

Press release on the convening of the People's Parliament by the ethnic nationalities representatives and the 1990 election winning members of Parliament

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From the 2nd to the 5th November 2010, the members of the Parliament elected in the 1990 elections and the ethnic representatives from the Karen National Union, the New Mon State Party and the Karenni National Progressive Party convened inside Burma in the Karenni State, the People's Parliament. The Parliament objective is to establish a federal Union through national reconciliation, promotion of democracy and human rights. The Parliament has taken such decision in opposition to the junta 2008 fake Constitution and consequent electoral laws, which led to the non inclusive, unfair, one-sided 2010 elections. As stated in advance of the elections, these could be neither free nor fair and did not respect the international accepted standards for legitimate elections.

More over the junta not only did not recognise the 1990 elections but has dismantled the National League for Democracy, maintained under house arrest the Burmese leader and Nobel Prize Aung Su Suu Kyi and in jail more than 2.100 political prisoners, thus refusing the people's demand for democracy, equality, self determination and respect of the rule of law.

For these reasons the Parliament decided to set up a strong political leadership that will include a wide range of democratic and ethnic organizations and develop a strong coordination in order to cease the existence of the military dictatorship, promote peace, the respect of human rights and build a federal democratic Union. the Parliament has adopted specific Acts against the 2008 constitution, the elections, the repression of human and workers rights, the drug production and trafficking and nuclear policy of the regime.

The People's Parliament will continue to recognise the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, to achieve the common political agenda and call on the democratic Parliaments of the world, the Interparliamentary Union, the international and regional institutions, the social organizations to cooperate and support its work to reach democracy, the ethnic equality, self determination and democratic values, which are the only means to bring about democracy, sustainable development, the eradication of poverty, through a federal democratic Union in Burma.

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