

Memorandum submitted to the NSCN (IM) by Naga civil society and business community under the aegis of Naga Council on 28th April, 2013, through the office of Ato Kilonser

As a follow up of the emergency meeting of Dimapur-based civil society, frontal organisations, student and youth organisations and business community, most notably Naga Council, NWHD, DCCI (including Chumukedima Chamber of Commerce & Industries), DNSU, YAN, GB Union (Sadar), Dimapur Urban Council Chairmen Federation (DUCCF), Dimapur District Consumer Society (DDSC) & Senior Citizen's Forum held under the aegis of Naga Council on 27th April, the Action Committee to tackle unabated, illegal taxation by both Naga political groups and government agencies formed under the aegis of Naga Council hereby submit its proposals to the Ato Kilonser, NSCN (IM) for his perusal and prompt action.

1. The Action Committee comprising of members of civil society, frontal organisations, student and youth organisations and business community of Dimapur shall be formed to oversee the issue of taxation in any form imposed by UGs groups and government agencies.
2. Irrespective of any sort of justification/s, **there shall be only one tax payable to any one faction of UGs**. The back-breaking multiple taxes imposed on single items **a) at New Field Check gate b) at godowns and c) at shops** by UG groups should be abolished immediately. Naga political groups will be allowed to levy tax only at one point instead of the present practice which leads to skyrocketing price rise. Also, irritants such as trade license tax, ID tax, registration tax, individual donations, calendar donations, Christmas & New Year donations, etc., shall not be entertained anymore.
3. The **yearly tax** payable to different factions shall not be increased arbitrarily under any circumstances and therefore, amount payable shall be the same as in 2012.
4. The creation of the new system of 'dealership' on items is strongly condemned. You're requested to cancel the dealership system immediately as it goes against the concept of free enterprise.
5. No products/produce in the market should be under the grip of powerful, illegal syndicate/s which has come up as a result of the latest dealership system. Any market should be free and fair providing level playing field for all enterprises but the presence of syndicates will ensure that pricing will be monopolized leading to price rise and livelihood of families destroyed.
6. No individual can be taxed **twice** in a year. For instance, a salaried person or businessmen once taxed cannot be imposed household tax or vice-versa.
7. Non-cadres cannot collect tax on behalf of the Naga political groups. The present practice of forcing GBs & Colony Chairmen and utilizing non-locals, especially illegal immigrants to collect tax should be discontinued immediately. Only authorized personnel of Naga political groups shall be allowed to collect tax.
8. Meitei, Kuki and Karbi Underground groups collecting tax in Dimapur with express understanding of Naga political groups shall not be allowed.
9. In order to streamline taxation, the Naga political groups should bring out a "Tax brochure" so that yearly tax can be levied in a transparent manner and confusion avoided. This will also eliminate middlemen, local muscles and bogus national workers who take undue advantage of the taxation climate which is hazy at best.

The Ato Kilonser has time and again forced home the concept that "Sovereignty lies with the people." This means that the movement is for the people and sustained by the Naga people but the years of cease-fire has been nothing but the watering down of the idealism of the past years. Naga civil society urges the Ato Kilonser to respect the wishes of the people and accept the memorandum which has been most humbly submitted for your perusal. Naga civil society is constrained to once again stress home the point that in the event of non-cooperation with this peoples' movement for a just society, we cannot be held responsible for any cause and effect which may undermine NSCN (IM) and other Naga political groups too and consequently the movement itself.

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The signatures of Action Committee members representative of civil society, student and youth organisations, business community are also attached herewith: