



## **Restoration Council of Shan State**

### **Statement concerning the armed conflict between TNLA and RCSS/SSA**

**December 9, 2015**

1. On 27. 11. 2015, a force of RCSS/SSA who were returning to their base in the 701 military region in Nam Kham township, after receiving training about the policy of the NCA (Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement), were attacked on the way by the TNLA (Ta'Ang National Liberation Army) in the area of Mong Wee in Nam Kham township. And, since then, the TNLA have been following and attacking the troops of RCSS/SSA in the 701 military region repeatedly up to the present. RCSS/SSA is gravely saddened by this incident and strongly protest against the action of the TNLA.
2. RCSS/SSA has not regarded the TNLA as an enemy and has had no plan to launch a military operation against it and its allies in order to occupy their territories. Therefore, when the said force of RCSS/SSA from the 701 military region returned to their base, they duly informed the TNLA before they entered the area of Nam Kham township.
3. Prior to this incident, the force of RCSS/SSA in the 701 military region had always recognized the TNLA as an ally and occasionally contacted and helped one another. RCSS/SSA is rather sad and dispirited about the fact that the TNLA has now put blame on it and regarded it as an enemy. However, RCSS/SSA will definitely never let this action of TNLA turn into any type of ethnic conflict, or conflict between ethnic nationalities.
4. Since national unity is the first and foremost of all its policies, RCSS/SSA would like to sincerely request not to use force to solve problems regarding territorial dispute between different ethnic nationalities that could occur in the future, but to meet and discuss the problems to peacefully solve them, which will certainly be good for both TNLA and RCSS/SSA.

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