KNU Statement on SPDC's 2010 Election Law

16 Mar 2010

- We the KNU strongly condemn the SPDC military regime for the 'Election Laws' dated March 8, 2010, promulgated by the SPDC Chairman Senior Gen. Than Shwe. The Election Laws exclude legitimate leaders of the people, including those of the ethnic organizations, from the elections the SPDC is going to hold in this year, and giving excessive powers to the Election Commission which will be filled with persons handpicked by it.
- 2. The Laws are totally undemocratic and unfair. By issuing such laws, the SPDC military regime shows once again that it intends to perpetuate the rule of military dictatorship over the country in another guise. The SPDC leaders' boundless greed for wealth and power has driven them further away from the path of national reconciliation, peace and stability in the country.
- 3. Non-violent resistance by the people and constructive engagement by the international community have made very little impact on the egregious mind of the SPDC leaders. With their policies based on ultra-racism, expansionism and feudalism, they are relentlessly pushing the entire people into serfdom and the country back to the Dark Ages.
- 4. For that reason, we call upon the entire people of Burma to continue to resist all the machinations by the SPDC military regime to perpetuate the rule of military dictatorship and to control all the wealth of the country. On the other hand we would like to appeal to the civilized world including EU countries, US, and ASEAN countries etc. to use their freedom and stronger diplomacy to push the SPDC back on the track of national reconciliation, peace, stability and civilization.

Supreme Headquarters Karen National Union