

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council

Letter No. 04/ Na Ya Ka (U) / Ma Nya
Dated : 1st November, 2000

To

Chairman
All State and Divisional Peace and Development Councils

Subject: PROHIBITING REQUISITION OF FORCED LABOUR

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs which administers the Towns Act, 1907 and the Village Act, 1907, issued, under the directive of the State Peace and Development Council, Order No. 1/99 on 14th May, 1999. The Order directs responsible persons not to exercise powers under certain provisions of the said Acts relating to requisition of forced labour and stipulates actions that are to be taken against any violation. (The copy of the said Order is attached hereto as Annexure-1)
2. After the issuance of the Order No. 1/99, to be in conformity with the changing situations, the Ministry of Home Affairs under the direction of the State Peace and Development Council issued the Order Supplementing Order No. 1/99 on 27th October, 2000. The Supplementing Order renders the requisition of forced labour illegal and stipulates that it is an offence under the existing laws of the Union of Myanmar. Responsible persons, including the local Authorities, members of the Armed Forces, members of the Police Force and other public service personnel are also prohibited not to requisition forced labour and are instructed to supervise so that there shall be no forced labour. (The copy of the said Order is attached hereto as Annexure-2)
3. Therefore, it is hereby directed that the State and Divisional Peace and Development Councils shall issue necessary instructions to the relevant District and Township Peace and Development Councils to strictly abide by the prohibitions contained in Order No. 1/99 and the Supplementing Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs and also to effectively supervise to ensure that there shall be no forced labour within their respective jurisdictions.

4. Responsible persons including members of the local Authorities, members of the Armed Forces, members of the Police Force and other public service personnel who fail to abide by the said Order No. 1/99 and the Supplementing Order shall be prosecuted under Section 374 of the Penal Code or any other existing laws.

by order,

Sd. (Khin Nyunt)
Lieutenant - General
Secretary (1)

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- (2) Office of the State Peace and Development Council;
- (3) Office of the Government;
- (4) Supreme Court;
- (5) Office of the Attorney General;
- (6) Office of the Auditor General;
- (7) Public Services Selection and Training Board; and
- (8) All Ministries.