



## **Statement of the Nationalities Alliance (Burma)**

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As a vision for collective advocacy, we commit to foster solidarity among diaspora communities for liberty, equality, and self-determination in all Nationalities' States of Burma. We, Arakanese, Kachin, Karen, Karenni, Chin, Mon, and Shan community members in the United States hereby unanimously decide to form the Nationalities Alliance (Burma) on June 15th, 2019, in Washington, DC to promote the fundamental human rights of all people.

Although the central government is projecting a facade of political reforms and changes in leadership, in reality there is no genuine transition of political order or substantial development in the Nationalities' States. Instead, glaring injustice, social turmoil, and chaos ensue. Based on historical experiences, we strongly believe that native nationalities are best positioned to help their indigenous homelands flourish.

Therefore, representatives of the following community-based organizations democratically pledge to incorporate and establish the Nationalities Alliance (Burma).

- Arakan American Community (AAC)
- International Karen Organization (IKO)
- Kachin Alliance (KA)
- Karenni-American Association (KnA)
- Mon American Association (MAA)
- Shan Literature and Culture Association (SLCA)

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