



## **Restoration Council of the Shan State**

### **“Statement”**

## **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

**26 June 2019**

1. RCSS has adopted the policy of drug eradication since its establishment and has been implementing the policy up to the present.
2. RCSS is positive in supporting the UN drug policy for the world communities and is glad to cooperate in amending the existing policy to be in line with human rights, prevention of the danger of illicit drugs and the benefit of the societies.
3. The report of UNODC, the Myanmar Opium Survey 2018, is seen to be bias and the information released has several mistakes. Without crop-substitution (or) alternative development and livelihood, the forced eradication of 2,605 ha of opium poppy plantations of the local people is seen to be straying away from the goal of UN for the eradication of opium poppy through alternative development.
4. Although there are bilateral agreements of cooperation on drug eradication both at the state level and union level with the government of Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and in the NCA, number (25) (A) (6) of the chapter (6), no implementation of any cooperation could have been made. As having the intention to cooperate on drug eradication, RCSS/SSA had handed over the (30) Kg of ICE seized by its troops in Mongton township to the CCDAC of the government on 8 May 2019.
5. A tripartite meeting of “Roundtable Discussion on Implementing A Shan State Response to Alternative Development and Other Illicit Drugs” between RCSS, UNODC & CCDAC was held in Tachilek on 27-28 October 2012. Despite the 9 point agreement reached, no implementation of any cooperation could have yet been made.
6. For the eradication of illicit drugs and having the drug policy that is in line with human rights, RCSS/SSA welcomes the cooperation from the government, all the ethnic nationalities throughout the country, the UN and international communities.
7. The drug eradication implemented by RCSS/SSA in 2018-2019,
  1. Illicit drugs seized: opium (17) Kg, Heroin (212.8) g, Methamphetamines (40,707), ICE (30) Kg, (97) drug traffickers arrested.

2. Drug rehabilitation: male (841) persons and female (14) persons - (855) persons in total.
3. Drug danger prevention advocacy for the people and RCSS/SSA troops under the control of RCSS/SSA: (129) times. Male (9,027) persons and female (5,602) persons - (14,629) persons in total participated.

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