



Restoration Council of the Shan State (RCSS)

Statement

on the 10th Anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)

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1. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), signed on October 15, 2015, between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs), has reached its 10th anniversary. The Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) is immensely pleased and proud of both the government and the EAOs who have strived for the emergence of the NCA.
2. Over the past 10 years, due to various weaknesses and challenges, the implementation of the NCA has not been carried out as envisioned. Both sides should acknowledge this and cooperate in ensuring its effective implementation in the future.
3. The implementation of the NCA could not be carried out as planned due to the following weaknesses and challenges:
 - 3.1. Failure to build mutual trust between the two sides.
 - 3.2. Failure to implement bilateral agreements.
 - 3.3. The government's pressure on the EAOs to operate under the 2008 Constitution.
 - 3.4. The government's lack of genuine enthusiasm for national reform.
 - 3.5. The Tatmadaw's seizure of state power, which brought the peace process to a halt.
4. The RCSS recommends that the following points be implemented to ensure the success of the future peace process:
 - 4.1. The Tatmadaw must significantly rebuild trust with the EAOs.



- 4.2. As a first step, the Tatmadaw and the EAOs should hold talks to reach a preliminary agreement. In the second step, political parties should join the talks to create a tripartite dialogue.
 - 4.3. During the dialogue, representatives from the international community should be present as witnesses.
 - 4.4. The political dialogue should be primarily based on federal principles.
 - 4.5. Agreements reached through the political dialogue should be submitted to Parliament and enacted into law.
5. We urge all stakeholders to use the path of dialogue to establish a Federal Democratic Union in accordance with the essence of the NCA.



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