

## Joint Statement Regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)



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We, the All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF), Chin National Front (CNF) and Karen National Union (KNU), signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), express our common position regarding the coup makers' commemoration of the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCA signing and the fake peace talks supposedly based on the NCA as follows:

1. The aim of the NCA was to resolve the deep-rooted political crisis that had not been resolved by successive governments for more than 70 years. We wanted to build a federal democratic Union by amending the 2008 Constitution according to the results of an extra-parliamentary political dialogue in order to achieve sustainable peace.
2. The military coup destroyed the basic principles and objectives of the NCA as well as nullified the 2008 Constitution. Therefore, the implementation of the NCA and the NCA-based political dialogue process came to a halt.
3. The military's repeated vicious attacks that target civilians by using its Army, Air Force and Navy are a flagrant violation of International Humanitarian Law. This reinforces our position that the NCA is no longer valid and demonstrates that the military has abandoned peaceful means to resolve political problems.
4. SAC's use of the NCA to pressure NCA signatories, the fake implementation of the NCA through sham peace talks, the pretended activities of proposing to amend the invalid 2008 constitution and preparing to hold sham elections will deepen the crisis and push the country into protracted conflict.
5. ABSDF, CNF and KNU, the revolutionary organizations that signed the NCA, have laid down the following common political objectives and common political positions for the establishment of a federal democratic union to achieve sustainable peace.

### Common Political Objectives

- 5.1. To remove the coup makers and end the military's involvement in politics.
- 5.2. To reform and reorganize the military and place it fully under the administration of an elected civilian government.

- 5.3. To draft and ratify a new constitution based on federalism and democracy that is acceptable to all stakeholders.
- 5.4. To implement a process of transitional justice and seek justice for victims of conflict.
- 5.5. To agree on international involvement in facilitation, technical and financial support, monitoring, witnessing, observing, etc. at all stages of the implementation of the process.

### **Common Political Positions**

- 5.6. Dialogue will not be held unless SAC ends all violence against the people and accepts the above common political objectives.
  - 5.7. We desire a system change, not just a regime change. Changing one military regime to another or even an authoritarian civilian regime is not acceptable.
  - 5.8. Power-sharing between politically privileged groups at the expense of the people will not be accepted.
  - 5.9. Resolution of the Myanmar crisis will require a constitution and an electoral system that will create future governments of Myanmar that are based on a 'national unity' model.
  - 5.10. SAC is the main conflict partner. It is not an interim authority. A transition period requires a genuine transitional authority agreed upon by all stakeholders.
  - 5.11. New elections can be held in Myanmar only after all the above steps are successful.
6. We urge the international governments and the entire people of the country, including the NCA signatories, to support the implementation process of our proposed political objectives without participating in the activities of the military that prolong the military dictatorship.

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