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Statement of the 16th Congress of KNU – Karen National Union

Date : April 9, 2017

1. The 16th Congress of KNU – Karen National Union was successfully convened from March 14, 2017 to April 9, 2017 in KNU area at Lay Wah, Pa-an district. There were 217 delegates with 103 observers within the country and from abroad, bringing a total of 320 attended the Congress.
2. The Congress reviewed and approved the working report and political report of four years term of the elected Central Standing Committee of the 15th Congress.
3. The Congress also reviewed, amended and approved the Constitution and bye-law of the KNU – Karen National Union and its basic line and programs of the Karen National Revolution. The future program with 20 points opinion were also laid down and approved.
4. The 16th Congress of KNU – Karen National Union elected (55) members of Central Standing Committee, (11) members of Central Executive Committee and (1) Central Chief Justice.

The elected members of the new Central Executive Committee are as follows:

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| 1. General Saw Mu Tu Say Poe | President |
| 2. P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win | Vice-President |
| 3. P'doh Saw Tah Doh Moo | General Secretary |
| 4. P'doh Saw Hser Bweh | Joint-General Secretary 1 |
| 5. P'doh Saw Hla Tun | Joint-General Secretary 2 |
| 6. General Saw Johnny | E.C member |
| 7. Major General Saw Isaac Poe | E.C member |
| 8. P'doh Saw Th'mein Tun | E.C member |
| 9. P'doh Naw Dah Dah | E.C member |

10. P'doh Mahn Nyein Maung E.C member
11. P'doh Saw Roger Khin E.C member

5. A decision was made by the Congress to find the solution for a proper National rights and political rights for the Karen people through political means and to work for the entire Karen people to be able to co-operate for participation.
6. The Congress also reviewed the program of Myanmar government about the situation of current Ceasefire and the realization of peace. Based on NCA, it is necessary to make ceasefire process to be more firm and through the present stage of political discussion at national level, it is necessary to implement peace.
7. During the process of struggling for nationwide ceasefire and peace by the Myanmar government with ethnic nationality armed organizations, it is concerned that in some ethnic area, armed conflicts are still continued to exist. For this matter of facts, we earnestly urge that through practical approach, respective organization concerned should try to resolve the problems peacefully and based on this political dialogue peace process shall continue to exist until peace is finally attained.
8. Together with the peace process of working for Democracy, national equality and rights of self-determination, KNU – Karen National Union shall try its best to work together, hand in hand, with all ethnic forces and Democratic forces for the building of genuine Federal Union.

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