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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF BURMA

Parliamentary & Government Action Needed against Gen Min Aung Hlaing for Authorizing Chemical Attack

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The National Council of the Union of Burma condemns General Min Aung Hlaing for authorizing the use of **Chemical Weapon (Weapon of Mass Destruction)** on the Kachin people.

General Min Aung Hlaing used this Chemical Weapon in the attacks against the Shan people earlier this year.

This war crime and crime against humanity devoid initiatives by Minister Aung Kyi, Minister Aung Min, U Aung Thaung and U Thein Zaw of USDP, the international presentations by Minister Wunna Maung Lwin and the international lobbying by advisors to President Thein Sein on the reconciliation effort and opening up initiatives.

It also proves General Min Aung Hlaing and the Burmese Military Council's disrespect for the International Community, which is starting to believe in the initiatives. This is an insult also to the UN representative, the US special envoy and the US assistant secretary of state for the Department of Human Rights and Labor, who are in the country now, and the Indonesian foreign minister, who made a recent visit.

As a country, Burma signed the CWC (Chemical Weapons Convention) in 1993 but did not ratify. NCUB strongly suggests the U Thein Sein Government to try ratification of CWC at the parliament.

At the same time U Thein Sein government must take immediate actions to show that General Min Aung Hlaing is not above the executive oversight and control. The regime's parliament and the government must be decisive and have General Min Aung Hlaing investigated not only for authorizing the use of Chemical Weapons without the approval of the parliament but also for jeopardizing the reconciliation efforts.

The parliamentarians are responsible to raise questions to the Minister of Defense on the authorization and use of **Weapons of Mass Destruction** and to go and inspect the places of Chemical Weapon attacks.

The Kachin State parliament members and the Kachin State government must use their elected status to stop the use of **Weapons of Mass Destruction** in their constituents, as the poison can spread to a wide area. They are directly responsible for the people who voted for them.

The majority party USDP also has the responsibility to call on the speakers of the parliaments to form a committee to investigate the damage and harm caused to the people and the environment.

The National Human Rights Committee must investigate this case and gather evidence on crimes against humanity.

Only by showing decisive, credible and enforcement actions by the government, all will see that the initiatives on changes towards the rule of law by it do work and they cannot be overridden by a person or by a government department.

NCUB strongly condemns the use of Chemical Weapons against the people of Kachin State and suggests that U Thein Sein Government and Parliament take immediate actions against General Min Aung Hlaing for authorizing and using Chemical Weapons.

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