



Statement of Solidarity with the Shan People

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Kachin Alliance, representative of Kachin Communities in the United States, issues the following statement of solidarity with the Shan People.

1. We strongly condemn the continuing aggression of the Burmese army (Tatmadaw) against the Shan State Progressive Party/ Shan State Army-North (SSA-N) which escalated only two days after the Nov. 8th election.
2. Fighting in Central Shan State has displaced over 10,000 unarmed civilians, destroyed properties, and killed innocent villagers.
3. The Burmese Army (Tatmadaw) has also launched aggressive military campaign in central Kachin State in the past three days.
4. Disproportionate use of force and indiscriminate use from ariel assault in domestic conflict is tragic and deplorable.
5. Root cause of prolonged civil war in Burma since independence is due to ethnic sovereign rights, self-determination, and justice.
6. Kachin Alliance urges-
 - a. the government of Burma not to exploit the period of peaceful power transition
 - b. the US government to sanctions against army commanders accused of crimes against unarmed civilians.
 - c. the international community to join the fight for the minorities of Burma by demanding lawmakers to stand for human rights and justice in its Burma's policy.