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Statement on Myanmar rebels deposing illegal tax collections in Mizoram by Chin National Front

Chin National Front (CNF) is fighting hand in hand with other nationalities in Burma against illegal government of military regime of Burma in order to restore democracy and human rights and establish federal union. As so, CNF always respect human rights, oblige international laws and sovereignty of other states and give high priority to have good relation with other countries especially to its neighbouring countries of India and Bangladesh.

As Chin National Army (CNA) is the arm wing of CNF, CNA are guided to respect and follow strictly human rights, international laws and sovereignty of others states by CNF. Further more, CNF enacted codes of military conduct based on Geneva Convention to be followed by CNA.

CNF is surprised to read the news that Home Ministry of India accused CNA as collection of illegal taxes from transporters and businessmen in Mizoram State which was written in "The Hindustan Times" on January 3rd, 2000. As mention has been already made in the above, CNA follows and respects international laws and sovereignty of the other states, CNA never collect any tolls or taxes in other soils including Mizoram State. CNF would like to announce especially to the people of India that the news heading "Myanmar rebels deposing illegal tax collections in Mizoram" is totally wrong information.

Now, the military regime of Burma (Self-style State Peace and Development Council) is despair for how to continue holding the power because of more and more pressure from every corner. The regime is trying to crack down by any means against pro-democracy activists who base in neighbouring countries lest the pressure is lesser. In order to have confusion and misunderstanding on us by the people of Mizoram State and India, the military regime is spreading terror news in India. Therefore, CNF would like to request the People of Mizoram and India to keep alert on the activities of military regime on India's soil and appeal people of India not to allow the military regime to do such dreadful things in India's territory.

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