

## **Eight Points Agreement between UPWC and KNPP**

20 June 2013, Loikaw city

The Union Peace-Making Working Committee and Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP) have entered into an agreement, vowing to push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord. The committee and KNPP held negotiations on 19 and 20 June in Loikaw with Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of KNPP Khu Oo Reh in attendance.

***The two parties released an eight-point agreement today, which is as follows:***

- (a) To push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord and continue efforts for all-inclusive political dialogue
- (b) The delegates of the two parties have discussed military affairs and the results have been more constructive and progressive and agreed to continue to discuss military matters in next rounds of discussions;
- (c) The two parties agreed to form joint monitoring committee as follows:
  - (1) Two committee members to be nominated by Kayah State government, two by KNPP and six righteous community elders, totaling ten members;
  - (2) Personnel of the two sides in coordination to adopt the terms of reference (TOR) to be able to cooperate with civil society organizations (CSOs), individuals and local NGOs;
  - (3) The two parties not to harm, threat or take illegal actions against monitoring individuals and organizations
- (d) To allow the public and social organizations to observe the new major projects to be implemented in Kayah State including New Village Project; the implementation process to be transparent with responsibility and accountability and the government and persons concerned to guarantee local people do not suffer loss;
- (e) The two parties to coordinate measures on clearing of landmines in places to where internally displaced persons (IDPs) will be relocated;
- (f) The two parties to coordinate a pilot project in Dawtakhe in Shadaw Township for resettlement of IDPs;
- (g) The two parties to form technical teams to undertake policy agreements;
- (h) The government and KNPP to cooperate for regional development.