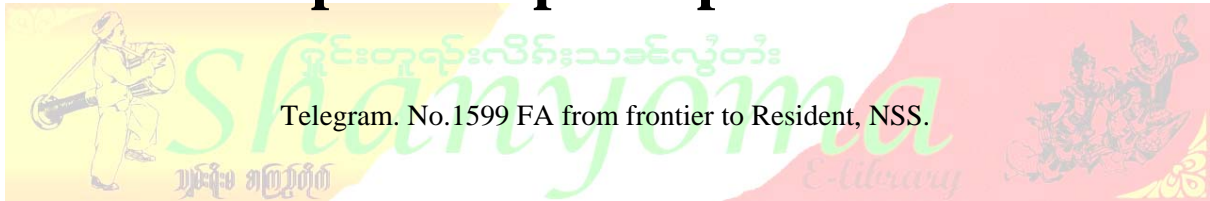


# **How much do we know about the Panglong Agreement Treaty and to what extent can we live up to the principles stated in it?**



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Following conclusion reached in conversation between His Majesty's Government and Delegation from Executive Council at London regarding Frontier Areas.

It is agreed objective of both His Majesty's Government and the Burmese Delegates to achieve the early unification of the Frontier Areas and Ministerial Burma with free consent of inhabitants of those areas.

In meantime it is agreed that people of Frontier Areas should in respect of Subjects of common interest be closely associated with Government of Burma in a manner acceptable to both parties.

For these purpose it has been agreed as follows:-

- (a) There shall be free intercourse between people of Frontier Areas and people of Ministerial Burma without hindrance.
- (b) Leaders and representatives of peoples of Frontier Areas shall be asked either at Pang-Long Conference or at a special conference to be convened for the purpose to express their views upon the form of association with the Government of Burma which they consider acceptable during the transition period whether by:-
  - (1) appointment of a small group of Frontier Representatives to advise the Governor on Frontier Affairs and to have close liaison with the Executive Council(or)
  - (2) by appointment of one Frontier Areas Representative as Executive Councillor in charge of Frontier affairs (or)
  - (3) By some other method.
- (c) After the Panglong Conference or Special conference, HMG and the Government of Burma will agree upon the best method of advancing their common aims in accordance with the expressed views of the people of the Frontier Areas.
- (d) A Committee of Enquiry shall be set up forthwith as to the best method of associating the Frontier peoples with the working out of the New Constitution for Burma.

Such Committee will consist of equal number of persons from Ministerial Burma nominated by the Executive Council and of persons from the Frontier Areas nominated by the Governor after consultation with leaders of these areas with a neutral Chairman from outside Burma selected by agreement.

Such Committee shall be asked to report to Government of Burma and HMG before the summoning of the Constituent Assembly.

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**Decision Arrived At By The Shan-Kachin Committee At Its Meeting At Panglong On 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 1947 at 2:30 P.M.**

The Committee is of the opinion that the freedom for the Shans and the Kachins would be achieved sooner through the cooperation with the Burmese. As such the two races would send in their respective representatives to take part in the Executive Council of the Burmese Government during the transition period, with the following conditions:

- (1) Same status, rights and privileges as enjoyed by the Burmese on democratic lines.
- (2) The Shan and Kachin members in the Executive Council would be responsible for all their respective internal affairs and would jointly be responsible for common subjects, e.g., Foreign affairs, Railways, Custom, etc.

- (3) This Committee supported the demand of the Kachin for their desire to have a distinct separate Kachin State.
- (4) The terms of agreement as arrived at between the Burmese delegates and His Majesty's Government is not to be binding on the Shans and Kachins.
- (5) The right to secede after attainment of freedom from Confederation with Burma if and when we choose.

**Shan Committee**

**Kachin Committee**

Sd. Hkun Pan Sein

Sd. Sinwa Naw, Myitkyina

(Saohpalong of Tawngpeng State)

Sd. Sao Shwe Thaike

Sd. Zau Rip do

(Saohpalong of Yawnghwe State)

Sd. Sao Hom Hpa,

Sd. Dinra Tang do

(Saohpalong of North Hsenwi State)

Sd. Sao Num

Sd. Zau La, Bhamo.

(Saohpalong of Laika State)

Sd. Sao Sam Htun,

Sd. Zau Lawn, Bhamo

(Saohpalong of Mongpaw State)

Sd. Sao Htun E,

Sd. Labang Grong, Bhamo.

(Saohpalong of Hsamonghkam State.)

Sd. Hkun Pung

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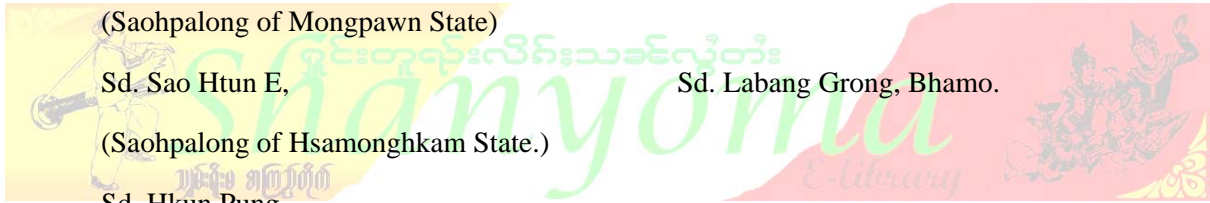
Sd. U Htun Myint

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Sd. Sao Yape Hpa

Sd. Hkun Htee



**Decision arrived At By The Combined Chin-Kachin-Shan Committee**

**At Its Meeting At PANGLONG On 7th February 1947 at 9 A.M.**

The Chin Delegation having arriving on the night of the 6th February 1947 was welcomed to the meeting. It consisted of

- 1. U Hlur Hmung, ATM, I.D.S.M., B.E.M., Falam, Chin Hills
- 2. U Thawng Za Khup, ATM, Tiddim, Chin Hills
- 3. U Kio Mang, ATM, Haka, Chin Hills

The terms of the decision arrived at yesterday by the the Shan Representatives and the Kachin Delegation at their meeting at 2:30 P.M. was duly read out and explained to the Chin Delegates who approved of the decisions and subscribed to the same with the following additions which was unanimously approved by all.

- (a) All rights and privileges as regards Central Revenue enjoyed by Shans shall also be extended to the Chins and Kachins on a population basis.
- (b) There shall be formed a Supreme Executive Council of the United Hill peoples composed of representative of Shans and Kachins which shall have full powers of decision on all matters of policy between the Hill peoples and the Government of Burma.

**Shan Committee**

**Kachin Committee**

Sd. Hkun Pan Sein,(Saohpalong of Tawngpeng State)	Sd. Sinwa Naw, Myitkyina.
Sd. Sao Shwe Thaike,(Saohpalong of Yawngghwe State)	Sd. Zau Rip, do
Sd. Sao Hom Hpa,(Saohpalong of North Hsenwi)	Sd. Dinra Tang do
Sd. Sao Num, (Saohpalong of Laika State)	Sd. Zau La, Bhamo.
Sd. Sao Sam Htun,(Saohpalong of Mongpaw State)	Sd. Zau Lawn, Bhamo.
Sd. Sao Htun E,(Saohpalong of Hsamonghkam.)	Sd. Labang Grong, Bhamo.

Representative of Hsahtung Saohpalong.

**Chin Committee**

Sd. Hkun Pung.	Sd. U Hlur Hmung, ATM, IDSM, B.E.M, Falam
Sd. U Tin E	Sd. U Thawng Za Khup, ATM, Tiddim
Sd. U Htun Myint	
Sd. U Kya Bu	Sd. U Kio Mang, ATM, Haka.
Sd. Hkun Saw	
Sd. Sao Yape Hpa	
Sd. Hkun Htee.	

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Dated Panglong, Feb., 12, 1947.

**The Panglong Agreement, 1947**

A Conference having been held at Panglong, attended by certain Members of the Executive Council of the Governor of Burma, all Saohpas and representatives of the Shan States, the Kachin Hills and the Chin Hills.

The Members of the Conference, believing that freedom will be more speedily achieved by the Shans, the Kachins and the Chins by their immediate cooperation with the Interim Burmese Government.

The Members of the Conference have accordingly, and without dissensions, agreed as follows:-

1. A Representative of the Hill peoples, selected by the Governor on the recommendation of representatives of the Supreme Council of the United Hill People (SCOUHP), shall be appointed a Counsellor to the Governor to deal with the Frontier Areas.
2. The said Counsellor shall be appointed a Member of the Governor's Executive Council, without portfolio, and the subject of the Frontier Areas brought within the purview of the Executive Council by Constitutional Convention as in the case of Defence and External Affairs. The Counsellor for Frontier Areas shall be given executive authority by similar means.
3. The said Counsellor shall be assisted by two Deputy Counsellors representing races of which he is not a member. While the two Deputy Counsellors should deal in the first instance with the affairs of their respective areas and the Counsellor with all the remaining parts of the Frontier Areas, they should by Constitutional Convention act on the principle of joint responsibility.
4. While the Counsellor, in his capacity of Member of the Executive Council, will be the only representative of the Frontier Areas in the Council, the Deputy Counsellors shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Council when subjects pertaining to the Frontier Areas are discussed.
5. Though the Governor's Executive Council will be augmented as agreed above, it will not operate in respect of the Frontier Areas in any manner which would deprive any portion of these Areas of the autonomy which it now enjoys in internal administration. Full autonomy in internal administration for the Frontier Areas is accepted in principle.
6. Though the question of demarcating and establishing a separate Kachin State within a Unified Burma is one which must be relegated for decision by the Constituent Assembly, it is agreed that such a State is desirable. As a first step towards this end, the Counsellor for Frontier Areas and the Deputy Counsellors shall be consulted in the administration of such areas in the Myitkyina and the Bhamo Districts as are Part II Scheduled Areas under the Government of Burma Act of 1936.
7. Citizens of the Frontier Areas shall enjoy rights and privileges which are regarded as fundamental in democratic countries.
8. The arrangements accepted in this agreement are without prejudice to the financial autonomy now vested in the Federated Shan States.
9. The arrangements accepted in this agreement are without prejudice to the financial assistance which the Kachin Hills and the Chin Hills are entitled to receive from the revenue of Burma, and the Executive Council will examine with the Frontier Areas Counsellor and deputy Counsellors the feasibility of adopting for the Kachin Hills and the Chin Hills financial arrangements similar to those between Burma and the Federated Shan States.

#### **Shan Committee**

- Sd. Hkun Pan Sein(Saohpalong of Tawngpeng State)  
Sd. Sao Shwe Thaike(Saohpalong of Yawnhwe State)  
Sd. Sao Hom Hpa(Saohpalong of North Hsenwi State)  
Sd. Sao Num(Saohpalong of Laika State)  
Sd. Sao Sam Htun(Saohpalong of Mongpaw State)  
Sd. Sao Htun E(Saohpalong of Hasmonghkam State)  
Sd. U Hpyu(Representative of Hsahtung Saohpalong)

#### **Kachin Committee**

- Sd. Sinwa Naw, Myitkyina.  
Sd. Zau Rip, Myitkyina.  
Sd. Dinra Tang, Myitkyina  
Sd. Zau Lawn, Bhamo  
Sd. Labang Grong, Bhamo.

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- Sd. Hlur Hmung, ATM, IDSM.  
B.E.M. Falam

Sd. Hkun Pung

Sd. U Tin E

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Sd. Aung San

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