

Forum on Minority Issue

Item – 5 Minority Youth, Agents of change and stability

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Thank You Mr. Chairperson

My name is Saw Say Lar, I belong to Karen ethnic minority in Myanmar and I am one of the minority fellow of OHCHR.

I would like to tell you all about Harmful Development Projects that lead to huge human right violation in minority area and threatening peace process in Myanmar.

Lepadaung copper mine project in central Myanmar displace 441 households from 4 villages and villager Daw Khin Win shot dead by police when she protected her own land, 100,000 people displaced from Jade Mining in Kachine State, Hpa Ka area, Planning Mega Hydro Power projects on Salween river will displace and destroy 10 million of minority people lives and it is threading peace process in Myanmar.

When we look back to those projects, they are all located in ethnic minority area, the most vulnerable people who have been oppressed by majority Burmese soldiers over the past 6 decades.

In 2015 National League for Democracy (NLD) won the election and we(minority) believe that discrimination will end, but FORCE EVICTION, approving HARMFUL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS in minority are continuing without FREE, PRION, INFORM and CONSENT process.

I would like to make tow recommendations to Myanmar Government

(1) Myanmar government should respect and protect minority people right and every citizen must be free from intimidation and threat form police and military when they gather to raise their voice and express their thought.

(2) Government should follow National Cease Fire (peace agreement) guide line in Article (9) that protect civilian and make sure all of the citizen are safe.

Thank You