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## United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC)

### Press Release

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The United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) general annual meeting has to issue this press release because of the continuing massive military operations by the Burma (Myanmar) government forces against the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) base area of Laiza. According to the KIO and media sources, the government forces have been using helicopter gunships, jet fighters and heavy artilleries since 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. In the intensification of war against the KIO and the local civilians, more human rights violations are committed by the Myanmar forces.

The government troops' increasing acts of violence and human rights violations are totally contradictory to the program of peace making by the Myanmar government led by President U Thein Sein. It is also diametrically opposed to the national reconciliation called for by the people of the Union.

The UNFC and its affiliate organizations (Arakan Liberation Party, Democratic Karen Benevolent Army/Klo Htoo Baw Karen Organization, Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army – Peace Council) regard war against any ethnic nationality is tantamount to war against all of them. All participants attending the meeting strongly protest and condemn the wanton acts of Myanmar armed forces, and call upon President U Thein Sein to use its utmost power to immediately halt the war and human rights violations against the KIO and the people in Kachin State.

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