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Statement on the Burmese government's Dual-Track Policy

- 1) We welcome the invitation for another peace creation meeting issued on December 15, 2012 by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the government's desire to resolve the current conflict with Kachin Independence Organization amicably and peacefully.
- 2) As victims of this renewed civil war, we, Kachin, unanimously desire an end to this conflict as much of pain, suffering, and misery have been inflicted upon close to 100,000 of us.
- 3) However, we condemn the deplorable acts of aerial bombardment by the army in the past week while the President Thein Sein made orders to halt all offenses on December 10, 2011 and January 13, 2012, and later reconfirmed his orders while at the United Nations in September, 2012.
- 4) Even though seven official meetings have been held with Union Ministers and State Officials, and the current invitation to another meeting in Bhamo or Muse has been issued, we continue to witness the highest intensity of war as evidenced by the heaviest use of armament by the Burmese army and bloodshed it created in the past week. Therefore, we denounce government's 'Dual-Track' approach in attempting to resolve domestic conflict.
- 5) We urge the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to acknowledge and seek a peaceful resolution through initial dialogues in a third country to rebuild trust and garner transparency.
- 6) Again, we insist on the unconditional withdrawal of the military offensives and deployment to the Kachin State and Northern Shan State prior to the upcoming meeting as a preliminary gesture for genuine peace.