Burmese Government Press Conference](#)

Jun 26, 2011 - [Statement on the World's Anti-Drugs Day](#)

Mar 27, 2011 - [Statement of condolence on the damage caused by the strong earthquake in Loi Muay, Tachilek and Keng Tung, Eastern Shan State](#)

Mar 04, 2011 - [Statement on Shan State Army launched a raid on the drug refinery of militia unit of Wan Zit tract, NamZarn Township](#)

Nov 09, 2010 - [RCSS Statement on Battle Between Dkba and Spdc](#)

Nov 07, 2010 - [RCSS-Statement-on Election](#)

Aug 21, 2010 - [SRCS Letter-to UN For bilateral dialogue regarding Union of Burma](#)

Jun 26, 2010 - [Statement on World Anti-Drugs Day](#)

Mar 27, 2011 - [Statement of condolence on the damage caused by the strong earthquake in Loi Muay, Tachilek and Keng Tung, Eastern Shan State](#)

Apr 30, 2010 - [Statement on SSPP/SSA's Transformation into Home Guard Force](#)

Jan 18, 2010 - [RCSS-Meeting-Statement](#)