Link: http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/stakeholders/myanmar-peace-center/159-dkba-5

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| **Democratic Karen Benevolent Army**  ဒီမိုကေရစီ အက်ိဳးျပဳ ကရင္တပ္မေတာ္  Armed wing: Klo Htoo Baw Battalion Political wing: Klo Htoo Baw  Other names: Karen Klo-Htoo-Baw Organisation (KKO) Government name: Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group (former Democratic Karen Buddhist<br/ >Army - Brigade 5)  dkba5 dkba  [ethnic armed org logo](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/stakeholders/myanmar-peace-center/192-ncct) [NCCT member](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/stakeholders/myanmar-peace-center/192-ncct) |  | **dkba logo** |
| **SUMMARY**  **Founded:** 08/11/2010  **Headquarters:** Sonesee Myaing, Myawaddy township, Karen State  **Operational Area:** Three Pagodas Pass, Hlaing Bwe and Kyar-In-Seik-Gyi townships, Manerplaw (former KNU headquarters)  **Estimated strength:** 1,500+  **Leader:**  **Commander-in-chief:** Gen Saw Lah Pwe aka. Na Ka Mwe  **Deputy commander-in-chief:** Brig Gen. Moo Shay  Led by Gen Saw Lah Pwe, the DKBA Brigade 5 broke away from the original Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (now a BGF). During the 2010 elections Brigade 5 attacked government troops and security forces in Myawaddy, Karen state. After it renamed as Democratic Karen Benevolent Army. |  | **Peace Process**  **New Ceasefire: Nov. 3, 2011** 3rd resistance group to sign ceasefire with government  **Stage 2:** Union level peace talks  **Official delegation team**  None  **Liaison offices**  Hpa-an city (Opened in Nov 2011) Myawaddy (Opened in Nov 2011) Kyar-In-Seik-Gyi, Kyaikdon, Three Pagoda Pass, Myain Gyinngu (pending) |

**Meetings**

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| # | Date | Location | Armed Group Rep | Govt Rep | Details |
| 1 | 26/10/2011 | Mottama, Thaton District, Mon state | Brigadier General Moo Shay | Thein Zaw | Preliminary meeting Maung Maung Thein, commander of the Southeast Regional Military Command and chief ministers of Karen and Mon states were also present |
| 2 | 03/11/2011 | Hpa-an, Karen state | Brigadier General Moo Shay | Col Aung Lwin Minister for Security and Border Affairs of Kayin state | State level meeting, 5 point ceasefire agreement signed, both sides represented by 4 member delegation |
| 3 | 11/12/2011 | Hpa-an, Karen state | Saw Lah Pwe, 6 member delegation | Aung Thaung, 7 member delegation | Signed Union level peace agreement |
| 4 | 22/01/2013 | Myawaddy, Karen state | Saw Lah Pwe, 8 member delegation | Aung Min, Gen Maung Maung Ohn + 9 others | Agreement on 3 points: demarcation of control areas, open liaison offices, provide assistance to DKBA |
| 5 | 04/05/2013 | Kayin State government office in Hpaan | Maj. Maung Lay | Kayin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Aung Lwin | To discuss recent fighting between the DKBA-5 and local BGF, however the issue was not resolved satisfactorily,and DKBA representative Maj. Maung Lay went to Naypyitaw to discuss matters with the central government official. |
| 6 | 06/05/2013 | Naypyidaw | Maj. Maung Lay | Aung Min | Discuss fighting in Myaing Gyi Ngu. ways to how to avoid conflict in the future. The Minister [Aung Min] said he will present the results of our discussion to his superiors. If it is approved, he will come to Kayin [Karen] State as soon as possible to discuss matters with the Kayin State government, the BGF and ourselves. I think it will take a maximum of one week to solve the problem.” DKBA said it wanted to maintain the ceasefire agreement, and suggested that a liaison group be formed to mediate between the DKBA and other ceasefire groups. |
| 7 | 11/05/2013 | Sonesee Myaing in Myawaddy township, Karen state | Gen. Saw Lah Pwe, Gen. Moe Shay, Brig. Gen. Kyaw Thet, Brig. Gen. Kyaw Beh from DKBA | Dr. Min Zaw Oo and U Aung Naing Oo from MPC | Dr. Zaw Oo and U Aung Naing Oo discussed with DKBA leaders. Then they also discussed with representatives from BGF. they collected the information resulted from the discussion and reported it to U Aung Min. the aim of this meeting is to solve the conflict between DKBA and BGF. |
| 8 | 09/02/2014 | Yangon | DKBA- Gen Saw Lar Bwe | Aung Main | Goodwill |
| 9 | 01/04/2014 | Karen State Entrance | DKBA - Col Saw Sann Aung | Karen State Government and Police Forces/ Zaw Minn minister | Informal meeting |

**Developments**

**Agreed:**

1. Temporary settlement of Kalo Htoo Baw armed group at the environs of Sonesee-myaing
2. Cooperate with the government in regional development, and improvement of socio- economic status in Sukali region under existing laws, based temporarily in Sonesee Myaing region
3. Settlement of members of Kalo Htoo Baw group and their families
4. Fight against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.  
   *declared Myawaddy district as a drug-free zone on May 20, 2012*
5. [DKBA and Local government open the village bridge in kawkarik township (May 24)](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/may_peace_related/20140524_open_the_village_bridge_in_kawkarik.PNG)

**Clashes**

**Feb. 19, 2012:**A joint force of Myanmar army and border guard force (BGF) troops raided a DKBA military base. They allegedly seized a cache of weapons including AK-47s, AR-15 rifles and RPGs belonging to DKBA. (DKBA: 3 killed, 2 injured)

**Statements**

Aug 17, 2015 - [KNU, DKBA, KNU/KNLA Peace Council, and RCSS released a joint statement on signing the NCA](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2015/august/knudkbarcss%20and%20kpc.pdf)

Nov 2, 2014 - [DKBA released a statement on KAF formation](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/november/dkba-statement-on-kaf-formation-2-nov-2014.pdf)

Oct 30, 2014 - [KAF formation statement released after the meeting](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/october/kaf-formation-statement-on-30-oct-2014.pdf)

Oct 21, 2014 - [DKBA discharged Lt. Col. Saw San Aung](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/october/resign-saw-san-aung-by-dkba-oct%2021-2014.pdf)

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Agreement in Burmese](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/october/kaf%20agreement%20in%20burmese%20oct%2013-2014.pdf)

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Statement in Burmese](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/october/kaf%20statement%20in%20burmese%20oct%2013-2014.pdf)

Oct 13, 2014 - [KAF Statement in English](http://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/images/2014/october/kaf%20statement%20in%20english%2013-10-2014.pdf)

Feb 23, 2012 - DKBA threatened to void its cease-fire agreement with the government unless its arms are returned by the BGF that was responsible for the weapons seizure on Feb. 12, 2012.

Dec 27, 2012 - DKBA spokesperson Maj. San Aung said there will be no peace unless the military stops launching offensiveattacks against KIO.

Dec 15, 2012 - DKBA staged a protest in Myawaddy while bearing arms call on the government to apologize for their actions against Buddhist monks during the Letpandaung crackdown and to stop the offensive in Kachin state.

Jan 4, 2013 - DKBA issue [a statement](http://phophtaw.blogspot.com/2013/01/kia-dkba.html) condemning government offensives in Kachin and northern Shan states (1) All ethnic people in Myanmar are our relation, the current government attacks to KIA, as like attach to us. We strongly object the launch an offensive to KIA. (2) Due to launch an offensive on KIA, we DKBA, and other Organizations and all civil have reduced trust on Government. if government continues to attack the KIA, Government will lose all recent ceasefire agreements.

**Partnership**

The DKBA is working towards establishing closer relatio