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Statement of denunciation on the horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre by the junta's military force

- 1. The group of villagers were mercilessly executed by the junta's military force in Nam Nein Village which is in the Saunpyaung area of Pinloung Township. This group included three monks, one of them is the Abbott, one woman and eighteenth men and they were hiding from the conflict in Nam Nein Village monastery. They were forcefully taken from their shelter, and lined up before a wall, and mercilessly executed by the junta's military force. This horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre is the crimes against humanity and the junta's military force not only intends to sow mistrust between Pa-O People and Karenni People but incite racial and religious hatred within the community. Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC) strongly condemns this abhorrent act of the junta's military force.
- 2. We believe this atrocity was committed by the junta's military force based on the evidence we have. This fact is very clear if we analyse the fake photos posted on the junta's Telegram account at 08:51 am on 11th March. In these fake photos, hand-made guns were put on the dead bodies with captions such as "Unruly Kayan, Kayah, Padet being taught a lesson" and "Suppressing Kayah Padet drinking beer in Pagoda"! According to our photographic evidence we have of the scene, it is evident that these are disingenuous and fraudulent. This horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre reminds us the war crime committed by PNO/PNA which are subordinate to the junta. Six months ago, PNO/PNA killed 6 kinsmen who were 5 members of PNLO/PNLA and one Pa-O civilian under the pretense of defending Pa-O area and Pa-O nationals and they failed to return the bodies of these kinsmen. In light of these incidents, Pa-O People Defence Force (Kham Dom) (PPDF-KD) and Pa-O National Defence Force (Kham Koung) (PNDF-KK) will follow the leadership of Pa-O National Federal Council (PNFC) and struggle with allies and resolve our differences according to the principles outlined below.

Apart from defending and protecting our rights, we will do our best not to take up arms in times of discord and disagreement and find a peaceful solution among the Pa-O nationals or among the ethnic communities.

3. The root cause of the horrendous Nam Nein Village massacre and other war crimes is the 2021 coup d'etat. Pa-O nationals as well as other nationals including Karenni have been massacred by the junta's military force. In addition to these incidents, there have been air raids targeting innocent unarmed civilians and children like in Anang Pa area in Kachin State,

Letyetkhone area in Sagaing Division, Kawkareik area in Karen State and civilian dwellings and households in Chin State. The junta's military force committed crimes against humanity and war crimes on a daily basis such as the beheadings in Sagaing Division and Magway Division. Since 1962, successive military dictatorships have been committing atrocities by slaughtering religious figures, students, and citizens of all ethnic groups of all ages and will continue to do so in future. A true peace and a new federal democratic state to be realized, We Pa-O ethnic community together with all other ethnic communities of the nation believe that we have no other way but to join in the revolution to uproot the fascist military dictatorship once and for all.

- 4. We would like to highlight to the Pa-O nationals and the Karenni nationals that the current conflict is not about either race or religion. It is not about territorial dispute either. It is about revolution of all from every nook and crannies of the country including Burmese against the junta and military dictatorship which is waging war on its own people and people cannot tolerate this situation any longer. And we urge all to be cautious of instigation of acts of falsehood by the junta and its lackey.
- 5. Karen, Karenni and Pa-O are kindred brothers and sisters that share a common history and we are blood brothers and sisters in this struggle of freedom. Karen, Karenni and Pa-O became part of "A unified allies joining forces to fight for liberation of the repressed people of the nation and opposing the remnants of imperialism, feudal system, military bureaucracy and policy of Chauvinism and to walk the path of national democracy" as a basic principle of National Democratic Front (NDF) and Revolutionary Allied Forces. That is why in this declaration that we, Pa-O National Federal council, Pa-O Nationals and Karrenni Nationals together with all other ethnic communities have joined forces in the Spring Revolution and would do our utmost to uproot the military dictatorship and build a new Federal Union where equity, peace and rule of law prevails and prosecute the junta for the crimes they committed.

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