

# KNU/KNLA Peace Council

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## SUMMARY

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| <b>Founded:</b>          | 31 Jan. 2007   |
| <b>Headquarters:</b>     | Tokawko, Kawkareik Township, Karen state                                   |
| <b>Operational Area:</b> | Tokawko village, Kawkareik Township, and Mae Hla Hta village in Hlaing Bwe |
| <b>Strength:</b>         | <200   |

The KNU/KNLA Peace Council was formed after the former KNLA brigade 7 commander Maj. Gen. Saw Htay Maung was dismissed by the KNU for initiating peace talks with the Myanmar army without the approval of the KNU central committee in 2007. Maj. Gen. Saw Htay Maung signed a peace deal with the Myanmar junta on January 31 that year and transformed his brigade 7 into the KNU/KNLA Peace Council.

### **Leadership**

Leader: Maj. Gen. Saw Htay Maung (also known as Maj. Gen. Saw Htein Maung)

Foreign Affairs Dept: Dr. Timothy Laklem

CEC member: Brig. Gen. Yin Nu

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### **The KNU/KNLA Peace Council's aim and determination is:**

1. To stop all kinds of military offenses against the Karen including stopping atrocities, forced labor and
  2. To regain the Karen land.
  3. To solve the refugees and IDP problem by allowing refugees to return to their homeland to live peacefully
  4. To allow Karen to cultivate our own land and utilizing our own natural resources to develop the Karen
  5. To allow Karen to freely practice religious and cultural celebrations including Karen National Day,
  6. To hold the legal right to have our own arms and set up our own Karen army forces to protect the
  7. To support non-violent activity that will bring political change to Democracy and the Karen to hold
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## **Ceasefire & Peace Process**

9th ceasefire signing group.

**Stage 1:** State level ceasefire 7 Feb 2012

**Stage 2:** NCA signed 15 October 2015

**Previous ceasefire:** 11 Feb 2017

Official delegation team: Saw Htay Maung

Dr. Timothy Laklem, Saw Yin Nu, Dr. Naw Ka Paw Htoo, Saw Eh Kaw Htoo, Saw Joseph

Dr. Saw Aung Than, Naw Karen Na

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## **Official delegation team**

Saw Htay Maung, Dr. Timothy Laklem, Saw Ray Nu, Dr. Naw Ka Paw Htoo, Saw Eh Kaw Htoo, Saw Jo

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## Liaison offices

1. Myawaddy
  2. Paya Thone Sue
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**Alliances:** Karen armed groups

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### Meetings

| #  | Date       | Location           | Armed Group Rep         |
|--|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 07/02/2012 | Naypyidaw          | Htay Maung              |
| KPC delegates: central committee members Dr Timothy, U Saw Yin Nu, Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo, U Saw E<br>Govt Delegates: U Thein Zaw, Union Minister U Ohn Myint, Kayan Township Pyithu Hluttaw representa |            |                    |                         |
| 2  | 21/1/2013  | Pa-an, Karen state | Htay Maung              |
| 3  | 27/1/2014  | Thaton township    | Brid Gen Saw Kyaw Lin ( |

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### Developments

**Agreed points:**

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- Members of KNU/KNLA Peace Council are allowed to maintain a presence at Maela Hta and Tokawko village
- Travel across borders with weapons after mutual pre-negotiations
- Provide accommodation to “region peace and development troops”
- Continue to negotiate until a permanent peace deal has been reached.
- State will allow and render assistance for self-reliant undertakings for quickly fulfilling the basic needs, education, health, transport, water and electricity supply in the area for resettlement of national races that are residing in another country and render assistance for self-reliance

**Demanding:**

- to cease of military operations in the region
- more development of border trade and regional infrastructure
- more exploration and trade licences for timber and mineral extraction to avoid exploitation from Thailand
- tourism

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**Statements**

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

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Agreement in Burmese](#)

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Statement in Burmese](#)

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Statement in English](#)

Sep 17, 2014 - [KNU peace council statement](#)

Sep 14, 2014 - [Myanmar army order knu peace council](#)

Jun 09, 2014 - [Clarification statement of KPC on Padoh Mahn Nyein Maung's speech](#)

Feb 10, 2012 - [KNU/KNLA Peace council letter to Aung San Suu Kyi](#)

Apr 28, 2010 - [KNU/KNLA Peace Council request all levels of the government to work them for a prosperous future](#)

Apr 07, 2010 - [KNU/KNLA Peace Council's Response To 22nd April Deadline Of Merger With Burma Army](#)

Apr 04, 2010 - [Reasons for refusing Border Guard force \(BGF\)](#)

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## Partnership

10/02/2012 KNU/KNLA Peace Council met with Aung San Suu Kyi

10/03/2012 KNU/KNLA Peace Council met with Maj. Saw Hla Ngwe, joint secretary of the KNU