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## What is real National Reconciliation?

Posted by kmyaing - 2008/01/26 00:17

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Friends, Burmans, Our Ethnic brothers and sisters,

Lend me your ears!!!

I come not to praise any leader past or present.

I come not to criticize any leader past or present.

But allow me to post these thoughts for the benefit of all our citizens, living abroad or inside the country.

Those living on the bullock carts, those living on the boats, those living in the stables etc, etc, etc.

Here these humble words of mine that come out from the bottom of my heart.

I do not claim to know every thing or have any solution.

All I can claim is that I am willing to share my knowledge and experience for the peace, progress and prosperity of our country and all its peoples.

Where does National Reconciliation begin.

Where does it start.

Let me say these simple words which ring with truth.

"It begins within the human heart", that is it my friends.

There cannot be peace and harmony even among two people who love each other, like a husband and wife if they are not willing to each other. If they are not willing to put the interest of the marriage before their self interest.

So it is within a family. The father has to do the father's job. The mother has to do the mother's job. The children have to listen to their parents. The father has to take the leadership role and must behave in such a manner that the whole family loves and respects him. If he is drinking all day or not willing to work to bring home the food for the family then we can say that the father is negligent in his duties. In the same way the wife has to cook the food and take care of the household duties and teach the children all the good manners that need to be taught. This is how a traditional Burmese family operates. The family is at the lowest level of our national structure.

So in the interest of the nation, I appeal to all the leaders from all segments of society to ask themselves these fundamental questions.

"What kind of legacy do I wish to leave behind".

I am not going to suggest anything here. It is for the leaders to answer themselves in their heart of hearts.

If we look at history, we had good kings and not so good kings.

What kind of legacy did these Kings leave behind?

Anawratha - he founded the Bagan dynasty

Tabinshwe Hti - he founded the Toungoo dynasty

Alaung Paya - he founded the Kone Baung dynasty

King Mindon - he founded the Ratanabon City and was the convenor of the Fifth Buddhist Synod (Pyinsama Sangha Yadana Tin Mintaya Gyi).

King Thibaw - lost the country to the British

U Nu - imprisoned and later became a political exile after the coup detat in 1962 by General Ne Win.

U Ne Win - established the BSPP, ran the country to the ground economically and died an ignoble death. Not even a decent funeral.

So I ask again to all the leaders of our Golden Land.

What kind of legacy or legacies do you wish to leave behind.

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If I may be permitted to venture an answer I wish to say this.

"Why not go down in history as the leaders who brought about true and genuine National Reconciliation if Burma/Myanmar".

It is not too far off.

It begins from within the heart.

"Than thaya pyauk hma ahman bawa yauck mei".

Than thaya pyauk par sei, ahman bawa yauck par sei.

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## Re:What is real National Reconciliation?

Posted by thunderbolts - 2008/01/27 11:44

My dear UKmyaing,

I don't mean to be odd or rude believe me. You can look at history anyway you like whatever truth there may be it depends how you take it.

A husband and wife if some thing is missing , economically or socially or any other thing that marriage won't last long, separation and divorce will follow sooner or later. if not a disaster. A wife or a husband remarry, another man or another women. Have a new life. If it does not work out again they can do it again and again going round and round the circle. Is that what you wanted to say, FREEDOM? That is western style should I say or the 21st century fashion. Even that fashion is for just one class of society.

We are Myanmar, our Myanmar saying is. " Aing Doun Oo - Phayar Te - Sey Mhin Yey Sote Hto, De Thone Jet Ma Nine Yin - Noun Pyin Naing Ge Tghoi Amyo " We are reminded by our elders like that. For English speaking people it means, if you are not sure of something , don't do it, if you cannot finish it don't start it.

We are talking Myanmar. Would you let Myanmar couple do the same or follow suit?  
In many of my messages I have already mentioned that Myanmar is becoming Phar Naing Gan as Ko Aung San was afraid of. Myanmar girls becoming Pgar Thes .

Besides that was about a married couple. We are talking about Myanmar. Reconciliation. If we can not be reconciled, we should be separated we should divorce and get married again and started a new life with a new husband or a new wife. That will be very nice isn't it? Everybody is happy.

In politic it is not like that. Otherwise. No EU will be enlarging, No Nato will be expanding.

UKMyaing, I am sorry to say I was wrong to expect more than that from you, or that was not what I expect from you. honestly. General speaking, there is nothing wrong in wanting peace , wanting national reconciliation and this and that.

But if you don't mind me saying, it seems to me that you don't accept the realities of Myanmar at all. If I have said you don't understand a word what I was saying. it will be too much and you may take it as I am insulting which I am not.

If I am not wrong I am seeing your focus is solely on SPDC and NLD You are highlighting on leaders such as Sr. Gen Than Shwe(SPDC) and Ma Su Kyi(NLD). Even though you did not mention their names here.

Even if haven't, in your mind, leaders meant them, your aim or target is Myanmar and its people. My country my people, you would like to say.. I will give you that much credits. Very honourable I must say, true.

The rulers of Myanmar some of those you mentioned what is your analysis on them Let us for get about the leaders before Thibaw. Let's say never mind about Thibaw, Let' us put him on the shelf for a while.

Phayar Dagar U Nu and U Ne Win what did you see in them? You did not say much about them but both of seemed to

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be no good for you. You know what , you are yourself out of balance., that is what I see in you. And you are talking about National Reconciliation.

I know what I am UKMyaing. I am clear very clear, I support SPDC under circumstances. These circumstances are not for me , not for my personnel reasons. The circumstances and situation of Myanmar.

I am not sure what kind of books you are reading, especially the history of Myanmar  
Whatever they are, everything depends on you. How you translate , interpret and understand them.

We talk about cause an effects. Do you think you understand that? I am glad you do. Myanmar after Thibaw or Myanmar after 1948. What positive and what negatives have you seen.

“ Phaya Uu Ku” or “ Beydin and Yadayar“. Do you think they work? If they do Myanmar won't be like this. If they do there will be no Anicca, Dukha, Anatta or Thin Khaya.

Miytta , Saydanar. Mudita. In politic there is no loving kindness UKMyaing, Jesus Christ Was killed for his loving kindness. Ko Aung San was killed because of his love for his country and his people.

I am not surprise that you think very little of U Nu or U Ne Win . Why may I ask? Is it because they are not Whites, Pale faces? Especially U Ne Win was called Shu Maung?

When U Nu analysed himself he found his heart was bigger than his brain. Was it good or bad, you can tell me. In my view his big heart nearly cost Myanmar everything. As I have told you in my message. He could be a most generous person with things which are not his own properties or which did not belonged to him.

Your views and your opinion are rightfully yours, it won't be fair for me to say you are wrong

I don't deny the fact that every leaders of Myanmar have their weaknesses. So have other leaders all over the world. What I am saying is if you can see the weak points and bad points, surely you must see the strong points and good points.

UKMyaing what had happened to Myanmar, under U Nu or under U Ne Win I have said it many times It was due to none aligned or neutral , not wanting to be anybody's puppet not wanting to be anybody's satellite.

What is happening to Myanmar is the leaders want Myanmar to be a sovereign nation and to be free and independent. If you know the real meaning of these words..

The slogan or the motto of the free world is also FREEDOM. Which carries a lot of meaning. This “ freedom “ should not be the freedom for some to poke their noses in others peoples' affairs, it should not be “ freedom “ to belittle others, it should not be a freedom to undermine or manipulate others and it should not be freedom to put strings on others and so on.

You may or may not accept the fact that the “ Freedom ” Myanmar and its people were taken away by the British since 1823. I am not going into details here. You can read .

What I am saying is , up to this day, Myanmar ,may be an independent nation. But it is not a free country. If you know what I mean, I sincerely hope you know what I mean.

In another word, for being wanting “ none aligned or neutral , independent sovereign nation “ Myanmar being gang raped by the west. U Nu may have been raped, U Ne Win may have been raped, and present leaders are still being gang raped by the west.

Alright, again let's for get about others, the west or the east or the nNorth or the South. What about our own people, what about it?

We are talking about “ National Reconciliation ”, don't we? Then this depends on Myanmar nationals and Myanmar national alone. It not what you or what I want it must be all people must want this “National Reconciliation .”

You asked, “What kind of legacy or legacies do you wish to leave behind.”

If you don't know, I will tell you one thing. There is some thing we can do.

New Constitution should be approved as soon as possible. New government should submit its plans to Hluttaw, if you don't understand what a Hluttaw is , it is Parliament UKMyaing, Parliament in English in case you are among some people who do not understand Myanmar usage. We had the same problem in the case of Burma and Myanmar. The plans which will be approved by the Hluttaw to annihilate , to wipe out totally the any insurgencies, or terrorist acts and terrorism.

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Even that plans are approved by Hluttaw , Myanmar still needs limited , yes limited agreement or permission from Thailand. Cambodia, Laos , Bangladesh , India and China to cross the borders in pursued of these devils.

In short, Some nations in so called in international community should stop immediately their support for these, in their term "freedom fighters" who are actually " terrorist" to others, while they are imposing economic sanctions and arms embargo etc.

Not long ago one of the Nato alliance Turkey had the same plans submitted to its Parliament to cross Iraqi borders into Kurdisd autonomous region to wipe out Kurdisn who are given trouble to Turkey. When Saddam Hussein was alive , these Kurds could not move. Because Saddam did not want trouble between Iraq and Turkey because of these Kurds. After Saddam is gong Iran was blamed for encouraging the Kurds.

Do you honestly think and International Community will help Myanmar in that plans. at least?

There you are UKMyaing, there is your National Reconciliation.

Have a nice dream,

Nice talking to you,

Thunderbolts.

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## Re:What is real National Reconciliation?

Posted by kmyaing - 2008/01/27 20:28

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Dear Thunderbolt,

Thank you so much for your reply.

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So our first attempt at practising parliamentary democracy ended on that fateful day, 2 March 1962.

How was our Foreign Policy at that time. Well U Nu had good relations with China, USA, India, all the members of the Bandung Conference and he got along very well with PM Chou En Lai of China. Of course the US did not like that. They

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I am not saying that there was no corruption during those times. There were many rumours going on about this man or that woman selling off their export licences.

However, the economic situation was not bad and the price of a good cotton longyi was Kyats 11 and you can buy si kyet khaul swe for One Kyat. Those were the days. If I say this much I guess you will understand what I think of U Nu's administration.

The most important weak point of U Nu was that he trusted General Ne Win too much. That was his down fall.

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In my view, the UK still wants Burma to be under their thumb. The US for strategic reasons wants Burma to have the trappings of democracy so that all the American companies can do what they want not only in Burma but in all of Asia. So enter the Dragon. Because of the rise of China, politically, economically, militarily and in the area of international relations, the US Eagle cannot do what it wished in the Asian region.

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All Myanmar nationals and citizens should settle this political impasse with good intentions, cetena and with the interest of the nation at heart. All other things are secondary.

If we do not have the deep desire to achieve national unity, no outsider, not even the UN can help us.

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Posted by shwe kyee - 2008/01/28 11:42

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:P Dreaming good old days? Hmm? praising Ne Win and each other. Old military freaks,

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## Re:What is real National Reconciliation?

Posted by thunderbolts - 2008/01/29 11:21

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Mingala Bar UKMyaing

I hope this letter will find you well, for the moment.

Before the main course, please take this as a starter. I assure you it is to your taste.

I would like to say something about LEADERS in Myanmar whoever they are . I would like to make it very clear. These leaders are not confined to Bo Gyoke Aung San and those who are gone with him, not confined to U Nu, U Ne Win, Dr Maung Maung , U Saw Maung or U Than Shwe. The leaders include those Shan, Chin, Kachin, Kayin , Kayah and Yakhine whether they are over ground or underground.

All these leaders are leaders of Myanmar at least they are the leaders of their own people their own group, their own organizations etc.

What all these leaders must have in their mind are what we all want which are justice, liberty and equality. Next three are " peace, economy and democracy." How will they achieve them, how will they get them and give those to the people.

If all leaders have these six in their mind for Myanmar , for the people of Myanmar then what are they doing and why are they doing? As you have said once, these are the million dollars question they themselves cannot answer.

But I will answer for free not for one cent or a penny, why, because they don't want them they are afraid they will lost their position post, there will be noting to do, nothing to justify to what they want to do or what they are doing.

When US President Jimmy Carter advisor Peter Bourne visited U Khun Za's MTA HQ in Homong he said " I think there is a willingness of United States and else where to look at the drug issue on a completely different basis and version. I think also it is now very clear that what is happening here in Shan States is truly a legitimate independence movement in which the drug issue is really a subsidiary part."

U Khun Za followed MR. Bourne advice and immediately declared the area under his control to be independent Shan Nation and himself as the President. You know the rest of the story. But what I want to point out is that U Khun Za was not a stupid fool or an idiot which later we found him as himself, the leader with the common sense.

Here , the surrender of a U Khun Za a MonTai leader or the man with the common sense has brought the said six " justice, liberty, equality peace, economy and democracy in Mon Tai area Homong.

Here you can see what outside influence can do, good or bad.

If all other leaders are like U Khun Za, all Myanmar's will be laughing, because any government of that time will be

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concentrate on how to improve their standard of living, their education , their health etc. etc.

Of course it also depends on how outsiders could help Myanmar. Myanmarers are not baggers by nature, they are hard working people. If only they have works to do they will do it. Now they are sitting down idle. That is the root of problems in Myanmar, troubles in Myanmar.

Some NLD members have LA in brackets by their names. Which was not Los Angelis it was meant Liberated Area. Which area of Myanmar they have liberated I have no idea. Which people have they liberated I have no clues at all. Never mind about that.

What I am saying is if only all leaders, leaders in the government, leaders in the opposition , leaders in the armed groups. Leaders of the armed insurgents, leaders of the economic insurgents believe in these six with all their heart, then what more can I say.

Is there a personality conflict which is more than a clash going on in Myanmar, that we don't know? or do we? May be, because we ourselves are attacking either U Than Shwe or Ma Su Kyi.

In Myanmar society, personelity is so very important.

I will come back to you with other things later. Okey?

Thunderbolts

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