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KNU delegation met with Highest Officials of the Union of Myanmar

1. A 10 member delegation from the Karen National Union (KNU) led by Chairman General Mutu Say Poe, met with President Thein Sein, Ministers of the President Office, U Aung Min, U Soe Thane and U Khin Yi and Deputy Minister U Ye Htut from the Ministry of Information on 5 January at the hall of a 500-acre model farm in Naypyitaw from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.
2. The KNU delegation also met with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by high-ranking military leaders from the Calvary, Navy and Air Forces, at Military Headquarters, Bayint Naung Yeik Thar in Naypyitaw.
3. During the meeting with President Thein Sein, both sides affirmed that political dialogue is the only way to achieve durable peace. There must be equality, fairness and freedom in all steps of the peace process. A Federal Union, called by all ethnic nationalities, will be the result of a practical approach and discussion through the political dialogue. To be able to successfully gain economic development, peace that is able to bring political stability must be achieved and therefore both sides must pursue peace, which is the hope of sixty million people living in the country.
4. During the meeting with high-ranking military officials, they discussed the nationwide ceasefire that relates to the peace process, and the roles of the military from both sides, such as relocation of troops in conflict zones, code of conduct related to the ceasefire, the military code of conduct. They also discussed construction of trust building through building relationships between military officials from both sides, and will pursue to find solutions related to any incidences that happen through the negotiation process. For the detailed discussions, and to practically implement them, regional military officials from both sides will meet within a few weeks.
5. The delegation from the KNU returned and arrived back at General Headquarters on 8 January 2014.

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