

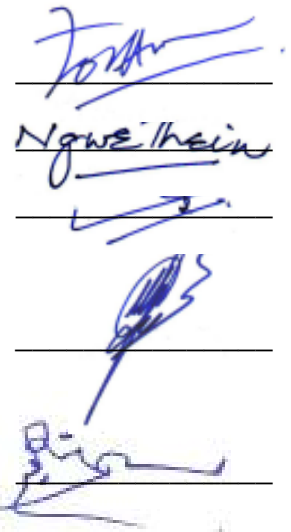
Statement by Nationalities Brotherhood Forum

No.6/2011

We, the 5 Nationalities Brotherhood Parties after cordial and fraternal discussions have to date made 5 statements to express our views. We are happy that the government has implemented some of the political issues we addressed. We have further discussed the current political situation and wish to make the following statement:

1. On 11.10.2011, the Union President U Thein Sein granted amnesty to and released 6,359 prisoners that included some political prisoners who were imprisoned for their political beliefs. Together with their families, we are very happy that they are now free. We call on the government to continue to as soon as possible unconditionally release all political prisoners including U Hkun Htun Oo, who is serving a lengthy sentence, and other nationalities leaders, as well as Min Ko Naing and other student leaders.
2. Regarding the continued armed conflict in nationalities areas, we once again urge the government to add nationalities brotherhood parties, members of parliament, respected authority figures, and academics to the Peace Committee and convene workshops and consultations for peace.
3. In order to obtain more knowledge about political experiences in democratic nations, we the 5 Nationalities Brotherhood Parties, would like to meet and form friendships with foreign democratic parties.
4. We the 5 Nationalities Brotherhood Parties together with the constituents and people of Pauktaw Township constituency, Rakhaing State, are very sad that U Aung Kyaw Zan, their Pyithu Hluttaw representative was expelled from his seat while attending the Pyithu Hluttaw.
5. We would like to urge Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in accordance with democratic practices to form a party and compete in the elections.

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| U Naing Ngwe Thein, | Chairman, All Mon Region Democratic Party |
| U Saw Mya Tun, | Vice Chairman, Phalon-Sawor Democratic Party |
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| U Oo Hla Saw, | General-Secretary, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party |



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