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Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC)



Statement of denunciation on the horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre by the junta's military force

1. The group of villagers were mercilessly executed by the junta's military force in Nam Nein Village which is in the Saunpyaung area of Pinloun Township. This group included three monks, one of them is the Abbott, one woman and eighteenth men and they were hiding from the conflict in Nam Nein Village monastery. They were forcefully taken from their shelter, and lined up before a wall, and mercilessly executed by the junta's military force. This horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre is the crimes against humanity and the junta's military force not only intends to sow mistrust between Pa-O People and Karenni People but incite racial and religious hatred within the community. Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC) strongly condemns this abhorrent act of the junta's military force.
2. We believe this atrocity was committed by the junta's military force based on the evidence we have. This fact is very clear if we analyse the fake photos posted on the junta's Telegram account at 08:51 am on 11th March. In these fake photos, hand-made guns were put on the dead bodies with captions such as "Unruly Kayan, Kayah, Padet being taught a lesson" and "Suppressing Kayah Padet drinking beer in Pagoda"! According to our photographic evidence we have of the scene, it is evident that these are disingenuous and fraudulent. This horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre reminds us the war crime committed by PNO/PNA which are subordinate to the junta. Six months ago, PNO/PNA killed 6 kinsmen who were 5 members of PNLO/PNLA and one Pa-O civilian under the pretense of defending Pa-O area and Pa-O nationals and they failed to return the bodies of these kinsmen. In light of these incidents, Pa-O People Defence Force (Kham Dom) (PPDF-KD) and Pa-O National Defence Force (Kham Koung) (PNDF-KK) will follow the leadership of Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC) and struggle with allies and resolve our differences according to the principles outlined below.

Apart from defending and protecting our rights, we will do our best not to take up arms in times of discord and disagreement and find a peaceful solution among the Pa-O nationals or among the ethnic communities.

3. The root cause of the horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre and other war crimes is **the 2021 coup d'etat**. Pa-O nationals as well as other nationals including Karenni have been massacred by **the junta's military force**. In addition to these incidents, there have been air raids targeting innocent unarmed civilians and children like in Anang Pa area in Kachin State,

