

**Statement of KNU Supreme Headquarters on Opening of Central Level Liaison Office in Pa-an**

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Today, September 27, 2012, Lt. Gen. Mutu Say Po, together with a 30-men group consisting of some district and brigade leaders, is intending to go to Pa-an town to meet with the Burmese (Myanmar) government and open a central level liaison office on September 29.

As this trip is not arranged by the Karen National Union (KNU) as well as by the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA), the KNU Supreme Headquarters does not have any knowledge of agenda of the group.

In the negotiation meetings, every agreement signed by the two sides has been performed as the agreement between the Burmese government and the KNU. It is not a special, separate agreement between the KNLA and the Burmese government.

The KNLA is under the administration of the Defense Department, which is one of the 14 departments of the KNU.

The KNU has firmly resolved to achieve genuine peace by resolving the political problems by political means. In order to achieve that end, the KNU has laid down a program to conduct negotiations progressively and systematically.

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