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Country/entity Myanmar

Region Asia and Pacific

Agreement name United Wa State Army (UWSA), Government 6-Point Union-Level Peace Agreement

Date 26 Dec 2012

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/conflict Intrastate/intrastate conflict

level

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 stuggle 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, here 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 -

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Stage Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups

Parties Union Level Peace-making Group led by U Aung Thaung and "Wa" Special Region (2)

Peacemaking Group headed by Vice-Chairman U Shauk Min Lyan held second peace talks

at the meeting hall of "Wa" Special Region in Pansang.

Third parties -

Description Six point ceasefire agreement which includes provisions regarding socio-economic

development and improvement of living standards for national people in the "Wa" Special Region (2), and inclusion of representatives of townships in the Hluttaw of the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical

Page 1, (3) The Union government agrees to help increase opportunities for national races youths in "Wa" Special Region (2) to pursue education with the mindset to develop their insights, to equip them with vocational education and to realize human resources

development.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

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development.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced No specific mention.

persons

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)

Page 1, (6) "Wa" Special Region (2) is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. "Wa" Special Region (2) agrees to continue to hold talk to cooperate with defence forces of the State for security and defence of the State as one as it agrees not to

disintegrate the State and secede from the State at all and

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 No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

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

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Proportionality in legislature

Sub-state level

Page 1, (5) It is agreed to continue negotiating matters related to enable representatives of people in townships of "Wa" Special Region (2) take seats in each Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to represent desires of the people in "Wa" Special

Region (2).

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 No specific mention.

general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

No specific mention.

rights

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

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 No specific mention.

human rights institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. emergency law

State of emergency No specific mention.

provisions

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→Socioeconomic development

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- (4) The Union government agrees to adopt long-term plans for cooperation of local people in treatment, prevention and education processes of healthcare to national people in "Wa" Special Region (2), acquiring health knowledge.

National economic No specific mention.

plan

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/

No specific mention.

nomadism rights

Cultural heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or riparian

rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

[Summary] Although the agreement does not explicitly provide for a ceasefire, it was considered by both parties and observers to be a ceasefire agreement, with cessation of

hostilities related to broader issues of the process in the agreed points.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence

services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised

No specific mention.

crime

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice No specific mention.

general

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 No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention.

signatory

Referendum for No speciagreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/

No specific mention.

similar

Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

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