



Chin National Front
General Headquarters
CHINLAND

Camp Victoria, Chinland
April 10, 2004

1. A Chin Consensus Building Seminar was successfully held in Camp Victoria, Chinland from 7th to 10th April, 2004.
2. The Seminar was attended by Chin National Front (CNF) and Chin National league for Democracy /Liberated Area (CNLD/LA), Mara People's Party/Liberated Area (MPP/LA), National league for Democracy /Liberated Area(NLD/LA), Zomi National Congress/ Liberated Area (ZNC/LA) and 95 representatives of Chin Civil Societies including from inside Chinland.
3. (a) To resolve the current political crisis, the Chin Consensus Building Seminar formed the "Political Affairs Committee of Chinland (PACC)" based on Chin National Political Parties.
(b) To strengthen the Solidarity and Unity of the Chin People on a continuing basis, members of the PACC and Civil Societies have anonymously decided to convene the Chin National Assembly once every two years.
4. (a) To further develop political and social progress fro the Chin peoples through co-operative efforts, the political parties and civil societies jointly formulated policies and plans for the future.
(b) The Seminar concluded that the State Peace and Development Council's (SPDC's) political Road Map will not lead to the establishment of a genuine Federal Democratic Union.
(c) To establish a democratic and genuine Federal Union and to end the 50 years of civil war, and to solve Burma's political crisis peacefully, we deeply believe that the only solution is through the tripartite dialogue which has been called for by the UN General Assembly Resolution since 1994.
5. If SPDC want to hold a National Convention conducive to the restoration of a genuine democracy and the establishment of a Federal Union, the following conditions must be fulfilled.
 - (a) Free all political prisoners.
 - (b) Allow political parties to freely conduct their activities;
 - (c) Declare nationwide cease-fire;
 - (d) Discard completely the six point guidelines and 104 point articles;
 - (e) Elected members of parliament, representatives of Ethnic Nationalities and representatives of the military in equal proportions should attend the Convention;

- (f) Attendees must be able to freely express and discuss their aspirations under United Nations' Monitors and International Observers presence;
- (g) The resolutions of the Convention must be fully implemented.

6. The said coming 17th May 2004 National Convention must be only an initial step to National Reconciliation and genuine National Convention and not for drafting a National Constitution.

7. If the above-mentioned No. 5 and No. 6 demands are not implemented by the SPDC Regime, we shall call the people of the nation to condemn and oppose the SPDC's National Convention.

**PRESS RELEASE ON: THE FORMATION OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE OF CHINLAND (Hereinafter Referred to as PACC)**

Leaders from the Chin National Front (CNF), Chin National League for Democracy – Exile (CNLD/E), Mara People's Party/Liberated Areas (MPP/LA) and Zomi National Congress/Liberated Areas (ZNC/LA), convened a meeting on 11th April, 2004 and selected the office bearers of the Political Affairs Committee of Chinland (PACC).

The following persons were selected as members of the Presidium Body:

1. Pu Thomas Thangnou (Chairman, CNF)
2. Dr. Zahleithang (Chairman, CNLD/E)
3. Pu Salai Cinzah (Chairman, MPP/LA)
4. Pu Taung Do Cin (Chairman, ZNC/LA)
5. Pu Thang Lian Pau (elected Member of Parliament, ZNC/LA)
6. Pu Lian Uk (elected MP, Independent)

The following persons were selected as members of the Consultative Body:

1. Dr. Vumson Suantak
2. Dr. Salai Pacin
3. Dr. Chum Awi
4. Pu Kipp Kho Lian

For administrative and management purpose, the following persons were elected for the respective positions of the PACC:

1. Chairman - Pu Thomas Thangnou
2. Vice-Chairman - Dr. Zahleithang
3. Vice-Chairman - Pu Salai Cinzah
4. Vice-Chairman - Pu Taung Do Cin
5. General Secretary - Pu Thang Len Piang
6. Joint General Secretary cum Person-In-Charge of Developing Political Strategy - Dr. Suikhar
7. Joint General Secretary cum Person-In-Charge of Cooperation and Coordination with Civil Society - Pu Aung Dun

8. Joint General Secretary cum Person-In-Charge of Constitution Drafting - Pu Van Lian Thang

Contact Persons

9.1 Contact Person for ZNC/LA - Zo Thawn

9.2 Contact Person for CNF - Pu Paul Smith

9.3 Contact Person for MPP/LA - Pu Meibi

9.4 Contact Person for CNLD/E - Pu That Sa Vung

The term of office of the PACC shall be one year. Members of the Presidium Body may send its representative to the PACC meeting if the person is unable to attend the meeting.

Dated: 15th April, 2004

Camp: Victoria, CHINLAND

VICTORIA AGREEMENT

We, the participants of the Chin Consensus Building Seminar held in Camp Victoria from 7th to 10th April 2004, unanimously agreed on the following:

We, the Chin people who live in Burma, India and Bangladesh are descendents from the same family, and are indigenous people;

We, the Chin people, were from a free nation before the British colonized us in 1896;

We, the Chin people, founded the Union of Burma with other ethnic nationalities based on equal status and national self-determination as set out in the Panglong Agreement;

Even though we gained independence from being a British colony, the Chin people have been enduring extreme suffering and hardship from oppression, human rights violation and persecution under the subsequent narrow-minded Burmese chauvinists and military dictatorship;

In order to be free from such atrocities and build a new society which fully guarantees human rights and equality;

We commit our full efforts to do the following:

- * To dismantle the military dictatorship;
- * To regain national liberation and self-determination;
- * To establish a genuine Federal Union; and
- * To develop and promote Chin political, economic and social progress.

Dated: 10th April, 2004

Camp: Victoria, CHINLAND