

## ညီညွှတ်သောတိုင်းရင်းသားလူမျိုးများဖက်ဒရယ်ကောင်စီ

United Nationalities Federal Council (Union of Burma)

## **Position Statement**

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- 1. The United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) strongly condemns the cowardly acts by the Burma Tatmadaw Light Infantry Battalion 389, based at Khaya Bum in Kachin State, intentionally firing 105 mm artilleries at the military academy of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) situated at Woi Chyai Bum, killing 23 cadet officers and wounding 20 others, on November 19, 2014 at 12:36 PM.
- 2. During the time when effort is being made to establish trust for the achievement of peace in the country, the use of military pressure by the Burma Tatmadaw raises the question of whether the Burma Tatmadaw really has the desire and intention for peace, and it should be mindful that such acts are a serious obstacle to the establishment of trust.
- 3. The timing of the attacks with the Union Parliament Speaker U Shwe Mann's comment that amendment of the 2008 Constitution would be possible only after the 2015 election could be assumed as a case of joint military-political conspiracy.
- 4. Therefore, the UNFC releases this position statement to show its intention to oppose resolutely all the acts that would deviate, delay or derail the nationwide ceasefire and peace process yearned for by the people of the country.

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