



KNU Concerned Group

KNU Concerned Group Statement on Current Military Coup in Myanmar by Tatmadaw

February 3, 2021

1. On February 1, 2021, the Tatmadaw (Burman military) issued Order Number (1/2021), the promulgation of seizure by it. We, the KNU Concerned Group, strongly protest and denounce Tatmadaw's seizure of power, because according to the promulgation letter, it was the seizure of the political power from the NLD, the winning party of the general election held on November 8, 2020.
2. Though the NLD Party did not accept the 2008 Constitution, the NLD had contested in elections with a positive outlook starting from 2012. It won a landslide victory in 2015 general election and though it made the effort to amend the Constitution within the parliament, there was no success. On the other hand, the Ethnic Armed Revolutionary Organizations (EARO) tried to amend the Constitution on the basis of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), without success. Accordingly, it is entirely evident that the 2008 Constitution cannot be amended either in the parliament or on the basis of the NCA.
3. Similarly, the KNU Concerned Group do not absolutely accept the administrative services set up by Tatmadaw, after the seizure of power. In the Karen revolutionary areas, we will perform, maintain and defend our administration, in accordance with the administrative system laid down by the KNU and on the basis of self-determination.
4. For that reason, we earnestly urge:
 - ❖ The Karen armed organizations, the DKBA, KNU/KNLA PC, BGF etc., to join up with the KNLA as the Kawthoolei Army, to defend together the Karen people, together with the entire people made up of all the ethnic nationalities;
 - ❖ The entire people to unanimously oppose the seizure of power by the Tatmadaw;
 - ❖ The international community not to recognize the military government set up by the Tatmadaw.

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