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Message of the Chairman of Karenni National Progressive Party on the Occasion of the
 146th Anniversary of Karenni National Day

My fellow Karenni –

On this auspicious occasion of 146th Karenni National Day, I wish all of you good health and happiness.

Karenni State’s independence was recognized by the Burman King Mindon and the British Empire through a treaty signed on 21 June 1875 by King Mindon’s representative Kinwon Mingyi and representative of the Viceroy of British-Burma Sir Douglas Forsyth. The historic day was adopted as Karenni National Day, an occasion to commemorate the independence of Karenni State and the existence of its people.

At a time when we should be celebrating, the entire Karenni people are enduring the brutal oppression of the Burmese military dictatorship, which has killed so many innocent people, displaced thousands of us from our ancestry lands, and forced us into hiding with numerous hardships including the lack of food, medicines, and shelters.

In the face these challenges, I would like to especially remind all of the Karenni people that it is particularly important to uphold our patriotism at all times and be united. We are also in urgent need of mutual understanding and right decisions among the entire Karenni people in light of the current political turmoil.

This is a time when all of us must work together, upholding the Karenni national causes as our common interests in order for us to uproot military dictatorship in unity and to establish a new and peaceful society.

We must strongly believe that if our self-realization that we all are Karenni and we are in this fight together is kept alive, we will overcome any kind of our common enemy. I urge all of you to continue the fight for the just cause of the Karenni people wherever you are and in whatever capacity you have.

In conclusion, I would like to remind all of you that each and every Karenni has a role and the responsibility to uproot this military dictatorship once and for all and bring peace to our people; and that Karenni National Progressive Party stands with the people at all times. On this auspicious day, I pray that the people of Karenni and the entire Burma may enjoy peace as soon as possible.

Able Tweed
 Chairman
 Karenni National Progressive Party
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