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- We are deeply concerned about the unlawful and arbitrary arrest of our faith leader Rev. Dr. Hkalam Samson by the Burma Army. He has tirelessly and courageously devoted his work to achieving justice and equality for his community and beyond.
- 2. The arrest of Rev. Dr. Hkalam Samson intentionally deepens ethnic and religious conflict in Burma. As such, he must be freed immediately and unconditionally.
- 3. The arrest of Rev. Dr. Hkalam Samon is also an assault on the Kachin nation as whole, escalating the on-going war to the next level. We therefore call on our fellow Kachin, in Burma and in the diaspora, to do our part in the ongoing revolution.
- 4. We must stamp out all individuals and organizations in our midst who are collaborating with the coup regime. We therefore also call on our fellow Kachin to take actions, including social punishment, against the SAC's accomplices.
- 5. Finally, we call on all individuals who long to be freed from the coup regime and its brutality to persevere in supporting those fighting on the frontline.

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