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### **KNU Statement Regarding the “Conscription Law” Declared by SAC**

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1. SAC declared the "Conscription Law" enacted as Law No (27/2010) by the military junta (SPDC) in 2010 to come into force on the 10 February 2024 through Notification No (27/2024) and the "Reserve Military Force Law" enacted as Law No (28/2010) by the military junta (SPDC) in 2010 to come into force on the 13 February 2024 through Notification No (32/2024). Subsequently, SAC announced forming the Central Body for Summoning People’s Military Servants on 13 February 2024 through Notification No (1/2024).
2. SAC does not have the authority to enforce laws such as the Conscription Law that should be conducted with dignity. The KNU strongly objects to the implementation of this law as it will deeply draw the entire country into the mire of war and perpetuate the military dictatorship.
3. The Conscription Law is to protect the country from foreign invasions and is the virtuous service to provide the nation's reconstruction efforts, including providing humanitarian assistance in the event of natural disasters and major accidents.
4. The KNU urges the young generation and the entire people of the country not to participate in the implementation of the Conscription Law that was illegally declared by SAC, but to oppose it through political defiance activities, participate in the revolutionary organisations, and cooperate in fighting against it in various ways including activities of mutual protection.
5. The people do not need to comply with these illegal laws, SAC’s forced recruitment of the young generation and a generation of labour resources is drawing them into the mire of war. SAC and those who work together with the SAC must be responsible and accountable for the political, social, and economic consequences of the implementation of these laws.
6. SAC’s oppression, killing, trying to disunite people in various ways, and drawing the entire country into war will be eliminated only when the military dictatorship in Burma is completely eradicated.

7. The KNU urges the young generation to fight against the illegal activities of SAC by various means using your innovative and creative abilities in line with your generation, and we will also support as much as we can from our respective sectors.

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