



Statement of the First Plenary Meeting of the Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC)

(2/2024)

The first plenary meeting of Pa-O National Federal Council was held successfully in one of the liberated areas from 7th to 11th February, 2024. The delegates from five different sectors, local Pa-O people, the special guests and observers attended the plenary meeting enthusiastically. The plenary meeting gathered to engage in a crucial discussion that encompassed a wide range of topics, all of which are of utmost importance to the nation. These included politics, military affairs, federal affairs, Pa-O regional issues and public affairs. With the intention of making informed decisions and ensuring the well-being of the country, the plenary meeting engaged in a thorough and productive conversation.

The constitution of the Pa-O National Federal Council has been temporarily approved by the plenary meeting, along with the re-approval of the Federal Democracy Charter (FDC), accompanied by valuable recommendations. This significant decision marks a new era of progress and unity, paving the way for a brighter future for our nation. The other issues also discussed at the plenary meeting were the affairs of internally displaced persons including women and children, measures of protecting Pa-O people from being used as human shield, prevention of religious and ethnic conflicts among Pa-O people and between Pa-O and other ethnic groups.

One of the main objectives of the plenary meeting is to achieve the unity of all the Pa-O people based on unity of Kham Dom and Kham Koug. Joint coordinating committee of military affairs was also formed between Pa-O People Defense Force – Kham Dom (PPDF-KD) and Pa-O National Defense Force – Kham Koug (PNDF-KK).

The First Plenary Meeting was determined to eliminate the military dictatorship blocking the formation of a federal democratic state, which is the political foundation of our country.

The First Plenary Meeting of PNFC strongly condemned the crimes committed by the military council, which has been committing crimes repeatedly.

- 1.a. The junta forces have killed more than a hundred people from Zayat Gyi, Htantabin Township, Bago Region by using fighter jets, howitzer and tanks since 7th February, 2024. Zayat Gyi is one of the Pa-O National Areas in Bago Region. Among them are 20 people from Ingyin Thar village, 9 people from Naung Kalar Quarter, 3 sisters from Kyone par village.
- 1.b. The monasteries, churches, schools and residential areas of Zayat Gyi were severely destroyed.

1.c. Junta forces killed 12 people from Youth Rehabilitation Center for drug addiction at Hsi Hseng Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, because of their refusal to join the junta forces. The so-called Youth Rehabilitation Center is not what it seems. Instead of being a place for rehabilitation, it is actually the outpost of PNA called Aung Su Bhway.

2. Two planes and two fighter jets from junta forces fired and bombed at school of Dor Si Eei village, Demoso township, Karenni State without having armed conflict in that area and 33 students were severely injured, four fatally because of this horrendous act.

3. Two members of YDF were burned alive by pro-junta militia group at Myauk Khinyan village, Gangaw township, Magway Region on 6th February, 2024.

4. The junta activated a conscription law against the will of the people and it is most probable that the junta forces will use young men as human shields. So, this conscription law will destroy the future of the youth and country.

Now it is the time to revolt against the junta and eliminate the military dictatorship.

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