

Position Statement of civil society organizations on the current and changing military and political situation in Karenni State

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A discussion to reflect and analyze the ongoing military and political developments of Karenni State was held at a venue in Thailand for three days with 38 representatives (20 male and 18 female) of 20 civil society organizations. During the discussion, issues such as the ongoing military and political development of Karenni State, collectiveness of civil society organizations and their implementation in the field, the issue of displaced population, civilian protection, education, health and socio-economy were reviewed and discussed.

During the discussion, the civil society organizations of Karenni State take the following position on the ongoing political developments of Karenni State:

1. We recognize Karenni State Interim Executive Council (IEC) as the interim government of our state.
2. Civil society organizations in Karenni State will discuss and identify ways to cooperate with Karenni State Interim Executive Council on education, health, social development and socio-economic sectors of the population in the State and will collaborate during the revolution.
3. We will promote coordination and strong cooperation with local and border civil society organizations and Karenni diaspora forces in dealing with the issues of the people who are in difficulty during the revolution.

Karenni State civil society organizations call on relevant stakeholders groups as follow:

a. Karenni State Interim Executive Council

1. To conduct more consultation programs with civil society organizations and the population in the implementation of sectoral activities.
2. Together with armed revolutionary forces to focus on human rights issues of the population within the state and activities of preventing all forms of violence against women and children.
3. To meet and coordinate with relevant groups to effectively implement local governance mechanisms.
4. To prioritize Early Warning and Early Response activities for civilian protection.
5. To promote and implement special measures in carrying out the minimum 30% women participation according to the policy adopted in interim arrangements.
6. Along with armed revolutionary forces to deal with KTV, narcotic substances and gambling according to the policy.

b. Armed Revolutionary Forces

1. To allow civil society organizations to operate freely in carrying out humanitarian assistance activities and to assist with information and security matters.
2. To effectively promote, enforce and adhere to laws of war that emphasize civilian protection issues.
3. To organize more programs to meet regularly among intra-state armed revolutionary organizations with the aim to building unity.
4. To give priority to minimizing the damage to the resilient community of civilian population when conducting military operations.

5. For armed revolutionary organizations to protect and preserve the lives and property of the population.

c. International organizations

1. For international organizations to aim towards localization and work directly with local civil society organizations in supporting the development and humanitarian assistance sectors.
2. For international organizations not to engage with SAC in implementing development and humanitarian activities.

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