

Country/entity	Myanmar
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement between the State-Level Peace-Making Team and the Karen National Union (KNU)/Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) Peace Council
Date	7 Feb 2012
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

Internal conflict, mostly along ethno-political fault lines, has been a constant feature of Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The conflict has two distinct dynamics. First a struggle between an authoritarian government and a pro-democracy opposition which has the characteristics of authoritarian conflicts; and second a struggle between the government and ethnic armed groups which has the characteristics of an identity conflict. The two oldest and strongest militias fighting the government are the Karen National Union (KNU), which has remained active since the late 1940s, and the Kachin Independence Organisation, which was formed in the early 1960s. In total, there are more than a dozen mostly ethnic-based guerrilla groups active throughout the country. Especially in the period of junta dictatorship that lasted until 2011 the government attempted to crush the rebellions, which led to numerous human rights violations. With the start of democratic reforms in the aftermath of the 2010 elections, peace negotiations have taken place and resulted in the signing of various agreements, although conflicts remain active.

Close
Myanmar Conflict (1948 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups
Parties	1. Karen State-Level Peace-Making Team 2. Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army (KNU/KNLA) Peace Council
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement to continue existing peace process, setting forth terms for future negotiations and action to be taken following a preliminary peace agreement.

Agreement document [MN_120207_AgreementState-LevelPeacemakingTeam-KNUKNLAPeaceCouncil.pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language) [MM_120207_KPC-Government_BUR.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/national group No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 1, 6. After reaching the initial agreement, the State will allow and render assistance for self-reliant undertakings for quickly fulfilling the basic needs, education, health, transport, water and electricity supply in the area for resettlement of national races that are residing in other country and render assistance for self-reliant;

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access Page 1, 6. After reaching the initial agreement, the State will allow and render assistance for self-reliant undertakings for quickly fulfilling the basic needs, education, health, transport, water and electricity supply in the area for resettlement of national races that are residing in other country and render assistance for self-reliant;

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 1, 5. The Union level peace-making group and the advanced peace-making group of the KNU/KNLA Peace Council will meet at the mutually agreed place and time to continuously hold talks on peace and stability of the region, development, settlements of troops and eternal peace;
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, 5. The Union level peace-making group and the advanced peace-making group of the KNU/KNLA Peace Council will meet at the mutually agreed place and time to continuously hold talks on peace and stability of the region, development, settlements of troops and eternal peace;
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, The seven-point agreement is as follows:-
1. It is agreed to maintain current peace process between the Tatmadaw and KNU/KNLA Peace Council;
2. It is agreed to settle KNU/KNLA Peace Council members in (Mela and Htohkawkoe);
3. Liaison offices will be established with the persons agreed by both sides at both side-agreed places for holding bilateral talks. Economic and liaison offices of the company will be opened in Hpa-an, Myawady, Phayathonzu, Kawkareik, Mawtaung and Kawthoung;
...
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...
7. Both sides will agree definitions of the peace submitted by the KNU/KNLA Peace Council in principle and will strive for realization of the peace process.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source UN Peacemaker; <http://peacemaker.un.org/> ; <http://peacemaker.un.org/myanmar-KNU-KLNA-PeaceCouncil2012>
