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SUMMARY: (C) THE BURMESE MILITARY STATES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KACHIN ARE COMPLETE WITH NO MAJOR DISCUSSION POINTS TO BE RESOLVED. FINAL ACCORD SIGNING CEREMONY TO OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL.

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TEXT: 1. (c) (b)(1), 1.4 (c) THE HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KACHIN INSURGENTS. THE PRESENTATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "PRIVILEGED INFORMATION"

2. (c) (b)(1), 1.4 (b), 1.4 (c) EXACTLY WHAT POINTS HAD BEEN JOINTLY AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ORGANIZATION (KIO) AND THE KACHIN INDEPENDENT ARMY (KIA) TO DATE. FIVE POINTS FOLLOW --

- BOTH CAMPS AGREE TO END ALL MILITARY FIGHTING AND DECLARE A "SUPER CEASE FIRE"

- BOTH THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE KACHIN JOIN FORCES IN DEVELOPING THE KACHIN STATE.
- KACHIN REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN OBSERVER STATUS, WILL VISIT AND STUDY OTHER BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND WILL STUDY AND LEARN ABOUT THE STEPS TAKEN BY NUMEROUS STATE LAW AND ORDER RESTORATION COUNCIL (SLORC) COMMITTEES TO DEVELOP THE NATION.

- THE KACHIN WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN ARMS AND MOVE FREELY THROUGHOUT THEIR OWN "AREAS"

- THE KACHIN WILL ACT AS EMISSARIES TO OTHER INSURGENT GROUPS. THESE EMISSARIES WILL REPRESENT THE KACHIN AND NOT THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT.

3. (c) A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION LEADING UP TO THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWS --

AFTER SOME PRELIMINARY CONTACTS IN LASHIO, THE FIRST OF SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS OCCURRED IN MYITKYINA ON 930122. AT THIS MEETING THE BURMESE MILITARY WAS REPRESENTED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE NORTHEAST COMMAND, MAJOR GENERAL (MG) (AYE KYAW) AND BY MAJOR GENERAL, THEN BRIGADIER GENERAL, (SAW LWIN) THE NORTHERN COMMAND COMMANDER (SOURCE COMMENT -- THE KACHIN AREA FALLS WITHIN THE BURMESE MILITARY'S NORTHERN COMMAND. MG SAW LWIN WAS THOUGHT TO BE TOO HARD LINE AND INFLEXIBLE FOR THE FRAGILE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. MG AYE KYAW WAS PICKED TO BE THE LEAD REPRESENTATIVE AS HE IS MUCH MORE OPEN AND PRESENTS A FRIENDLY, CONDUCIVE DEMEANOR). THE KIO WAS REPRESENTED BY ((U LAMUN TUIJAI)), KIO VICE CHAIRMAN; DR. U LA MON TU JAI, KIO HEALTH OFFICER; AND ((U TEINT BAWN)), KIO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER. LTCOL KYAW THEIN AND THE ORIGINAL THREE KACHIN NEGOTIATORS ATTENDED THIS AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

- THE SECOND SERIES OF MEETINGS OCCURRED AT MYITKYINA ON 930318 - 930323 AND 930406. THE NEGOTIATIONS PARTICIPANTS REMAINED THE SAME AS IN THE FIRST MEETING.
- THE THIRD MEETING OCCURRED AT MYITKYINA ON 930405 - 930408. THE PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS WERE THEN JOINED BY KIO GENERAL SECRETARY, ((U ZAUNG HAR)).
- THE FOURTH MEETING OCCURRED IN MYITKYINA ON 930526 - 930528 WITH THE SAME PLAYERS PRESENT.
- THE FIFTH AND FINAL MEETING OCCURRED IN MYITKYINA ON 930927 - 930928. AN ADDITIONAL KIO REPRESENTATIVE, ((U ZAW HPAN)), KIA GSO 1, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

4. (©) A LISTING OF THE KIO CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOMPANYED THE BRIEF; MAJOR MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS --
- NUMBER 1 - ((G SAW SAIN))
- NUMBER 2 - ((MANGYI ZAW AN)), DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
- NUMBER 3 - ZAW HPAN, GSO 1
- NUMBER 4 - ((SAING HPON))
- NUMBER 5 - ((KAM DWE))
- NUMBER 6 - ((T ZAW SHEN))
- NUMBER 7 - ((LAHKAN SHAUNG))
- NUMBER 8 - DR ((TU JA)), FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- NUMBER 9 - DR LA JA
- NUMBER 10 - U TIENT BAWN

5. (c) A LISTING OF THE KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ARMY ORGANIZATION WHO ACCOMPANIED THE BRIEF FOLLOWS --
- CHIEF OF STAFF - ((ZAU MAI))
- DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF - ((MANGYI ZAW AIN))
- MEMBER - ((KAN DWE))
- MEMBER - ((ZAW HPAN))
- MEMBER - ((LAHKAN SHAUNG))
- MEMBER - ((TAN LAI))
- MEMBER - ((KON HTAGAN))
- NO 1 BRIGADE COMMANDER - ((LANIN URANAW))
- NO 2 BRIGADE COMMANDER - ((LA ZEIN BOK))
- NO 3 BRIGADE COMMANDER - ((ZA W TAN))
- NO 4 BRIGADE COMMANDER - ((LUN TONG))

A CEASE IN SIGNIFICANT CHINESE GOVERNMENT AID TO THE KACHIN OCCURRED WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MILITARY DEFEATS EXPERIENCED BY THE KIA. STILL, NON-CHINESE GOVERNMENTAL AID STILL FLOWS ACROSS THE CHINESE BORDER TO THE KACHIN.
A -- APPROXIMATELY 4000 KIO/KIA MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN THE RETURNING GROUP. TOTAL NUMBERS ARE PRESENTLY UNKNOWN DUE TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILY SIZES.

A -- THE KACHIN BAPTIST CONVENTION GROUP WILL BE THE ON-SITE MONITOR AND WILL CANVASS THE RANK AND FILE KACHIN TO CHECK ON THEIR CONDITION WITHIN THE KACHIN AUTONOMOUS AREAS.

A -- PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE KACHIN STATE. THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW. THE ACCORD HAS AS ITS FIRST STEP THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS WILL FOLLOW IN TIME. FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED IN KACHIN STATE FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO RESOLVE ALL THEIR LOCAL PROBLEMS.

A -- THE KACHIN HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO BE PARTICIPANTS YET. ONCE THEY LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS COMPLETELY, THE KACHIN MAY ESTABLISH A POLITICAL PARTY, JOIN THE CONVENTION AND PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

Q -- ARE THE KACHIN STILL A MEMBER OF THE DAB?
A -- YES, AND THE SLORC GOVERNMENT IS NOT ASKING THEM TO QUIT THE DAB AT THIS TIME. THE DAB HIERARCHY HOWEVER HAS GIVEN THE KACHIN AN ULTIMATUM THAT BY 931115, THE KACHIN SHOULD SUBMIT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE DAB IF AN ACCORD IS REACHED BETWEEN THE KACHIN AND THE SLORC. KIO MEMBERS ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DAB'S FOREIGN RELATIONS' SECTION AND KIO PARTICIPANTS WILL STILL
BE OBSERVED IN DAB FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROCEEDINGS. ACTIONS THAT THEY MAY TAKE OVERSEAS (AS AT THE U.N., ETC.) ARE NOT CLEARED OR DEMANDED TO BE CLEARED BY THE SLORC.

A -- THE SLORC WILL START REPAIRING ROADS AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND COMMERCE. THIRTY SEPARATE ROADS AND BRIDGES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR RENOVATION. FOREIGNERS WILL SOON BE ALLOWED TO VISIT KACHIN STATE.

A -- THE KIO SENIOR LEADER, BRANG SEIN, IS ILL AND HOSPITALIZED IN KUNMING, CHINA. WE ARE WAITING FOR HIS HEALTH TO IMPROVE SO HE CAN REPRESENT HIS KACHIN PEOPLE AT THE CEREMONY. IF HIS ILLNESS PERSISTS WE WILL STILL PROCEED WITH THE FINAL ACCORD CEREMONY IN THE AFOREMENTIONED TIME PERIOD.

A -- THE KACHINS WILL ADMINISTER BUSINESS IN THEIR OWN AREAS. LEGAL BUSINESSES WILL BE HANDLED BY PRIVATE CONCERNS. THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON LEGAL BUSINESSES. AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, THE CESSION OF HOSTILITIES IS THE PRESENT PRIMARY CONCERN. ECONOMICS WILL FOLLOW.
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