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MON NATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

# MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL

1994

## THE FIVE POINTS OF THE AIM OF THE MON NATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

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1. Resettlement of the refugees who become homeless due to the oppression of Rangoon military regime.
2. To help for the welfare of the refugees who become jobless due to the oppression of Rangoon military regime.
3. To take care and look after the health of the refugees.
4. To fight against illiteracy for the children in the refugee camps
5. To struggle for human rights.

## The Organization of The Mon National Relief Committee

1. Phra Wongsā Pala      - Chairman
2. Nai Shwe Thein      - Vice-Chairman
3. Nai Siri Mon Chan      - Secretary General
4. Nai Pho Sein      - Member
5. Nai Chit Nyunt      - Member
6. Nai Kasauh Mon      - Member
7. Nai Banya Leir      - Member
8. Phra Nonda Pala      - Member

## MONTHLY REPORT OF MON NATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE (April, 1994)

### 1. The Stock-piling Season

The rainy season will start at the beginning of coming June and the transportation to the Mon refugees camps is inconvenient during this season. Now, it is a very important time for Mon National Relief Committee (MNRC) to provide its refugees enough foods and good shelter for their survival during rainy season. In the consideration of international relief organizations and MNRC, the refugees will need for around six month consumption in rainy season so called "the Stock-piling Season". The process of transportation of the supplies should be completed before the onset of rainy season. Every year, the monsoon weather is destroying the roads from Sangkhlaburi to the refugee camps which impossible for trucks to travel. So, the roads will become useless for transportation of any assistance until December.

Now, we are still sending rice, fish-paste, mats and salt etc. for stock-piling of Payaw Camp and will complete in second week of May. The road proceed to Payaw Camp is no longer sufficient for trucks as the rain sometime falls after the Water Festival (the traditional Mon new year festival) that alarm us to transport all assistances quicker than before. The trip proceed to Halockhani Camp is nearly half of the trip to Payaw from Sangkhlaburi and also the road is better. The consumption needed for "Bee Ree Camp" is shared from the Payaw Camp and we are also arranging possible transportation. We hope transportation of stock-piling assistances will complete at the end of May for Halockhani Camp. At the same time, educational and medical assistances for rainy season should be completely provided before June. The enough medical assistances for Payaw Camp is more important than other camps where is not enabled to transfer the patients to Kwai River Christian Hospital during rainy season. Stationery and assstiances for all level of schools in the refugee camps should be provided before June when all Mon National Schools are opened.

### 2. Opinion on Repatriating of Refugees

On behalf of the Mon refugees, we have strong desires to go back our home territory when Burma attained genuine peace which depend on the political resettle-

ment of the ruling SLORC army and armed ethnic resistance groups. The long protracted civil war broke out since 1948 in Burma is the main reason which produced the large influxes of ethnic refugees to its neighbouring countries. In fact, the refugee problem in Burma can be solved only when the civil war in Burma can be stopped.

MNRC still worried about the talks between Thai government and Rangoon military government (mentioned in Bangkok Post news on April 27) planned on repatriating of 50, 000 ethnic refugees who fled to the Thai-Burma border area to escape military suppression in the last 10 years. The grave human rights abuses of the SLORC troops against local Mon population were still going on like other ethnic areas in Burma. Because of this reason, it is impossible for refugees to go back their territory and stay under the control of the regime committed brutal oppression as they had experienced. The enquiry of the desires of the refugees is the important role in the refugee repatriation and should realize the real situation of them. MNRC always welcome the resettlement of refugees under the situation of genuine peace in Burma.

The discussion between the Thai authorities and Rangoon military government on repatriating of refugees is not complete and should need the opinions of international relief organizations, UNHCR and local relief organizations who represent the refugee concerns.

MNRC propose an opinion that in the process of repatriating of refugees, UNHCR should participate for better protection to avoid any brutal action of Burmese Army. The overwhelming repatriation process can pass under directly protection and sponsorship of the World Body. As the sincerity between the Burmese Army and armed resistance groups broke out for a long time, we need a third party to help us in solving our problems.



THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF THE FOUR CAMP ARE AS FOLLOW

No	Camp	House Hold	Adult		Children		Total Remark
			M	F	M	F	
1	Bee Ree	197	210	214	339	340	1103
2	Payaw	485	624	840	679	821	2964
3	Prachuab	245	271	282	301	393	1247
4	Halockhani	998	1013	1209	1859	1991	6072
	Total	1925	2118	2545	3178	3545	11386

THE CONSUMPTION NEEDED PER MONTH FOR THE THREE REFUGEE CAMPS

No	Camp	Total Number of Refugees	Consumption per month				Remark
			Rice (sack)	Fish Paste	Salt (kg)	chilly (kg)	
1	Bee Ree	1103	172	367	551	367	
2	Payaw	2964	463	988	1482	988	
3	Prachuab	1247	197	415	623	415	
4	Halockhani	6072	948	2024	3036	2024	
	Total	11386	1777	3794	5692	3794	

**THE MATERIALS RECEIVED BY THE MON NATIONNAL RELIEF COMMITTEE  
( APRIL, 1994 )**

No	Organization	Rice (sack)	Fish Paste (kg)	Salt (kg)	Chilly (kg)	Remark
1	Remained from March	479	1720			
2	COERR	100	1250	1000	100	
3	Consortium	4029	9575	10160		
	Total	4608	12545	11160	100	

**THE BALANCE OF THE MATERIALS RECEIVED AND CONSUMED  
IN THE FOUR REFUGEE CAMPS IN APRIL 1994**

Subject	Rice (sack)	Fish Paste (kg)	Salt (kg)	Chilly (kg)	Remark
Received from the various refugee relief organization	4608	12545	11160	100	
Distributed to the four refugee camps in March	1777	3794	5692	3794	
Balance Remained	2831	8751	5468	-	

# THE LOCATIONS OF MON REFUGEE CAMPS

