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MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

# MONTHLY REPORT

March 2010

## Aim and Objectives of Mon Relief and Development Committee

#### Aim:

Provide temporary shelters, basic needs and development assistance to refugees and the displaced persons who homeless and helpless situation due to the oppression of Nyipyidaw's military's proxy regime in Mon territory along Thailand-Burma border.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To help the welfares of the refugees in border areas and IDPs who are displaced inside the country, with foods, shelter and possible protection.
- 2. To coordinate with local Mon people in developing the grassroots community in the fields of health, education, literacy, agriculture and other rural development projects.
- 3. To empower the local community for the participation of decision making processes for their own lives and communities.
- 4. To struggle for the human rights.

## The Organization of Mon Relief and Development Committee

1. Nai Wongsa Pala - Chairman

2. Nai Kasauh Mon - Vice Chairman

3. Nai Zaw Min Oo - General Secretary

4. Nai Kon Tala Bloa - Joint Secretary

5. Mi Khamom Bloi - Administrator

6. Mi Seik Jyanda - Member

7. Nai Oung Seik Mon - Member

8. Nai Oung Janah - Member

9. Mi Gold Non - Member

10. Nai Banyar Mon - Member

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# The Increased Suffering in Ye and Yebyu Township and Emergency Needs

While the Burmese military regime is announcing for election laws and political party registration process for 2010 elections, which the date is not declared yet, the conflict in various parts of Burma is on-going situation and the suffering of civilians have always increased especially in gas pipeline region of Ye and Yebyu Township.

The area has three existing gas pipelines, and they are: Yatana gas pipeline, Yetagun gas pipeline and Kanbauk-Myaingkalay gas pipeline. The local Burmese Army of Military Operational Command (MOC) No. 8 and its four battalions have taken responsibility for security of gas pipeline. Their intention to stop all armed groups come close to the pipeline.

In March 2009, there are over 200 villagers from western part of Ye-Tavoy motor road came cross and fled into NMSP's territory in eastern part of motor road, after there was a conflict between the Burmese Army and a Mon splinter group, and additional MOC No. 8 (Military Operational Command No. 8)'s order the local villagers (men) as into a militia force. They have informed to the concerned village headmen to send at least 20 men from each village to military training camps and trained them as village militia under the name of 'Millitia Force against Insurgency".

After training, the Burmese Army plans to use all village militia force effectively in their military offensives against KNLA or the Mon splinter group. The Burmese Army MOMC No. 8 set the village tract security zones and ordered the militiamen to protect their village tract zones, and if any Mon or Karen soldiers pass into the village, they have to fight them.

It means the Burmese Army is creating the conflict between the relatives and let them kill each other. The rebel soldiers in Mon splinter group or in KNLA, they are more or less the relatives of the local villagers, so that the Burmese Army set tricks to have fighting between all of them.

Many local villagers in both Ye and Yebyu Township did not want to be part of militia force, and they have refused to attend military training schools and participate in forming of militia units in the village tracts. This makes another incomes for the Burmese military commanders. They have ordered to village headmen to fine those who do not want to join in the militia force. The men who refused to join into Burmese Army has to pay 30000-50000 Kyat as fine. Additionally, they also need to pay 12000 – 15000 Kyat every month in order to provide salaries and stipends for local militia force.

At the same time, because of the fighting and activities by the Mon splinter group, the villagers are totally under the restriction to not get out from their villagers to work in the farmlands, in the sea and in plantations. Then, the villagers who are outside of the villages especially in plantations, they are not dare to get back into the village again.

Additionally, two farmers from Aleskan villagers were killed at the end of February with accusation of they are the supporters to a Mon splinter group, Mon National Defense Army (MNDA). In this case, the Burmese Army, LIB No. 282 commanders lured to farmers who stay at plantations to come back to the village, and let the Burmese Army arrested them. Then LIB No. 282 Commander, Maj. Nyi Nyi Soe killed both of them. This situation made many villagers who live outside of the villages, did not want to go back into their villages.

In February and March 2010 because of some of intensive pressure for military force, at least 500 people have fled from the villages. At the same time, many villagers who live outside of the villages in jungles, in plantations, and in gardens are still hiding. There are over 2000 people hiding in plantations and jungles.

The population are in needs of food assistance, health care and other needs. Especially in dry season (April and May), they could not find not get sufficient foods from the villages, because the Burmese Army also blocked foods from villages to hiding population. The water is normally drought in the area, and they also could not get clean water. Hot due to global climate change, and additional lack of foods among the displaced population can create serious health problems.

# THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF THE THREE RESETTLEMENT SITE

### (March 2010)

No	Camp	NO.	Over 5 years		Under 5 years		Total
		of Family	M	F	M	F	Total
1	Halockhani	699	1486	1438	168	187	3279
2	Bee Ree	658	1605	1575	208	183	3571
3	Tavoy	437	1024	1033	152	159	2368
TOTAL		1794	4115	4046	528	529	9218

# THE MATERIALS RECEIVED BY THE MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (March 2010)

No	Organization	Rice	Fish Paste (kg.)	Salt (kg.)	Bean (kg.)	Remark
1	TBBC	-	-	-	-	
2	TBBC (for Halockhani)					
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	