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The 12th Congress of Karenni National Progressive Party's Central Committee's
Semi-annual meeting
Statement No. 3/2015

1. The 12th Congress of the Karenni National Progressive Party's ("KNPP") Central Committee's ("CC") semi-annual meeting successfully concluded on 7 August 2015 in which 29 out of 32 permanent CC and CC members convened from 4 to 7 August at its headquarters. The first six-month work implementation report completed by the party and government were reviewed and approved and after a deliberative consultation among the CC's members, future work plans were made. Also discussed, was the current changing political dynamics of Burma and the nationwide ceasefire negotiation process among the ethnic armed groups.
2. The meeting also addressed the issue of natural resource extraction from Karenni land such as, logging of teak and hardwood by business companies and cronies, and found that such precious resources are nearly depleted. Moreover, the meeting viewed that there is very little programs supporting the preservation and restoration of forests in Karenni State.
3. The KNPP also viewed that the cause of the current devastating effects from the natural disaster in Burma is due to over-extraction of natural resources and forest depletion. Burma is one of the most deforested countries in the world and it is imperative to push forward forest rehabilitation programs more rapidly.
4. Therefore, the KNPP issues this statement banning the cutting of remaining teak or hardwood for business purposes in order to sustain the environment for the interest of future generations, and to prevent and reduce the risks of future natural disasters.

Central Committee
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