

Sumlut Gun Maw

Vice Chief of Staff of the Kachin Independence Organization

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General Gun Maw at the KIO HQ	
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Personal details	
Alma mater	University of Mandalay

Education

Bachelors degree (University of Mandalay)

Sumlut Gun Maw is an officer of the [Kachin Independence Army](#)^[1] who currently serving as the vice [chief-of-staff](#) with the rank of [Brigadier General](#) since 2009.^{[2][3][4][5]}

He became one of the youngest leaders of the [Kachin Independence Organization](#) (KIO) after launching several innovative programs.

Aside from his many years as a frontline soldier for the [Kachin Independence Army](#), he holds several key positions within the KIO, such as head of the National Information Services (NIS) and was a key negotiator for the peace talks with the

government of Myanmar. He has been very active in improving and reforming the education system of the KIO.^{[6][7][8]}

After attending a reconciliation conference in 2004, where he played golf in [Yangon](#), he founded the [Laiza Golf Club](#).^[2] In 2009 he was appointed as the vice [chief-of-staff](#) with the rank of [Brigadier General](#).^[2]

In 2013, he attended peace talks in [Myitkyina](#) where he was hailed by thousands of [Kachins](#) as the KIA's representative.^[9] The talks resulted in a lessening of hostilities but not a complete ceasefire.^{[9][10]}

In 2017, he was the vice-chairman of the KIO and attended the [Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong](#) in [Naypyidaw](#) as a member of the [United Nationalities Federal Council](#).^[11]

Interview

KIA General Gun Maw: 'To Talk and Live as Equals, That is Genuine Peace'

General Sumlut Gun Maw, vice chairman of the Kachin Independence Organization. / The Irrawaddy

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Following the first meeting of the 21st Century Panglong Peace Conference in August, fighting intensified in northeastern Burma, and negotiations between the government and the ethnic alliance United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) stalled. Informal talks between the two sides resumed last Friday, but it remains to be seen whether the non-signatories of the nationwide ceasefire agreement (NCA) will attend the next Panglong meeting, which is slated for February.

The Burma Army continues to wage an offensive against ethnic armed groups, adding to the number of lives lost and people displaced from their homes in Kachin and northern Shan states near the China border.

Guan Maw Calls For Myanmar Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement

By

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Major-General Guan Maw Sunday stressed that Myanmar government and ethnic armed groups should make more efforts to finalize the formal signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) which has been preliminarily signed by both peace negotiators.



Myanmar police clash

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, Guan Maw, who is also member of the central committee of the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), said ethnic armed groups' Nationwide Cease- fire Coordination Team (NCCT) and the government's Union Peace- Making Work Committee (UPWC) overcame much difficulties to successfully conclude negotiation of a draft NCA after one year and five months negotiations.

The next step of formal signing NCA is of utmost importance which needs both sides make more efforts for it, Guan Maw said.

NCCT persisted that all ethnic armed groups should be inclusive in the signing of the NCA and the follow-up political dialogue to realize lasting peace in the country, he said.

The NCCT is also proposing to hol

d a summit conference participated by all ethnic armed groups to approve the draft NCA, he said.

He, however, added that the formal signing of the NCA is not possible by this month.

As to political dialogue after the ceasefire, he said, it still takes time to realize, including some hard issues to be discussed in the political talks. When asked about China's "Belt and Road" initiative and regional cooperation, Guan told Xinhua that China is Myanmar's neighbor and a super power in the world as well as leader country in the region. China's advocacy to build a modern maritime silk road and enhancement of regional cooperation are regionally and politically important measures, which are vital to regional stability.

Peace negotiators of the Myanmar government and ethnic armed groups successfully concluded negotiation of the draft NCA on Monday and the draft accord was preliminarily signed by the two sides' negotiators in Yangon on Tuesday, witnessed by President U Thein Sein as well as the United Nations Special Envoy Vijay Nambiar's Secretary and Chinese Foreign Ministry Special Envoy for Asian Affairs Wang Yingfan.

The preliminarily-signed ceasefire accord is yet to be submitted to the top level of respective sides for adoption before it is formally signed.

The following facts are the ground to award Honorary Doctor of Humanities to be awarded on KIA [Brigadier General](#) Sumlut Gun Maw

- Fighting for freedom of both Kachin and all people of Myanmar
- Resist the pressures and continue to provide the protection for displaced people of Myanmar
- Sacrificed personal benefits and uphold the dignity for the humanities and freedom of people.
- Protect the people who took part in Spring Revolution of Myanmar 2021 and Civil Disobedience Movement in KIA Controlled areas.

