

Committee for Building Peace, Union Level,

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Chairman,

Committee for the Building Peace in the Union.

**Subject: Request for coordination on the Burma Army's Military Operations in the SSPP/SSA area near the Head Quarters**

1. On 15/10/2015 the SSPP/SSA generously withdrew from the strategic place of Ta Sarm Poo Jetty at 17.00. An area which we had controlled for over decades.
2. The attack with small arms on the Burma Army garrison in Vieng Kao near MongNawng were not ordered by the SSPP/SSA headquarters and the SSPP/SSA was in no way involved in this incident.
3. From 6/10/2015 till 21/10/2015 the Burma Army has been holding military operations around the Ta Sarm Poo jetty and areas very close to Wan Hai, the SSPP/SSA head-quarters. This morning starting from 04.00 seventeen army trucks left MongNawng for Vieng Kao. Again at 07.00 another convoy of five trucks left MongNawng for Vieng Kao. At the time of writing this letter (10.30) we have information that more reinforcements are being sent over from KhoLum.
4. The military operations near the SSPP/SSA head-quarters are being directed and personally commanded by Lt. Gen. YarPyi of the Defense Chief of Staff (Army) is but an old way in trying to solve political problems by military might which we do not believe can be done or is the right way. The SSPP/SSA signed agreements both at the State and Union Levels with the knowledge and understanding that political problems should be taken up in negotiations with the Working Committee for the Building of Peace in the Union. Thus, we assume that the SSPP/SSA should have been legally informed as to what the problems are.
5. Therefore, to enable to solve political problems by political and peaceful means we humbly request the immediate halting of the military operations near the SSPP/SSA head-quarters. In the case that if you prefer to use military force to solve political problems you can also inform that you have chosen so.

Yours respectfully,

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