



***KNU Concerned Group***

**Statement of KNU Concerned Group on Murder of Po-lo-ta Villager Naw Mu Nor by Soldiers of Myanmar Tatmadaw**

July 20, 2020

1. We, the KNU Concerned Group, strongly condemn the shooting to death, without reason, of Naw Mu Nor (aged 40) and the taking away of the jewelry on her body, on July 16, 2020, by two soldiers from the Light Infantry Battalion-409 (LIB-409), under MOC-8 of the Myanmar Tatmadaw (Burman Army). The two soldiers came out from the military camp, based in Ko-th'waw-ta (Hla-goon-pyo) village.
2. The Myanmar Tatmadaw troops, in successive ages, have regularly tyrannized, murdered, raped the women, looted the properties, etc. against the innocent people in the regions of the ethnic nationalities. Currently also, they continue to commit regularly various crimes against the innocent people in the Karen, Karenni, Shan, Kachin, and Arakan States.
3. For many decades, Myanmar Tatmadaw has used the perpetration of crimes in the states of the ethnic nationalities, as a weapon in their military operations, and the in-country justice system has no way to prevent the injustices effectively.
4. Accordingly, we call upon the international organizations such as the Amnesty International (AI), Human Rights Watch (HRW), etc. to undertake extensive and in-depth investigations for effective prevention and action against the heinous acts and injustices of torture, wanton killing, rape of women, looting the people's properties, forced labor, forced relocation, destruction of harvests and killing the draft animals so as to bring starvation against the people, using civilians as mine-sweepers and human shields, bombing and shelling of villages etc. the widespread crimes being committed by the Myanmar Tatmadaw.
5. Moreover, we would like to urge for a comprehensive pressure by the Karen revolutionary armed organization protecting the Karen people, Karen political parties, Karen civil society organizations and the entire Karen people for the emergence of truth and effective action against the crimes.

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