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1. The Union Government has been implementing the national reconciliation and peace process with special focus. And, it has been making concerted efforts for national ethnic armed groups which have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement—NCA to take part in Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panlong, after building up mutual trust and understanding. According to the nature of peace dialogues, one year has already passed with high points and low points.
2. The main point of the dialogues for peace is trust. Here mutual trust is of great importance, as is self-confidence. As a result of the strenuous efforts and negotiations for one year, 5 member groups of United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC)— Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP), New Mon State Party (NMSP), Arakan National Council (ANC), Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) and Wa National Organization (WNO) disclosed this evening that they would sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
3. National Reconciliation and Peace which the national ethnic races and union citizens have been yearning for successive eras is now seeing red rays of hope spraying forth with brilliant colours. At such a time of great importance, undesirable destructive elements and instigations intended to harm peace might emerge. Therefore, this press release is being issued to urge our brothers who are leaders of the ethnic national races and Union citizens to be extremely careful.