

**Statement Regarding Combating Online Scam Activities in Karen State** 

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Regarding international concerns about online scam activities, including illegal casino gambling along the border of Karen State, the position of the Karen National Union (KNU) is as follows.

1. The emergence of online scam activities and illegal casino gambling is rooted in the poor system and corruption practiced by the successive governments of Burma (Myanmar) and is because of the lack of responsibility, accountability and rule of law of the successive governments.

2. The SAC is directly benefiting from these illicit businesses and are protecting and supporting them from behind. This has resulted in various social problems, not only for the Karen people in Karen State, but also for all those involved, and brings instability to the region, threatening global financial security and economic stability.

3. The KNU is absolutely opposed to any illicit business and is willing to combat the online scams and illegal casino gambling businesses.

4. The KNU is ready to cooperate with neighbouring countries and international organisations to clear out the online scam activities and illegal casino gambling businesses.

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