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## KACHIN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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General Secretary

ABC, USA

Dear Christian brothers and sisters from ABC-USA and around the world,

Greetings from Kachin Baptist Convention. We pray all of us Christians may bring peace at place we are living.

The peace process is not progressed at all in Myanmar though many peace conferences and talks are held. It is because the elected government has no power over Myanmar military and the military is holding the actual power in Myanmar, nothing has changed regardless of democratization in Myanmar. In so-called democratic nation, Myanmar, we citizens do not get to enjoy the taste of democracy, freedom and rights equally. Especially, Kachins are still being oppressed and discriminated unfairly and are still living amidst the battle fields and under the powerful control of brutal Myanmar military even under the elected NLD government, led by Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, state counselor. Hence, on behalf of Kachin brothers and sisters in Myanmar, KBC (Kachin Baptist Convention) is writing to let you know uncovered story of Kachins.

Kachin Independent Organization and Army (KIO/KIA) represent Kachins and Kachins fully support political values of KIO/KIA. After the break of cease-fire in June 2011, KIO/KIA has attended peace conferences with the hope to hold promising political dialogue before signing NCA (Nation-wide Cease-fire Agreement). However, things do not turn out as expected because of Myanmar military's offensive attacks to KIA, and Myanmar military soldiers' lack of humility and cruel actions toward Kachins. According to experience, every time peace conference is held, Myanmar military always carries on brutal attacks.

One of the worst attacks against KIA led by Myanmar military is the recent attack near KIO/KIA headquarter, Laiza which has started since the start of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panlong Conference (the conference is held to bring peace) in August, 2016. It has been more than 50 days and the attacks from Myanmar military are getting worse. Myanmar military uses fighter jets, banned-weapons, and heavy artileries, the battles do not seem as civil war, but more like war against foreign nations. The attacks done by Myanmar military, and the silence of president and State Counselor Ms. Suu Kyi over such kind of offensive actions against Kachins have proved that Myanmar military and the elected government represent and care the interests of only one of the ethnics in Myanmar, Bama @ Burmese. Also, the outcome of offensive attacks only worsens the gap between ethnic Bama @ Burmese and the other ethnics, and disturb the establishment of lasting peace in Myanmar.

Thus, we request to pray for Kachins to get their rights and freedom. Most importantly, please help us by letting the world hear our voices and cries. We Kachins are treated unfairly and the offensive attacks are on even under the elected NLD government. Thank you very much.

In His name,

Hkalam Samson

General Secretary

KBC

P.S : Could you please help us forward this letter to WCC and BWA as I do not have personal mailing address of each secretary. Thanks a lot.