Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its trip to the Kachin State (5/2012)

The Secretary of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and two members of the Commission visited Myitkyina and Wingun township of the Kachin State from 23 to 27 July 2012 and carried out the following tasks of the Commission:-
- Visited 16 relief camps, met with the people of the camps and expressed words of encouragement to them;
- Summoned and examined the witnesses in connection with the complaints, assumed to involve the violations of human rights in the Kachin State;
- Met with the Chief Minister and the Ministers of the Kachin State Government and exchanged views on the prevailing situation in the Kachin State.

Based on the activities and the findings of the Commission, the following recommendations are made:-
- on studying and examination of the camps that the Commission team visited, it was found that although over one year has elapsed, the basic needs of the peoples of the camps were not fulfilled as before. The departments and the organizations concerned are urged to supply additional medicines required for health care and treatment of ailments caused by seasonal changes;
- the people at the relief camps expressed that they wished to return to their villages and that land mines govern the surroundings of the villages be cleared. To carry out mine clearance before the resettlement work is commenced, there should be cooperation among the armed groups and the relevant domestic and foreign organizations. The villagers should be educated about land mines;
- according to the statements of the witnesses made in connection with the complaints, it was found that there were certain violations of human rights of the populations of the villages by the armed groups. Therefore, it is strongly urged not to violate human rights under any circumstances and to act in accordance with human rights standards.

Concerning the answering of the deputy minister on the query raised by U Aung Kyaw of Insein Constituency, U U Win Aung of Yebyu Constituency, U Aung Thein Lin of Okkalapa Constituency, U Khin Maung Oo of Maungdaw Constituency and Dr Soe Yin of Kamayut Constituency, as well as Joint Secretary of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin of the Ministry of Rail Transportation on their respective paragraphs and sub-paragraphs. The discussions on the bill continued tomorrow.

The day on which the commission meetings were to be made would be announced.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Yi of Ablon Constituency makes question.—MNA

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