

Union Peace-making Work Committee and Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) sign an agreement

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Oct—The following is the full-context of the agreement signed between Union Peace-making Work Committee and Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) before the observers.

The agreement between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO delegation

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1. The government peace negotiation team led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and KIO peace delegation headed by U Sumlut Gam held peace talks at Majwe Hall in Manaw Ground in Myitkyina, Kachin State from 8 to 10 October. Present at the peace talks as observers were Special Adviser to UNSG on Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar, Chinese Special Envoy on Asia Mr Wang Ying Fan, reps from 10 ethnic armed groups, four Kachin Hluttaw representatives, representatives from official political parties in Kachin State such as Union Solidarity and Development Party, National League for Democracy, Unity and Democracy Party, National Democratic Force, Tailai (Shanni) National Development Party and Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, Kachin National Traditional Culture Central Committee and Kachin State Shan Ethnic Literature and Culture Committee, members of Peace-talk Creation Group and ten invited community elders.
2. The two sides agreed the following points in front of the observers with a view to laying down sound foundation for political dialogue for lasting peace. The seven-point agreement is as follows—
 - (a) The two sides agreed to continue according to the following preliminary procedure as the government has invited KIO to join nationwide ceasefire signing to enter into political dialogue.
 - i. The Union government shall send and discuss the plans
 - ii. The government agreed to hold Ethnic Armed Groups Conference as demanded by KIO delegation
 - (b) The two sides acknowledged the de-escalation of the conflict since May 28-30 talks and attributed it to regular interaction between the technical teams and enhanced communication between troops from both sides and agreed to continue coordinating to avoid recurrence of clashes;
 - (c) The two sides agreed that the technical teams of two sides and departments concerned shall continue coordinating on adopting of basic principles and a plan for return and resettlement of IDPs; the two sides also agreed to undertake in coordination with each other the pilot project in four villages;
 - (d) The two sides agreed to form Joint Monitoring Committee based on an organizational structure that can cover all conflict regions to de-escalate the military tensions and avoid recurrence of clashes; the technical teams of two sides shall take further actions to adopt operational plan based on Joint Monitoring Committee Structure (Attached-1) and terms of reference—five basic principles and 18 rules (Attachment-2);

- (e) The two sides agreed to reopen through coordination as quickly as possible the public and arterial roads in Kachin State closed because of conflict;
- (f) KIO agreed to organize public consultation through prior coordination with authorities concerned;
- (g) The two sides agree that the technical teams shall coordinate on future work programmes and coordinate on soonest holding of next peace talks.—*MNA*
