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Statement regarding the use of the term "Karenni State"

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During the time of British colonization in Burma, Karenni State remained an independent state under its own ruler.

However, after Burma gained independence on January 4th, 1948, the AFPFL (Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League) government forcefully invaded ethnic areas, including Karenni, and incorporated them into Burma.

Furthermore, in 1951, the name of Karenni State was changed to Kayah State in parliament, and on January 15th, 1952, they celebrated Kayah State Day.

Internationally and among the inhabitants of the region, the appellation "Karenni" which referred to all Karenni tribes, was widely used and recognized until 1951. The name "**Karenni State**" holds significant historical and cultural importance for the independence of the Karenni people.

Therefore, Karenni people who reject the military dictatorship have utilized the term **Karenni** to identify organizations involved in resistance revolutions.

Due to these reasons, it is crucial for the media and relevant groups reporting on Karenni State to change the term "**Kayah State**" to "**Karenni State**".

The Karenni State Consultative Council strongly asserts that "**Kayah State**" is a name associated with the military dictatorship and is completely unacceptable. We urge the news media and relevant stakeholders to adopt the name "**Karenni State**".

-Karenni State Consultative Council (KSCC)