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USA Kachin Hold a Rally to Appeal for Their Kinsmen in Burma

On Thursday, September 27th, 2012 , the USA Kachin community will hold a rally in New York City to urge the President of Myanmar to respond to issues related to the humanitarian crises faced by the Kachin ethnic group in his country and to seek UN intervention and assistance.

The Kachin community in the USA is deeply concerned that the civil war being waged in the Kachin area has remained unabated since the resumption of hostilities in June, 2011. This has caused untold miseries to tens of thousands of our kinsmen. Our friends and family members have been forced to flee homes and villages, and are in dire need of the most basic human needs. They are living in constant fear and uncertainty, driven back into conflict zones from camps along the China border, and experiencing the violation of their rights even in the sanctity of church-run camps in government-controlled territory. Our kinsmen inside the country have been facing harassment, interrogation and arbitrary detention.

This rally is organized by the Kachin Alliance, a network of Kachin communities and organizations in USA for these purposes; to demand that President Thein Sein and his administration stop the violation of human rights by the government authorities among innocent Kachins, allow free flow of humanitarian aids to Kachin IDPs along the Burma-China border, and put an end to the war by implementing a peaceful resolution through political dialogue rather than war. A second purpose is to demand that the UN send personnel to observe the current crisis especially in the conflict zones, to facilitate a free flow of humanitarian aid to Kachin IDP and refugees along the Burma-China border, and to facilitate a process leading to a peaceful resolution. In addition to the rally, Kachin Alliance also released an open letter to the President.

The rally is scheduled for two different locations in New York city.

Place: United Nations Headquarters

Address: First Avenue and East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA

Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Place: The Permanent Mission of The Union of Myanmar to the United Nations

Address: 10 East 77th Street, New York, NY 10075, USA

Time: 02:00pm – 03:30pm

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