

# SSA-S Government 12-point peace agreement

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The 12-point peace agreement signed by the Union Peacemaking Work Committee (UPWC) and the Restoration Council of Shan State / Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) during a second round of peace talks on May 19, 2012 in Kengtung, Shan State

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1. The RCSS/SSA plan to cooperate in the eradication of illicit drugs is heartily welcomed by the UPWC and it will be forwarded to the President for consideration
2. The two sides will conduct a joint field survey
3. The government will assist families of the RCSS/SSA members to earn adequate means of livelihood
4. The government will assist the RCSS/SSA in the preservation and promotion of Shan literature and culture
5. The RCSS/SSA is permitted to request assistance from and coordinate with NGOs and INGOs
6. The RCSS/SSA will be allowed to register its Tai Freedom news agency after the new media law comes into effect
7. Members and supporters of RCSS/SSA who are in prison will be released except for those who have been imprisoned on criminal charges
8. A peace-monitoring group will be formed before the end of July 2012 after the nomination by the two sides of suitable persons
9. The two sides will continue to build up mutual trust to enable the RCSS/SSA to be totally withdrawn from the list of unlawful associations
10. A special industrial zone will be set up in the area controlled by the RCSS/SSA
11. The RCSS/SSA is free to hold political consultations with individuals, groups and communities throughout the country
12. National ID cards will be issued to members, family members and people residing with the RCSS/SSA