

Statement of the Central Standing Committee Emergency Meeting

27 March 2014

1. The Karen National Union (KNU) Central Standing Committee Emergency Meeting was successfully held from March 24th to 27th, 2014 in Law Khee Lar, Hpa-an District, Karen State. The meeting was attended by a total of (45) committee members.
2. In this emergency meeting, the Committee analysed the Law Khee Lar Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, drafted at the Ethnic Armed Resistance Organisations conference, and commented on the draft proposal by the Government in order to develop a new single text document. Furthermore, the Committee discussed and analysed the current KNU political situation and Burmese political developments.
3. The KNU is continuously seeking ways to solve the political problems through negotiations and political dialogue rather than armed conflict, which occurred because of political reasons.
4. In order to strengthen the Preliminary Ceasefire Agreement that was achieved between the KNU and the Government to be more sustainable, to reach a Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and to start a political dialogue, the KNU will continue to cooperate and work with Ethnic Armed Organisations.
5. To achieve Pyidaungsu Accord and convene Pyidaungsu Convention based on the spirit of Panglong, the KNU will work with the Government, Ethnic Armed Organisations, Democratic Parties/Forces and Ethnic Political Parties. Additionally the roles and participation of civil societies and women will be included.
6. The KNU will continuously work on gaining equality, self-determination and to establish a Democratic Federal Union in Burma.

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