



Joint Statement of the Chin National Front and Chin Human Rights Organization on the unfolding natural disaster in Chin State and western Burma

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The Chin National Front (CNF) and Chin Human Rights Organization (CHRO) jointly issued this statement following an emergency meeting convened in Yangon in response to the unfolding natural disaster, believed to be the worst ever impact of climate change, unprecedented in the history of the Chin people.

Both parties are extremely concerned about the damage that has been caused by the unprecedented level of continuous heavy rains in the area, where thousands of peoples are being displaced and left homeless.

Information we received reveal that much of Chin State, parts of Sagaing and Magwe Regions and Arakan/Rakhine State, face extreme flooding or landslides, forcing many communities to move away from their homes.

At this difficult time, we call on all the Chin people to stay united and resilient. We also call on the State and Union Government to quickly and meaningfully respond to the disaster, as well as to provide unfettered access for local and international aid organizations, with the view of providing effective relief and rehabilitation for the thousands of victims.

We encourage the Chin diaspora in countries around the world to make efforts to contribute generously to all the victims of the disaster.

Finally, we call on the international community to provide timely assistance to the affected Chin communities.

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