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**Statement on Informal Meeting between Delegation Led by KNU President Gen. Saw Mutu Say Poe and Tatmadaw Delegation led by Chief of Defense Services Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing
May 17, 2018**

On May 17, 2018, an informal meeting was held at the Yangon Region Military Command between the 9-men delegation led by KNU President Gen. Saw Mutu Say Poe and Tatmadaw delegation led by Chief of the Defense Services, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing.

The KNU delegation discussed about the current peace building process in Myanmar, and the resolution by peaceful and political means, without resort to arms, of the contacts and armed clashes taking place in the KNU area.

As a result of the informal meeting, Tatmadaw agreed to suspend the road construction in Lermu Plaw area, in the Brigade-5 region of Mudraw District, and to pull out the military units providing security for the road construction. The Tatmadaw also agreed not to harass the civilian populations displaced and accepted the return of the populations to their original places of habitat and livelihood.

In line with the principle and stand of resolving the political problem by political means, the KNU will strive on for the establishment of a union based on democratic and federal principles, in accordance with the results of the political dialogues.

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